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## ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

### AMENDED PROCLAMATION OF REDISTRICTING

**WHEREAS**, Article VI of the Alaska Constitution requires the Alaska Redistricting Board to reapportion the House of Representatives and the Senate immediately following the official reporting of each decennial census of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Bureau of the Census conducted a census of the United States on April 1, 2020 and reported the results of the census to the State of Alaska on August 12, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alaska Redistricting Board was duly constituted in August 2020 and undertook its constitutional responsibilities for preparing a redistricting plan for the State of Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alaska Redistricting Board adopted draft redistricting plans on September 9, 2021, in conformity with Article VI, section 10 of the Alaska Constitution, requiring that the Board adopt a draft plan or plans within 30 days of the reporting of the Census results for Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alaska Redistricting Board held numerous public hearings throughout the state in conformity with Article VI, section 10 of the Alaska Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alaska Redistricting Board strictly adhered to the requirements of Article VI, Section 6 of the Alaska Constitution and the "Hickel process" outlined by the Alaska Supreme Court to draw districts consisting of contiguous and compact territory containing as nearly as practicable relatively integrated socio-economic areas and a population as near as practicable to 18,335; and

**WHEREAS**, adhering to Article VI, Section 3 of the Alaska Constitution, the Board did not adjust, alter or modify the Census enumerated population or Census block geography; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alaska Redistricting Board adopted its 2021 Plan and Proclamation of Redistricting on November 10, 2021 in conformity with the constitutional requirement that it do so within 90 days of the reporting of the Census results for Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alaska Supreme Court and Alaska Superior Court directed that the Alaska Redistricting Board remove Cantwell from District 36 and address errors with Senate District K, and make other necessary adjustments to the 2021 Proclamation Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD, hereby does PROCLAIM, ON THIS DAY  
APRIL 13, 2022**

First, that the state house election districts described in this Redistricting Proclamation and in the report accompanying this Redistricting Proclamation, shall be implemented for legislative elections in the year 2022, and thereafter, until a valid Redistricting Proclamation has been adopted following the next decennial census; and

Second, that the terms of Senate incumbents B, D, F, H, J, L and N under the 2013 Redistricting Proclamation labeling system are hereby truncated because those Senate Districts have been substantially changed by this Redistricting Proclamation, and that the term of the incumbent of Senate District T, not be truncated because that Senate District is substantially unchanged; and

Third, that Senate districts be assigned to election cycles according to the following schedule, using the Senate District designations in this Redistricting Proclamation:

Elected in 2022, 2026, 2030

A  
C  
E  
G  
I  
K  
M  
O  
Q  
S

Elected in 2024, 2028, 2032


B  
D  
F  
H  
J  
L  
N  
P  
R  
T

Fourth, that the metes and bounds district descriptions appended to this Redistricting Proclamation may be used to resolve inconsistencies between district boundaries and topographic features.


Dated this 13 day of April, 2022 at Anchorage Alaska.


  
John Binkley of Fairbanks, Chair

  
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# **Supplemental Redistricting Process Report**

**April 13, 2022**

On November 10, 2021, the Alaska Redistricting Board issued its Final Plan and Proclamation of Redistricting in accordance with the provisions of Article VI of the Alaska Constitution. This report describes the supplemental work of the Redistricting Board in response to orders from the Alaska Supreme Court on March 25, 2022 and the Superior Court on March 30, 2022. In his March 30 order, Superior Court Judge Matthews required that the Board provide a status update to the Court on April 15, 2022.

## **Board Response**

The Board re-opened its website and public portal for written testimony on Wednesday, March 30 and announced to email subscribers that it was inviting public comment regarding the changes required by the courts' remand orders.

The Board met on April 2, 2022 in Anchorage and virtually via Zoom to receive a report from its Legal Counsel on the directions from the Court. The Board then heard public testimony both in-person and via teleconference.

The Board discussed how to proceed and opted for an accelerated public hearing schedule with the goal to make needed plan corrections prior to April 15. Public hearings were planned for Monday, April 4 and Tuesday, April 5. The Board announced a deadline that any third parties, or Board members, who wished to bring forward revised Anchorage Senate pairing plans for consideration should present them by the end of the public hearing scheduled for April 6.

Meeting on Wednesday, April 6 the Board took extensive public testimony and then unanimously adopted two plans for consideration moving forward. These were labelled Option #2, and Option #3B. Option #1, which had been proposed at an earlier meeting, was withdrawn by unanimous consent. Option #3, which had been offered earlier in the week, was modified and replaced at the request of its sponsor and with unanimous consent of the Board. This was named "3B" to prevent confusion with the original concept.

An Option #4 was proposed by a member of the public and debated by the Board. After deliberation, the move to adopt Option #4 failed on a 2-3 vote because maintaining contiguity of its proposed Senate districts would have required a change to the underlying house district geography. A majority of Board members expressed concern about making alterations to the prior proclamation plan which were not directly required by the courts' remand orders.

The Board scheduled additional public hearings for the purposes of receiving public testimony on Anchorage Senate Options #2 and #3B and heard testimony on Thursday, April 7, Friday, April 8 and Saturday, April 9.



By the close of the April 9 hearing, over 100 testifiers had presented to the Board in-person or telephonically, and the Board had received over 300 written testimony submissions. The Board's staff compiled written testimony each night, emailed it to Board members and then posted the testimony the following day to the website with personal contact details redacted. Audio recordings and links to live stream video recordings of the April Board meetings were posted to the Board's website as they became available.

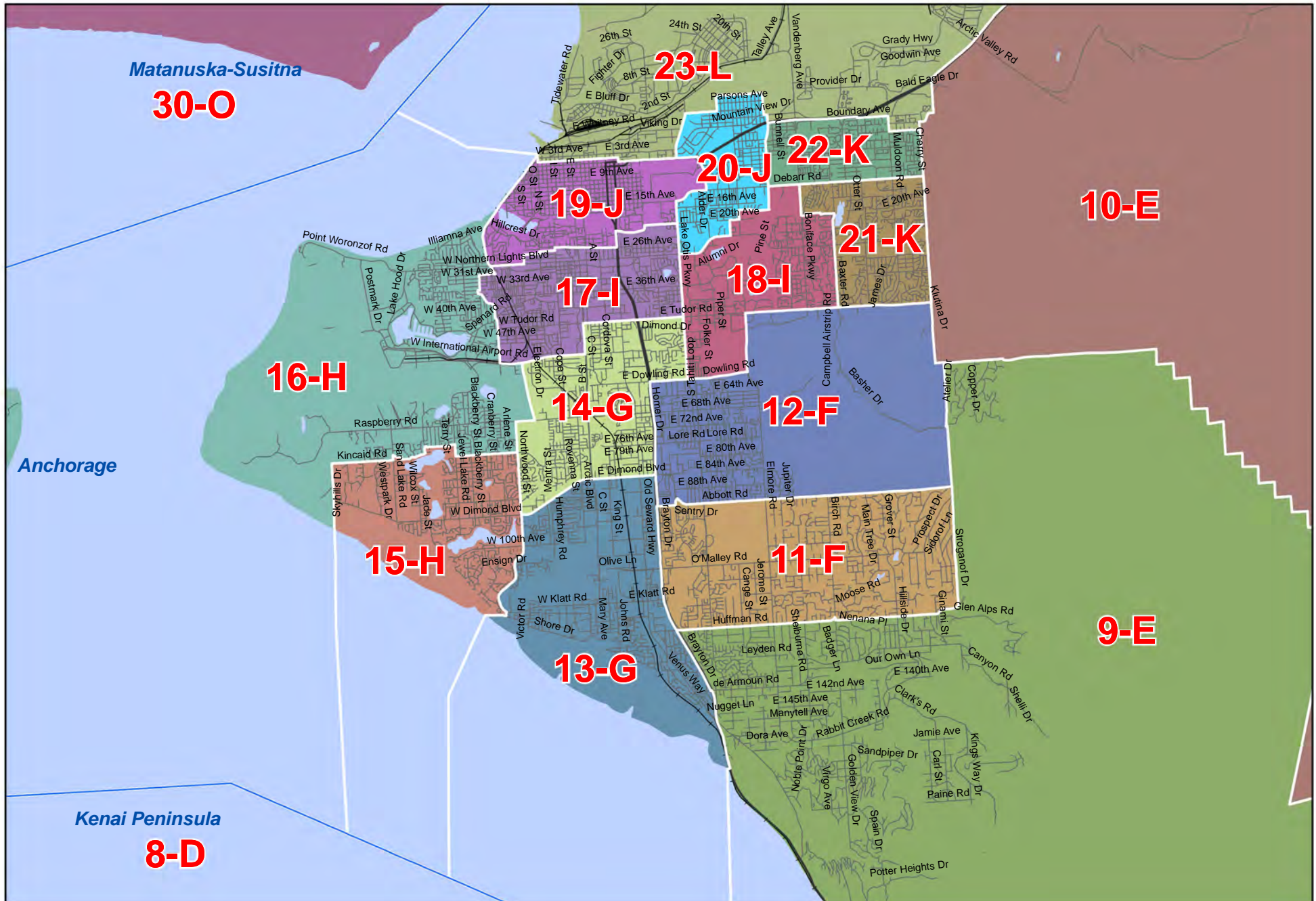
After taking public testimony for 7 of the previous 8 days, the Board adjourned the April 9 hearing and scheduled deliberative meetings for Wednesday, April 13 and Thursday, April 14, if needed.

On April 13, 2022, the Board adopted Option 3B as new Anchorage Senate Pairings Plan. Staff ran a new Senate Core Constituency report, which appears as an appendix below. Using the 16.3% truncation cutoff unanimously adopted in November, there were no Senate seat truncation changes from the 2021 Proclamation Plan.

Staff and Legal Counsel then prepared a 2022 Proclamation Plan for signature by the Board, which was signed and became effective as of the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.



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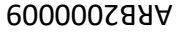
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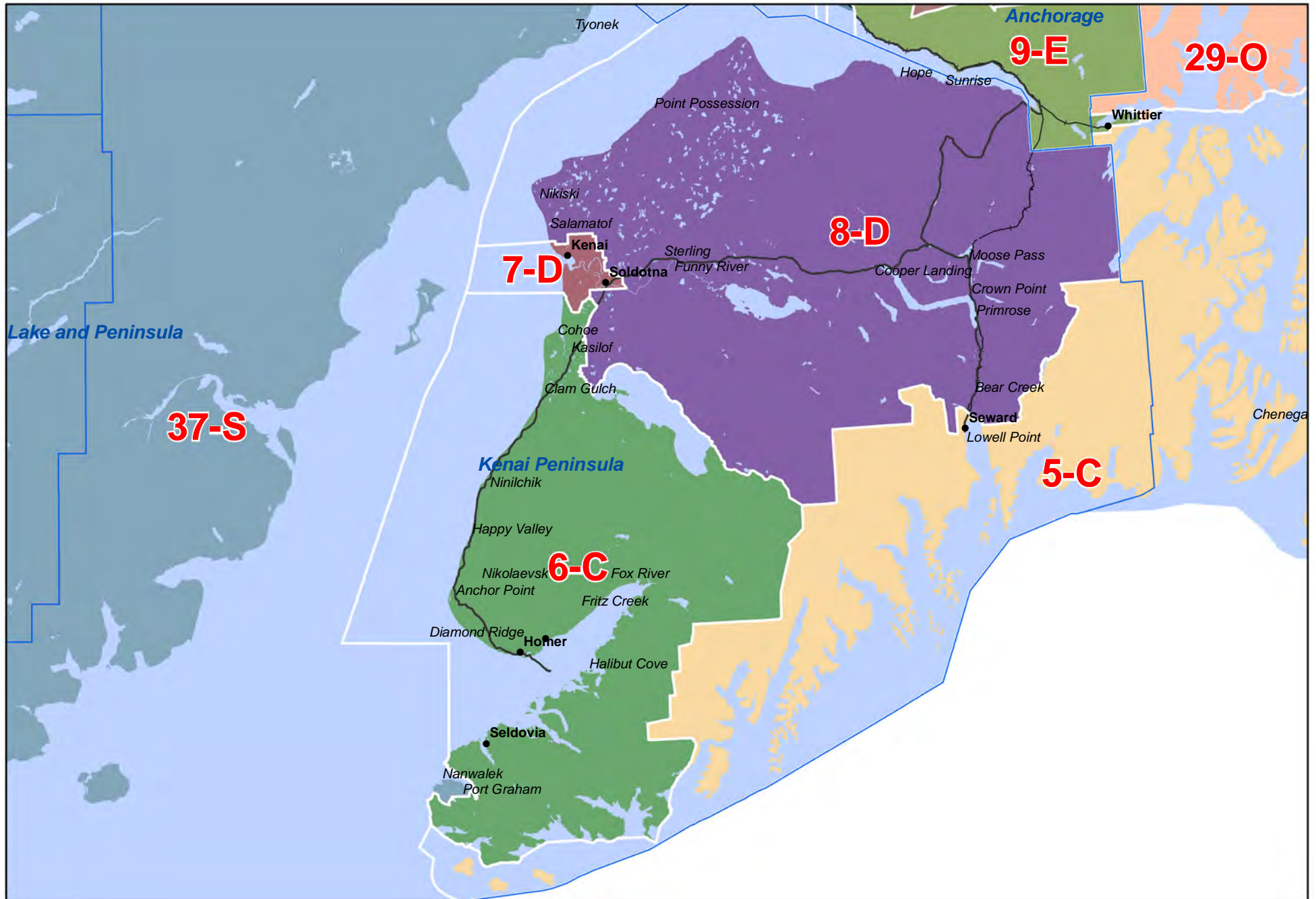






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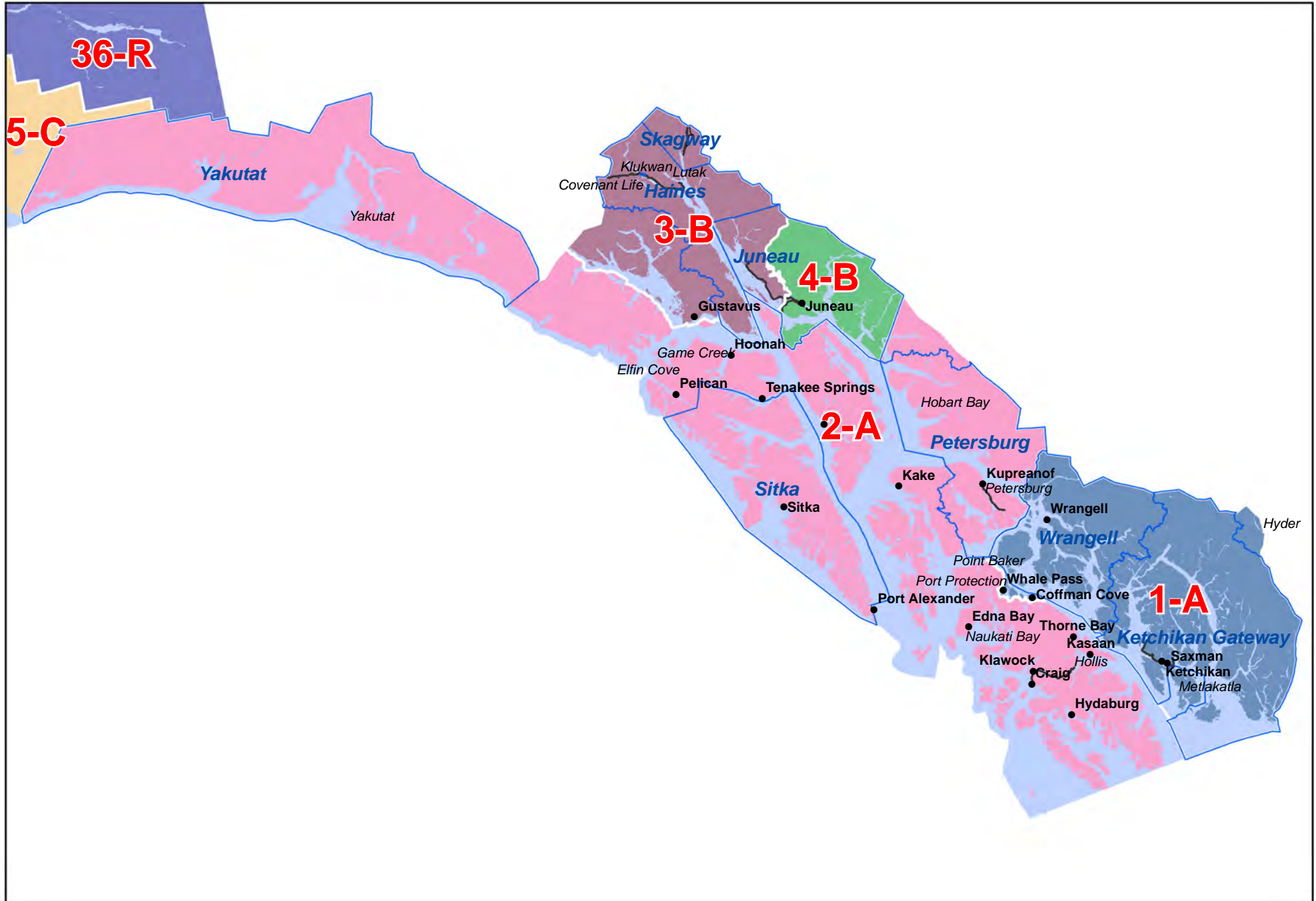
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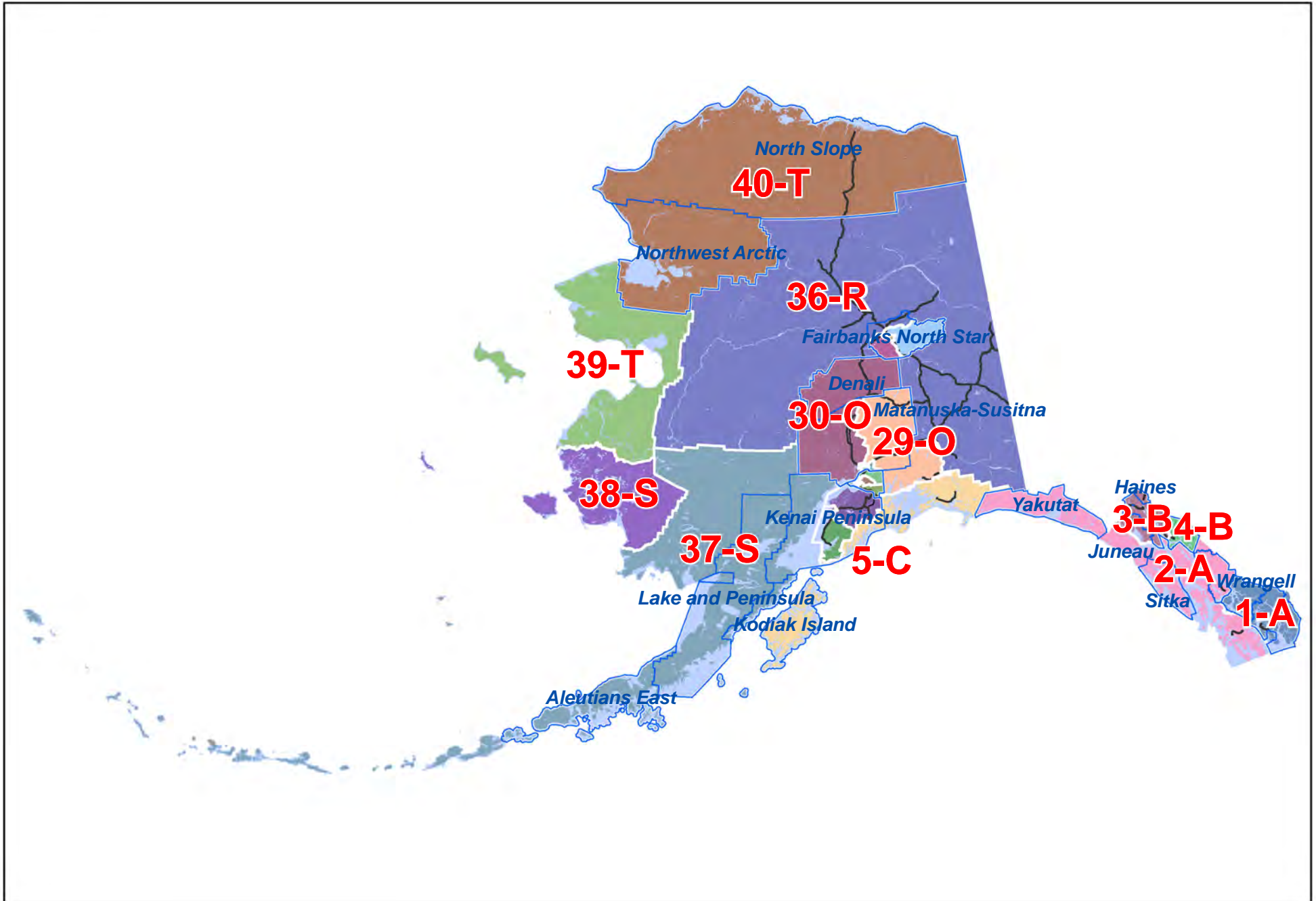
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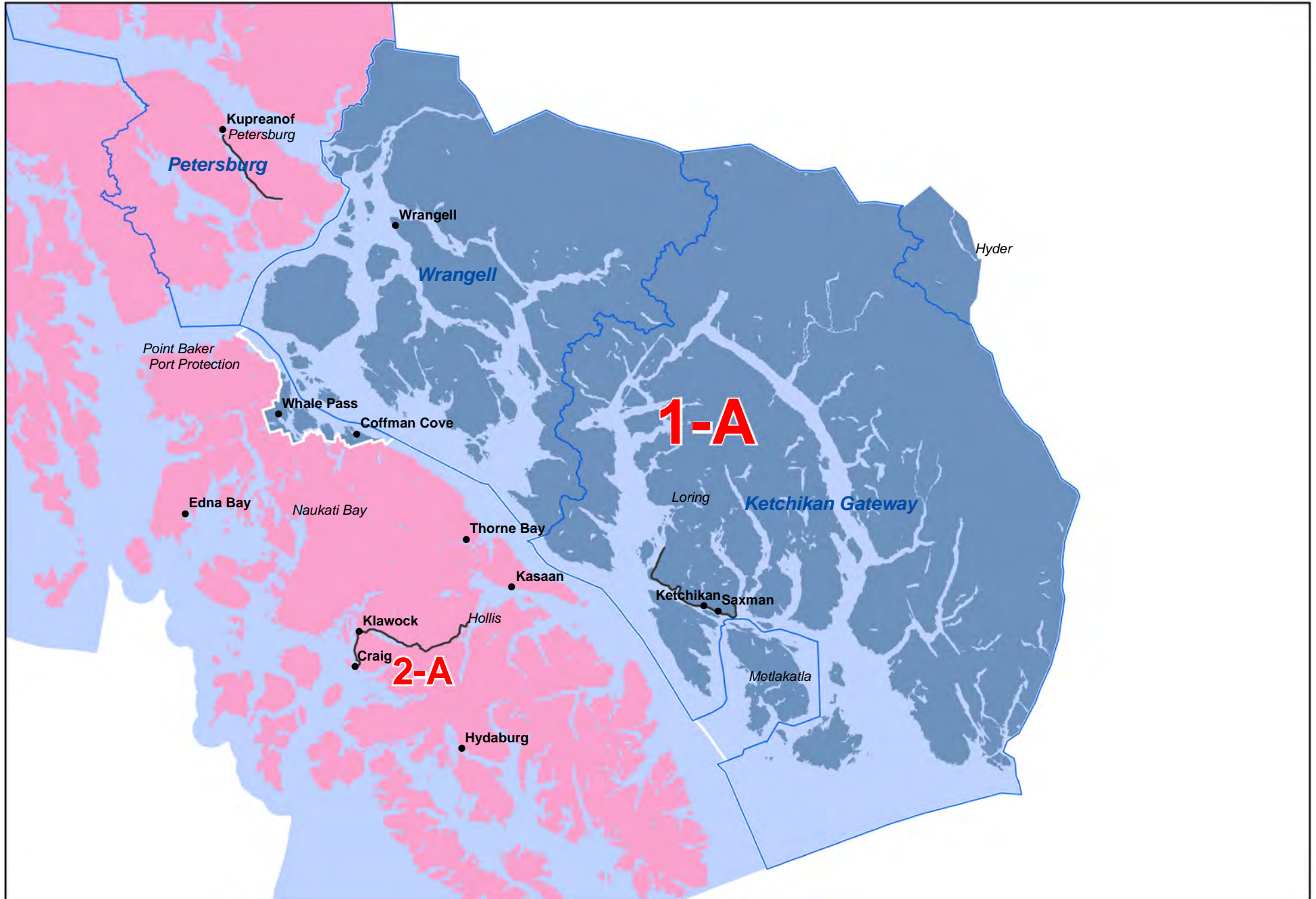






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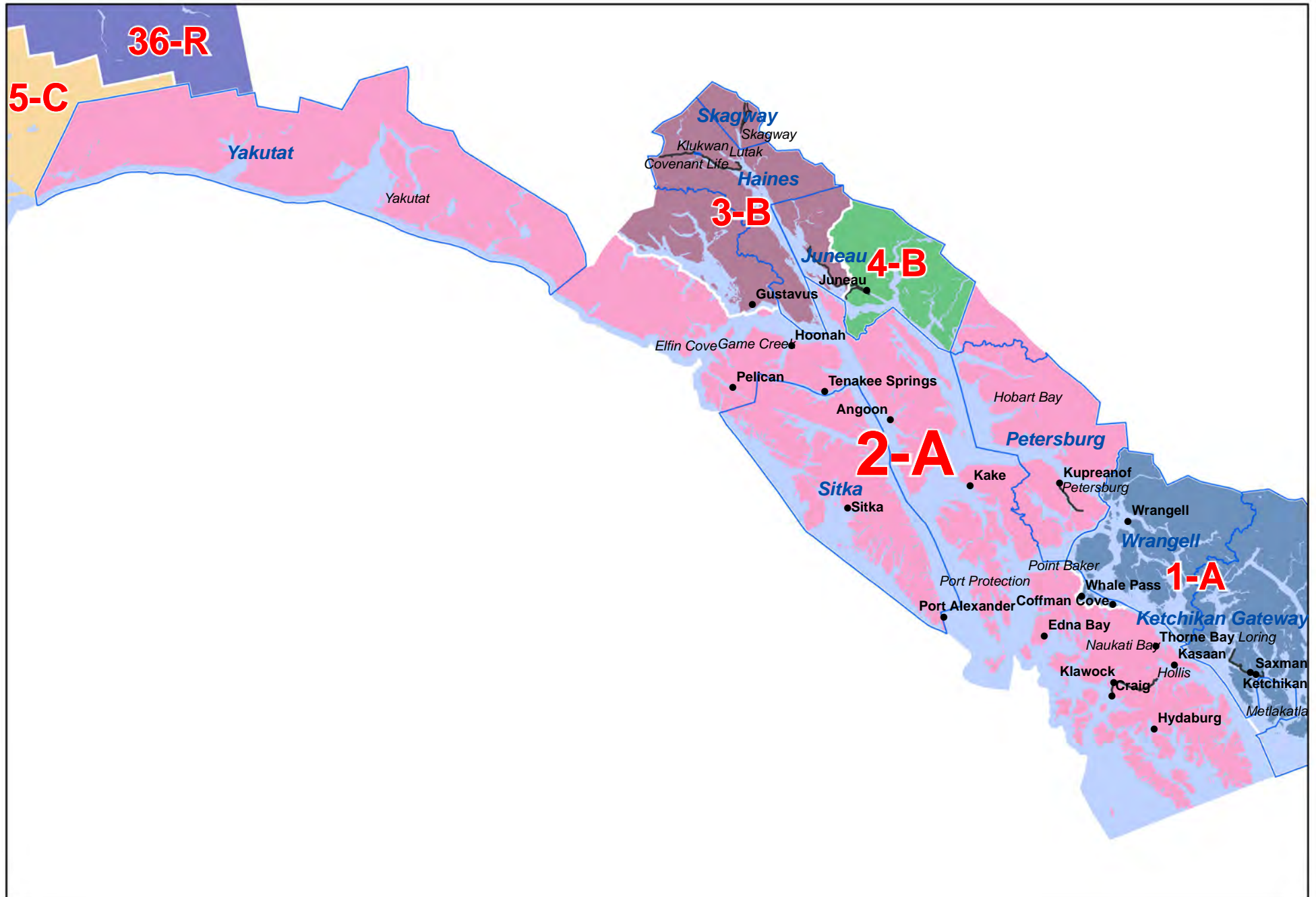
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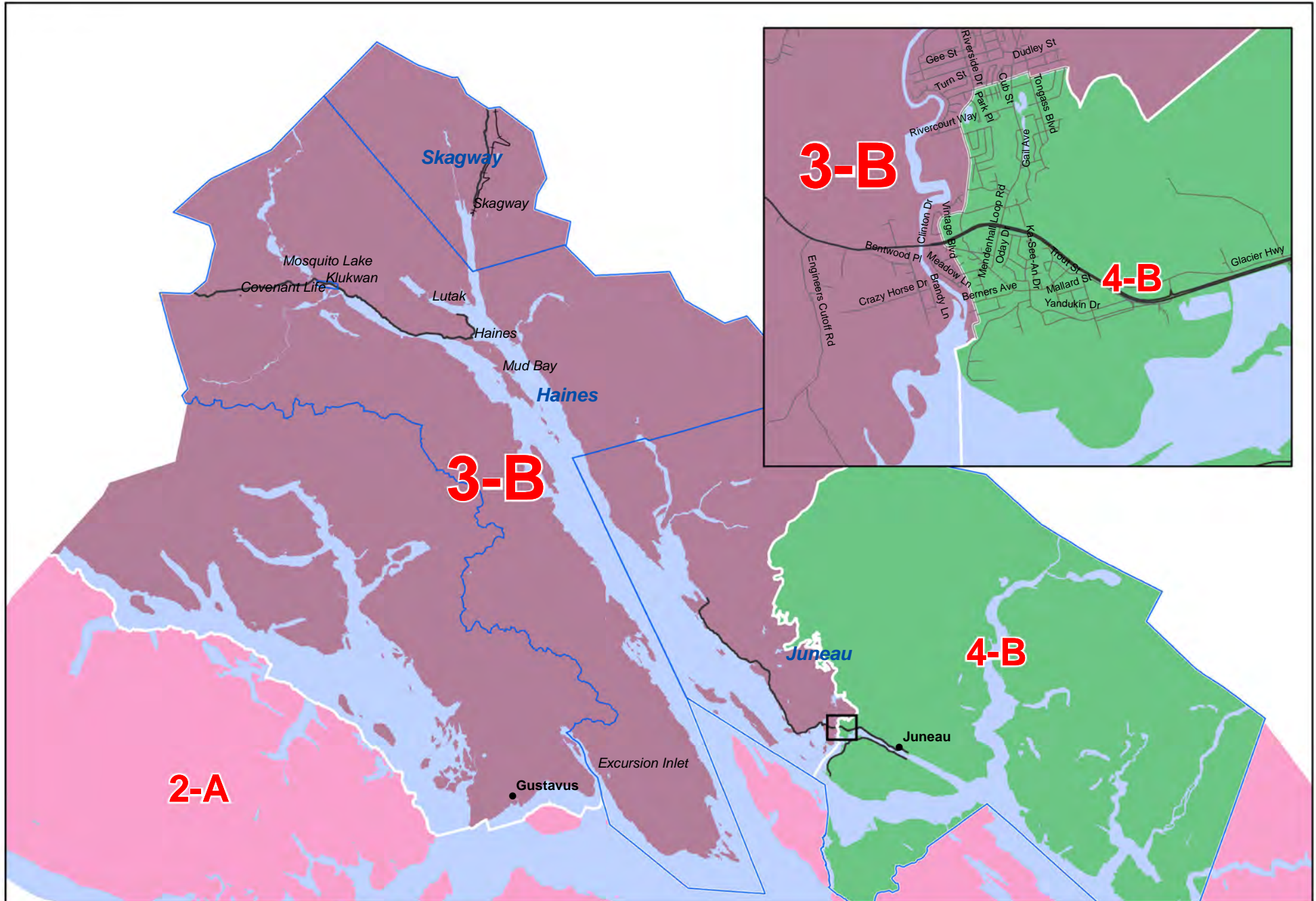






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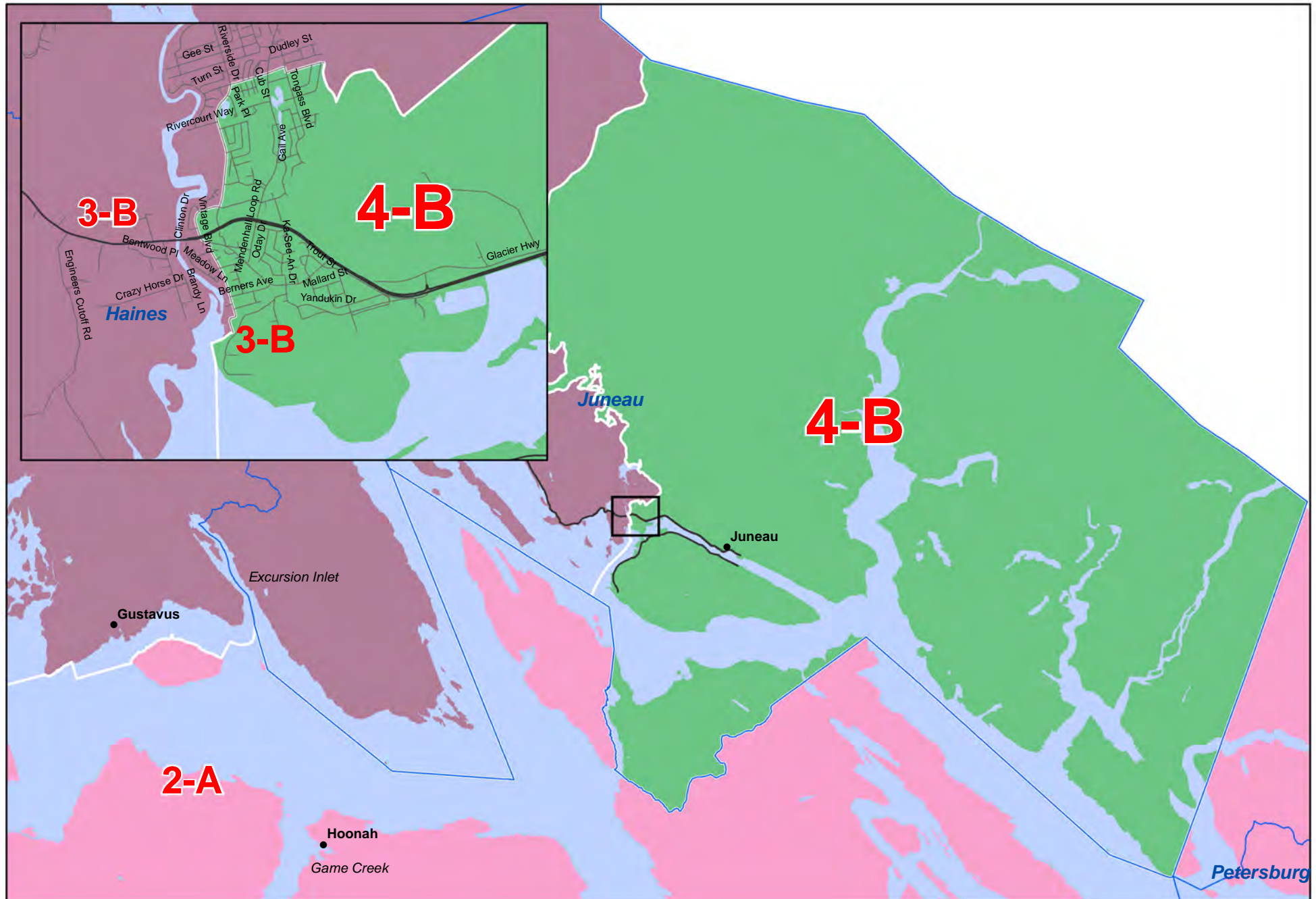
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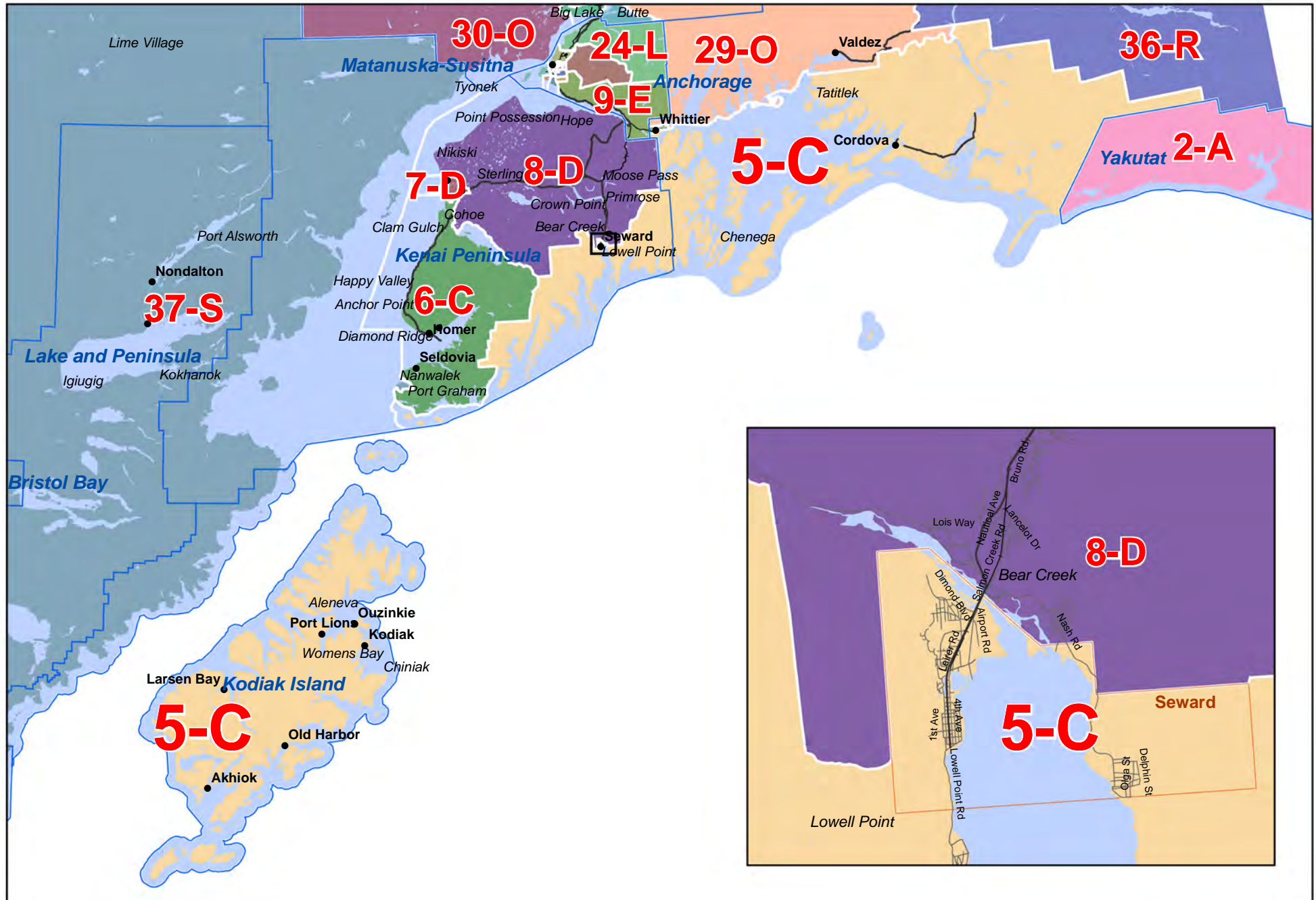
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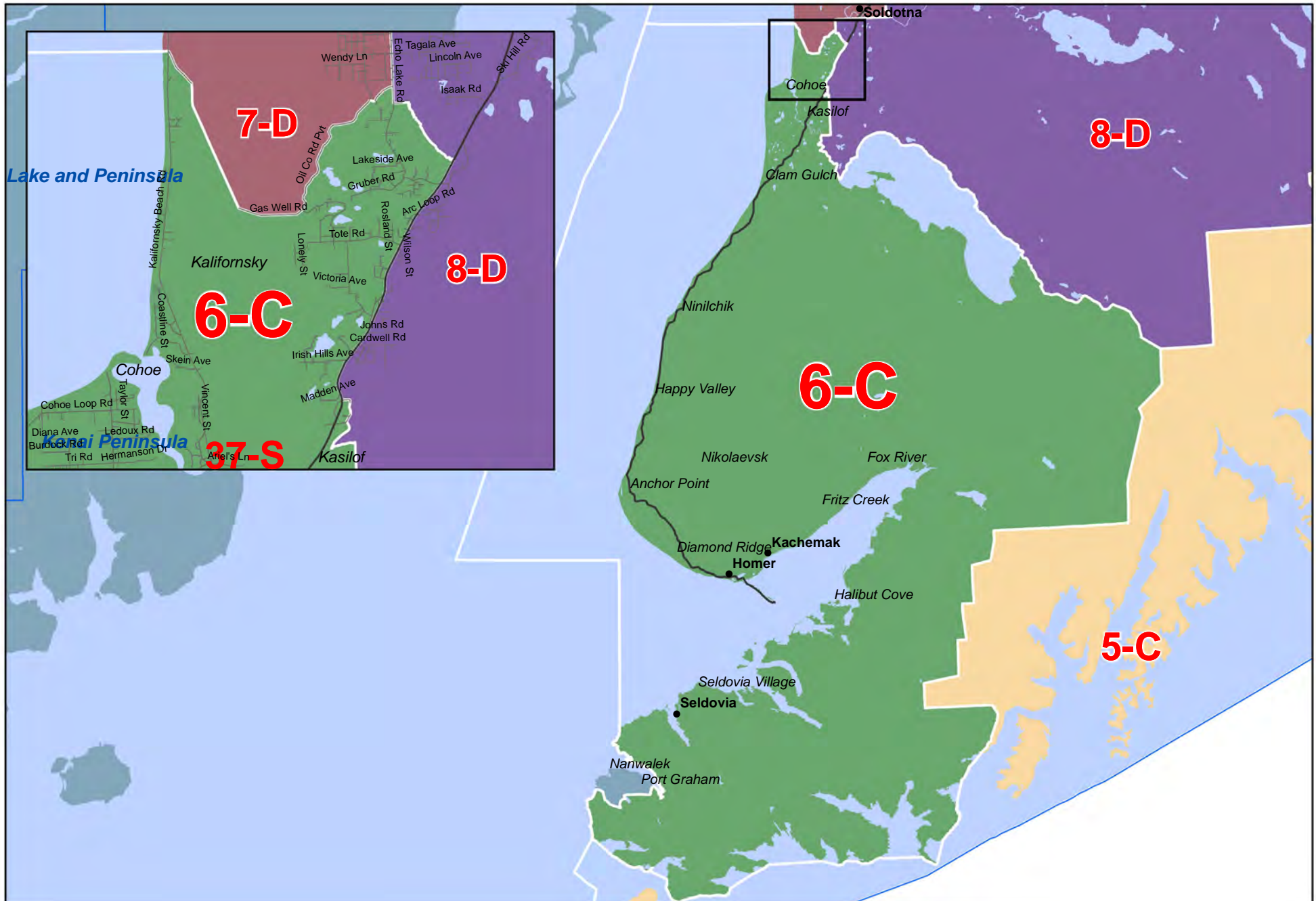
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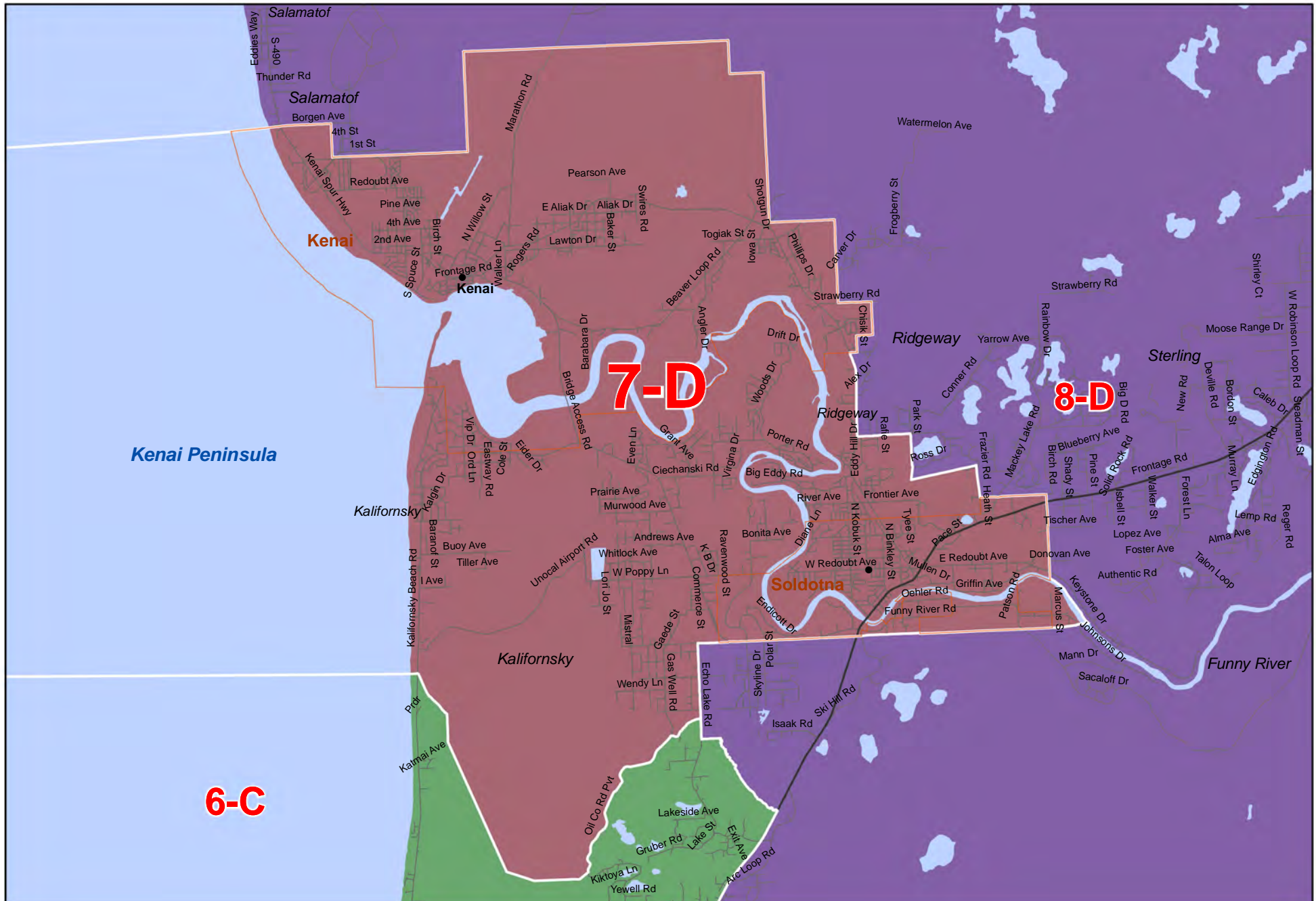
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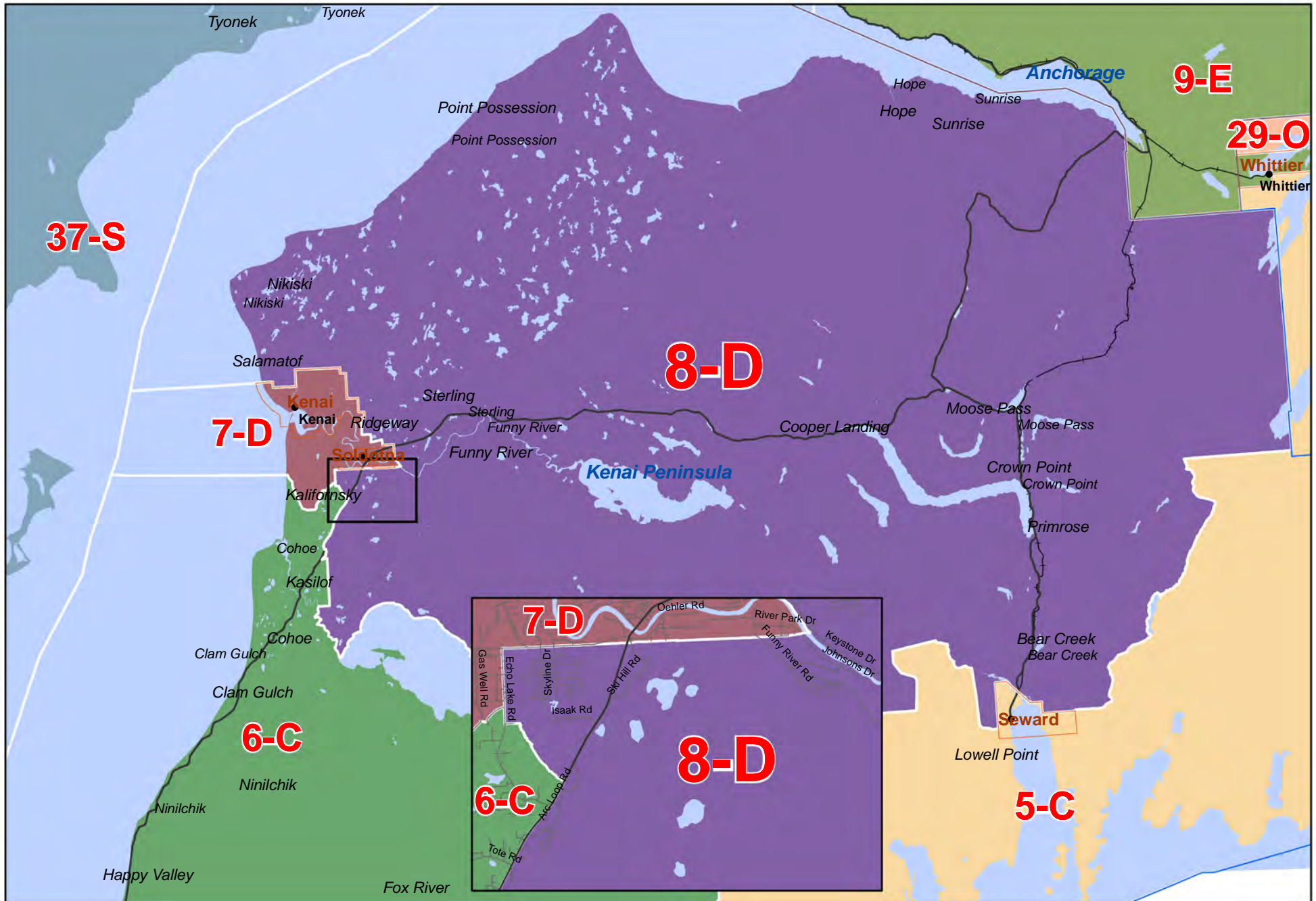
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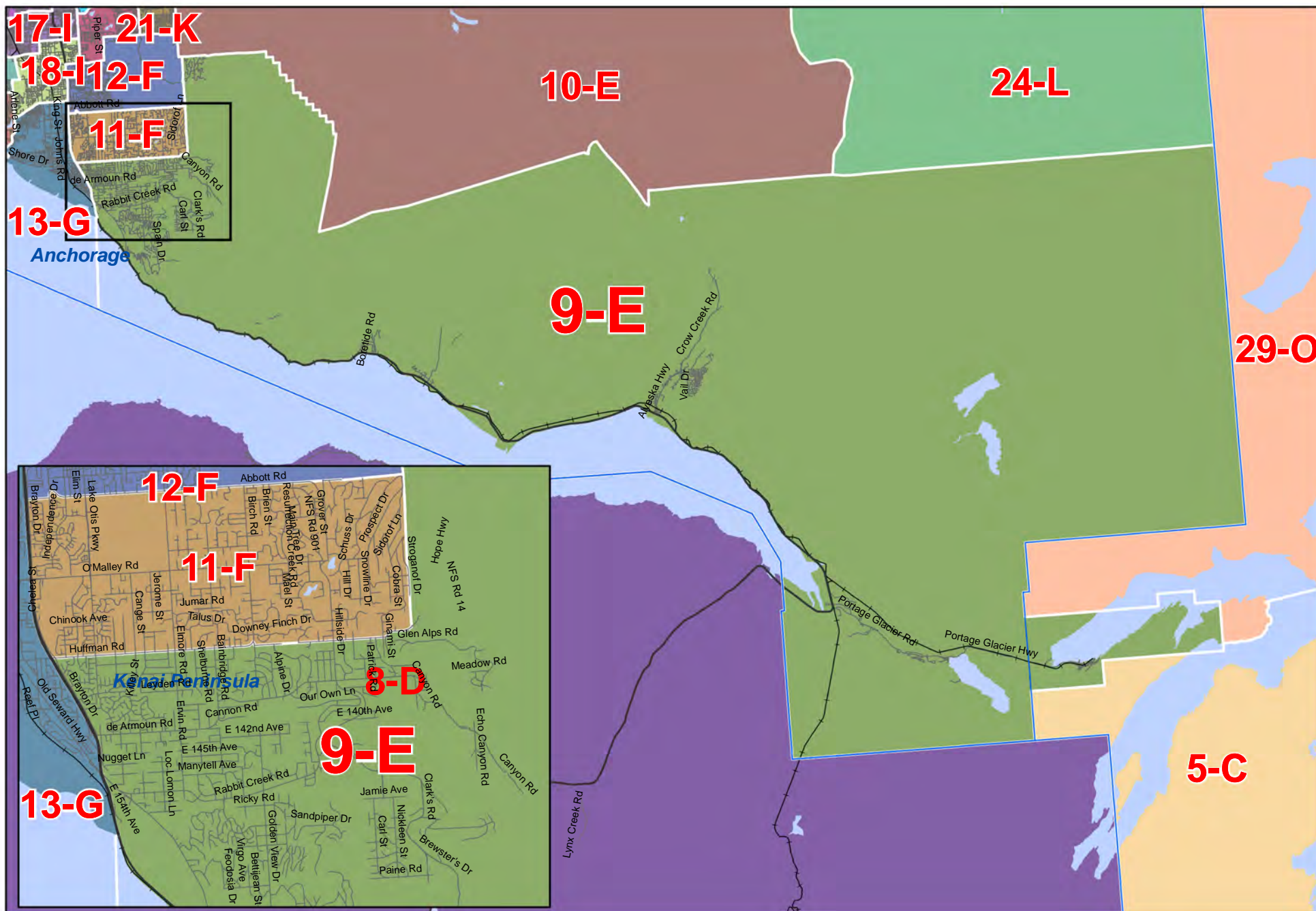
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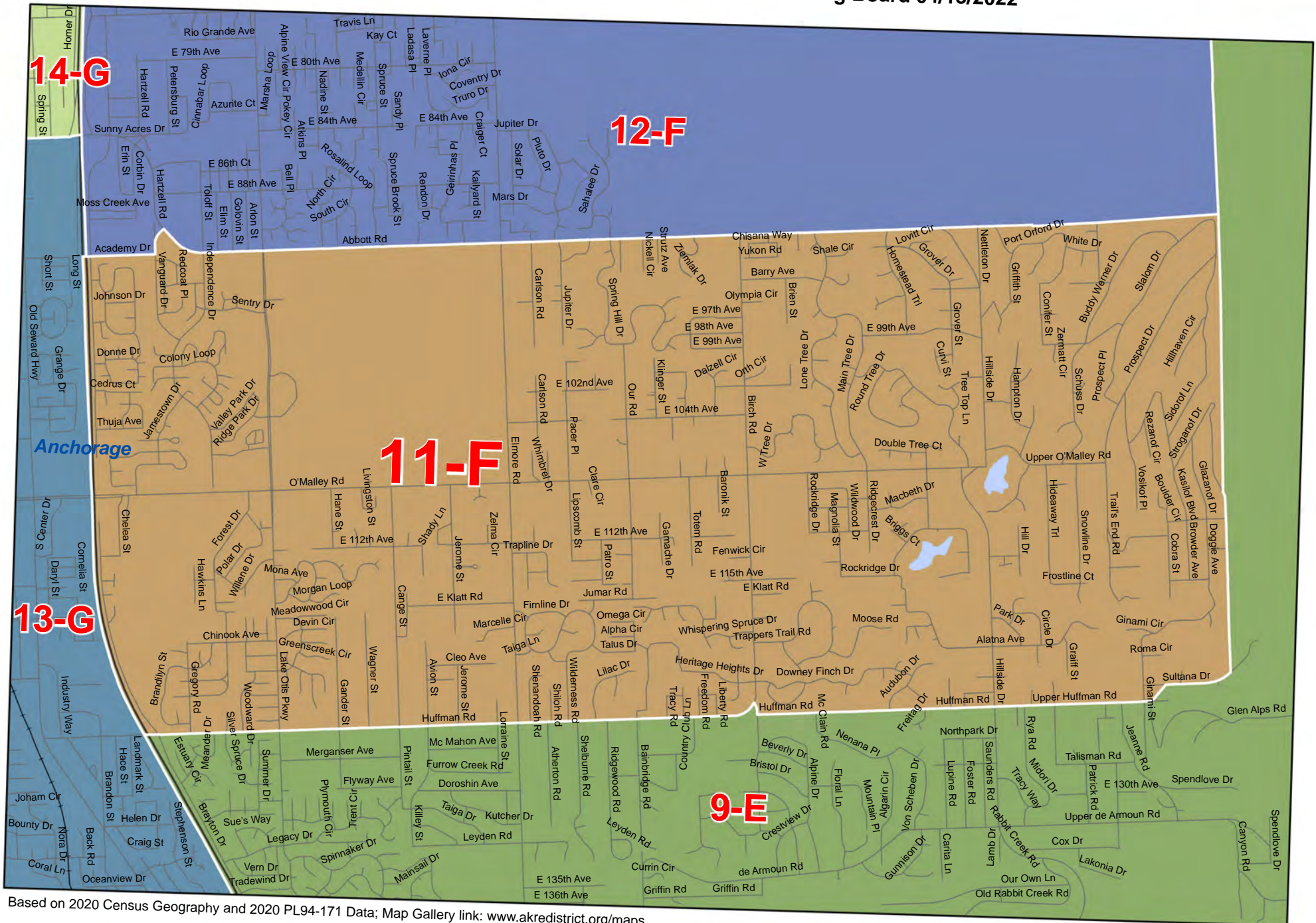






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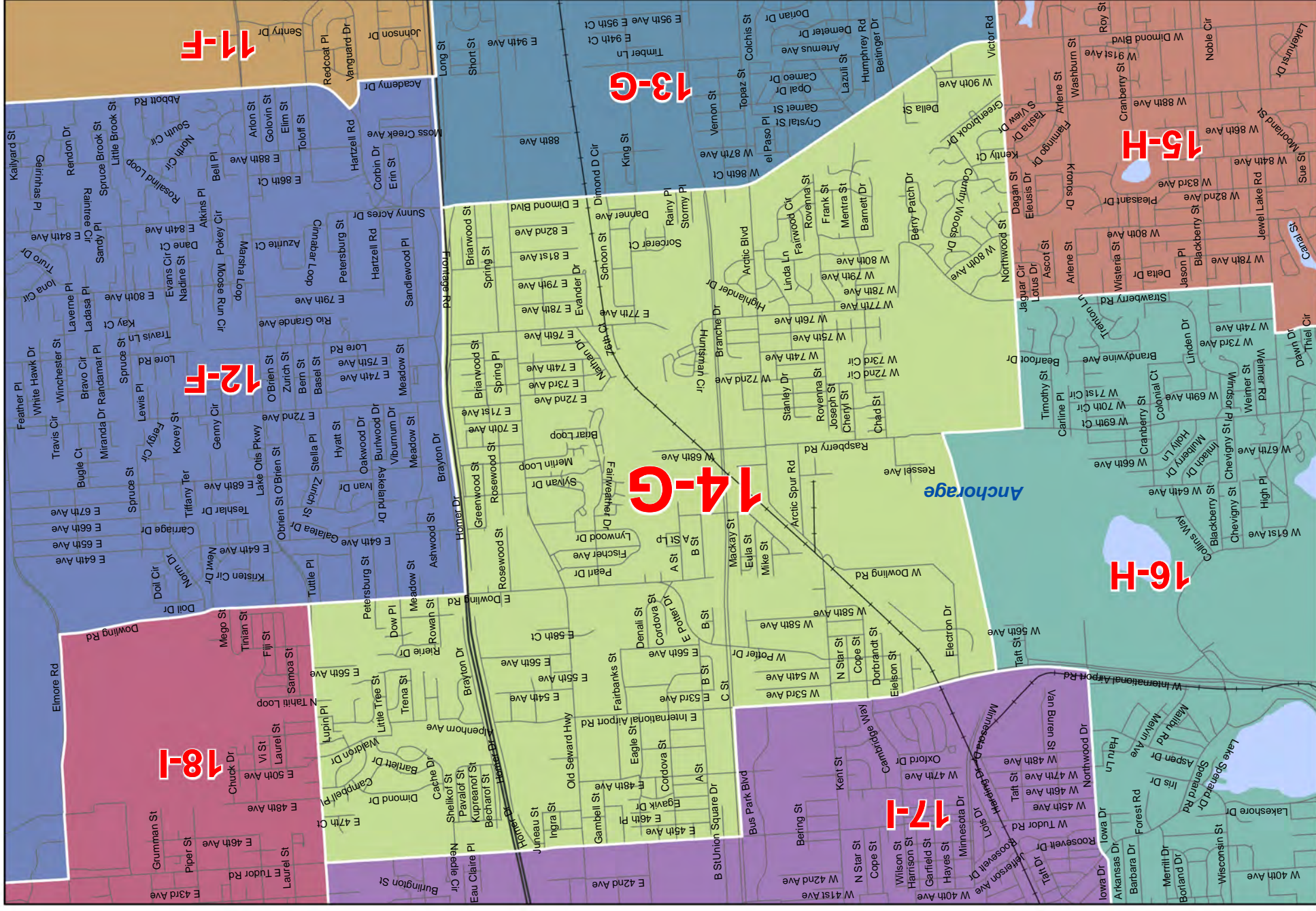






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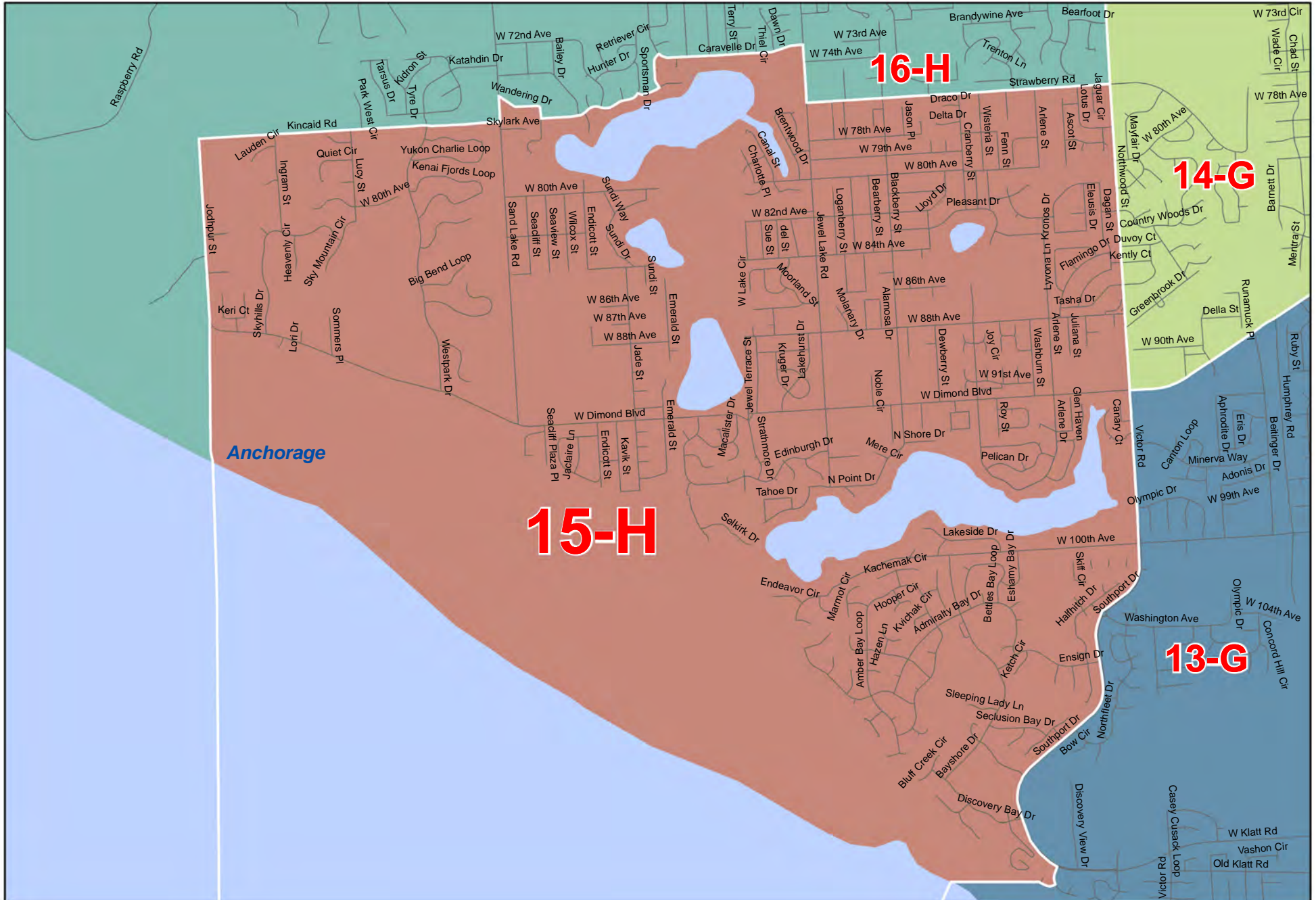
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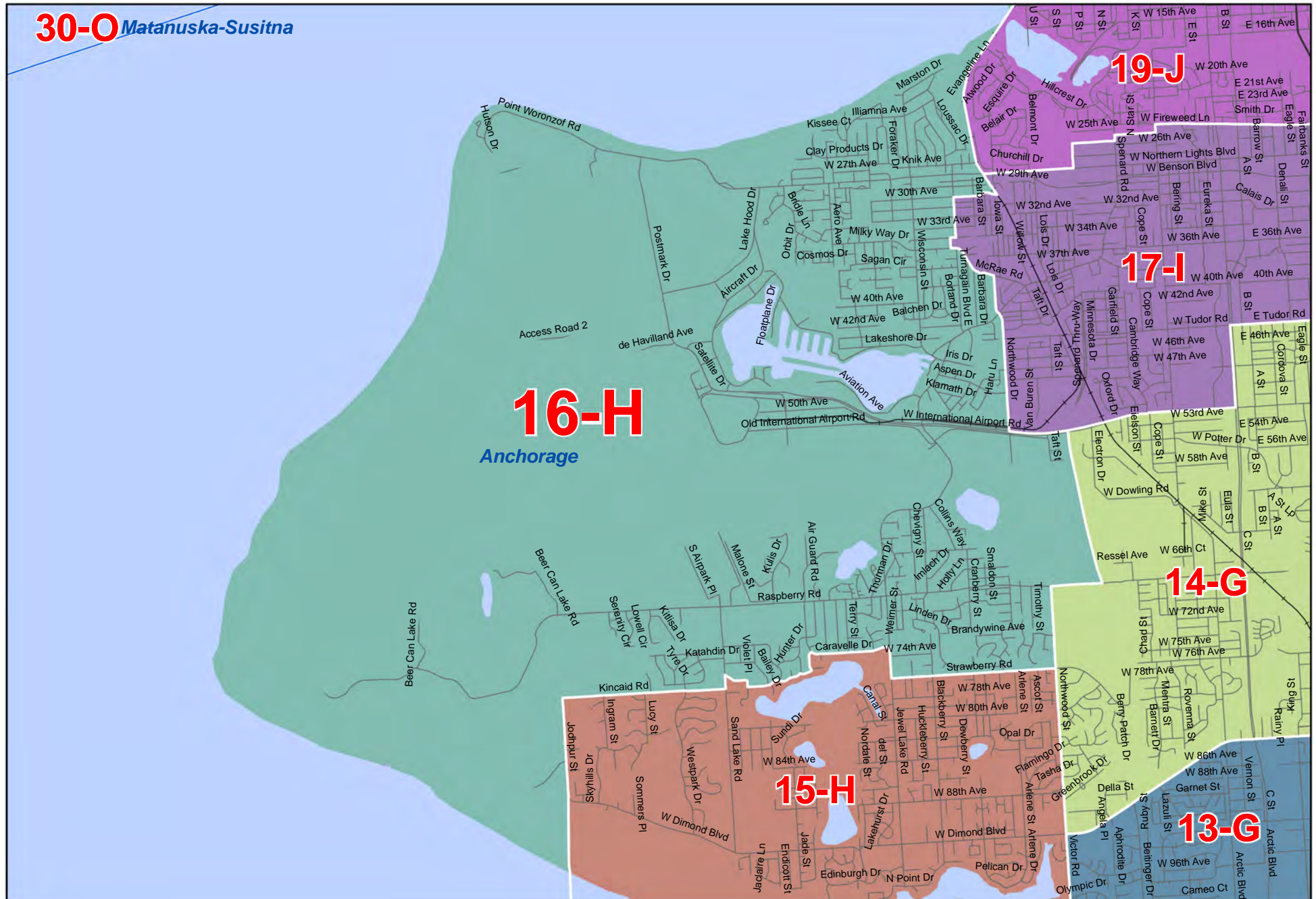
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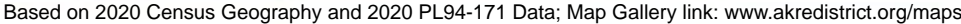
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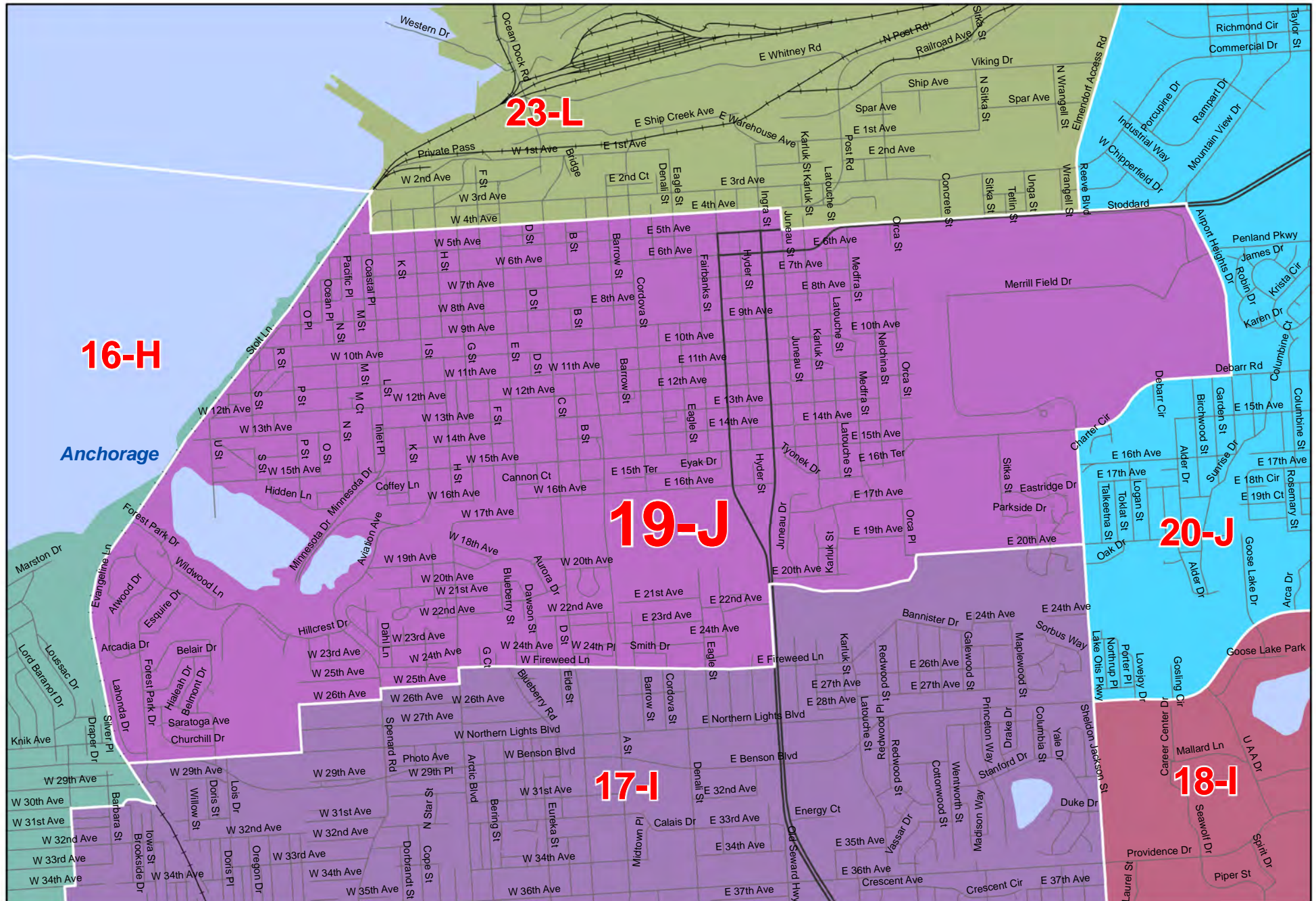






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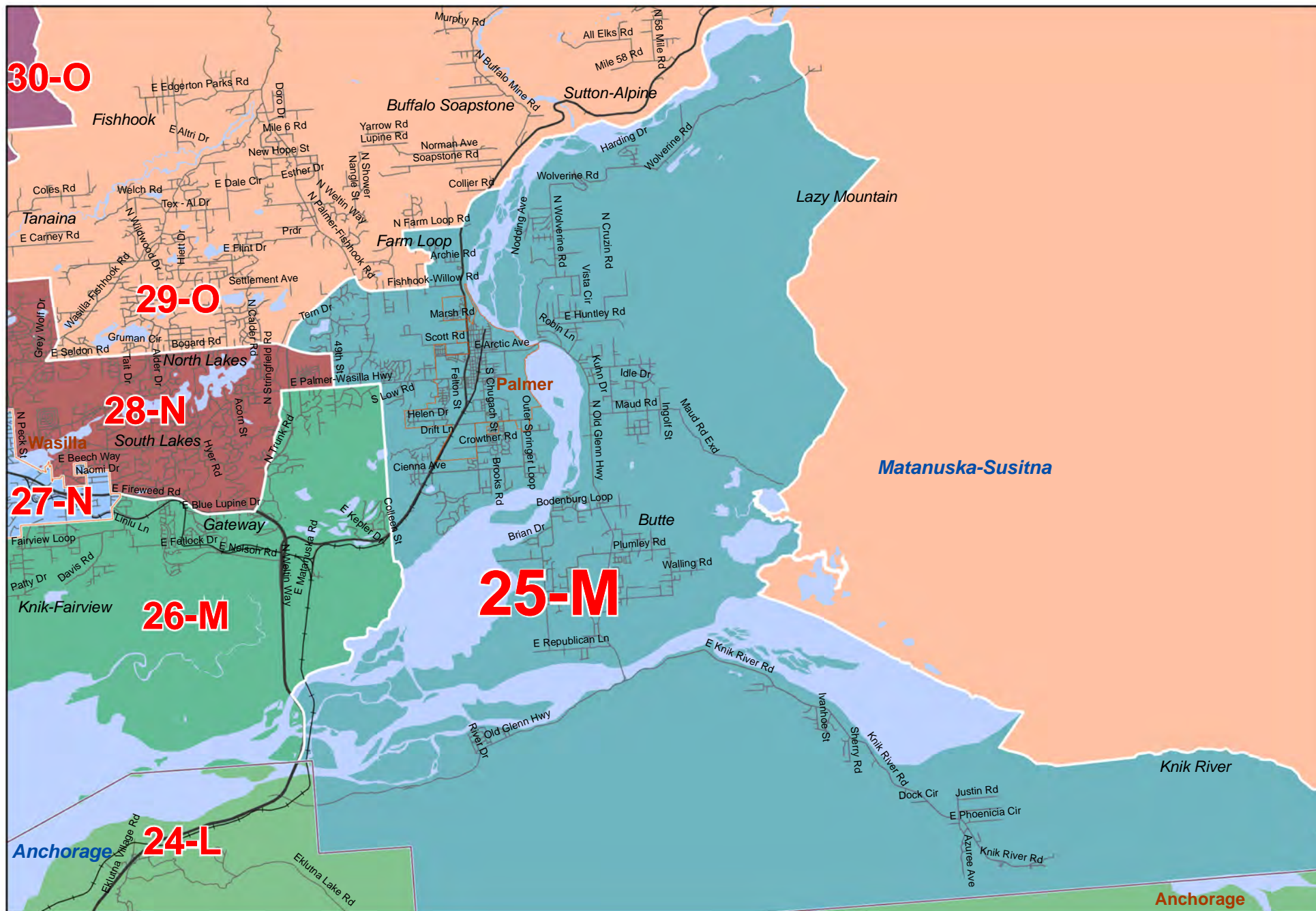






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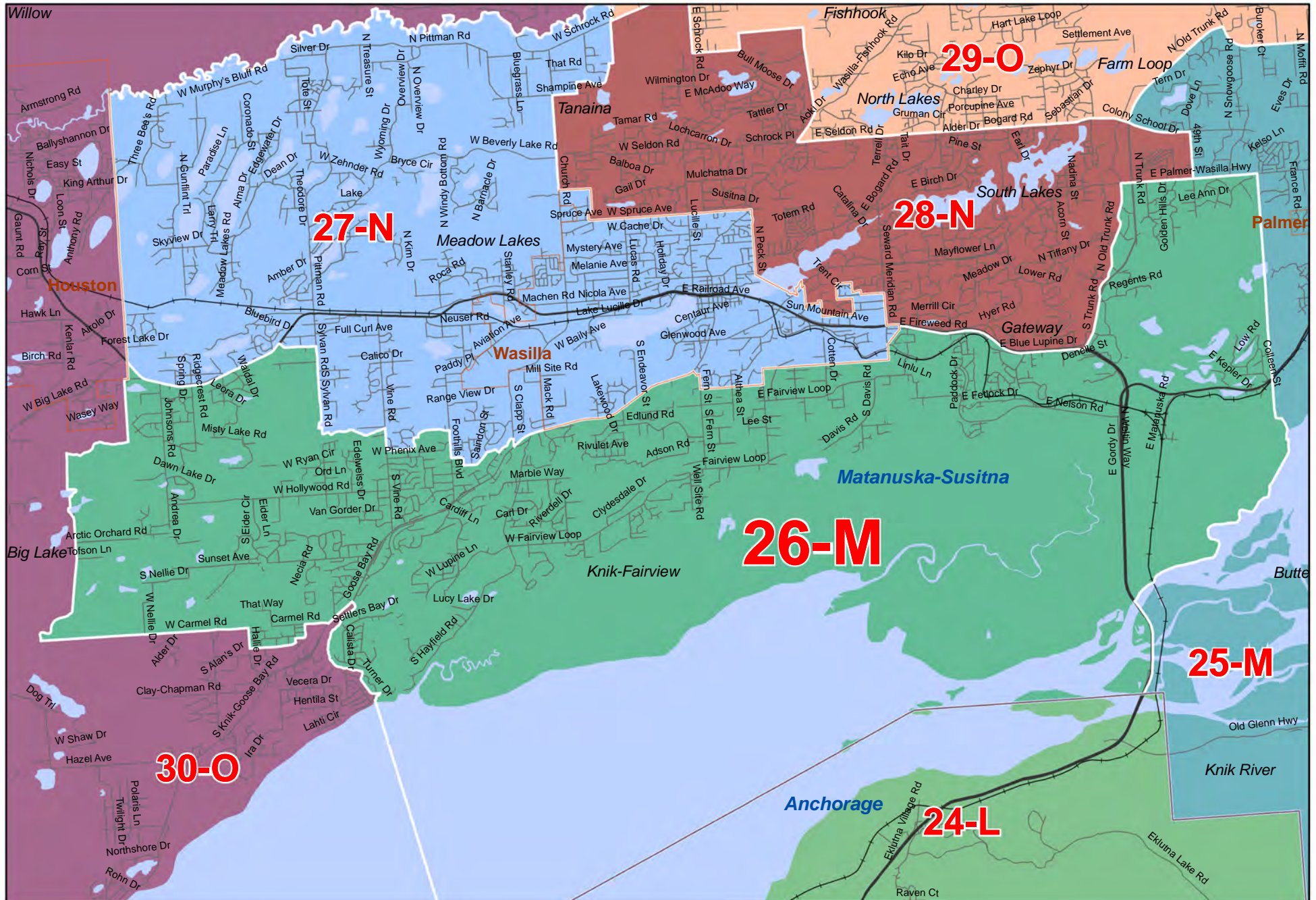
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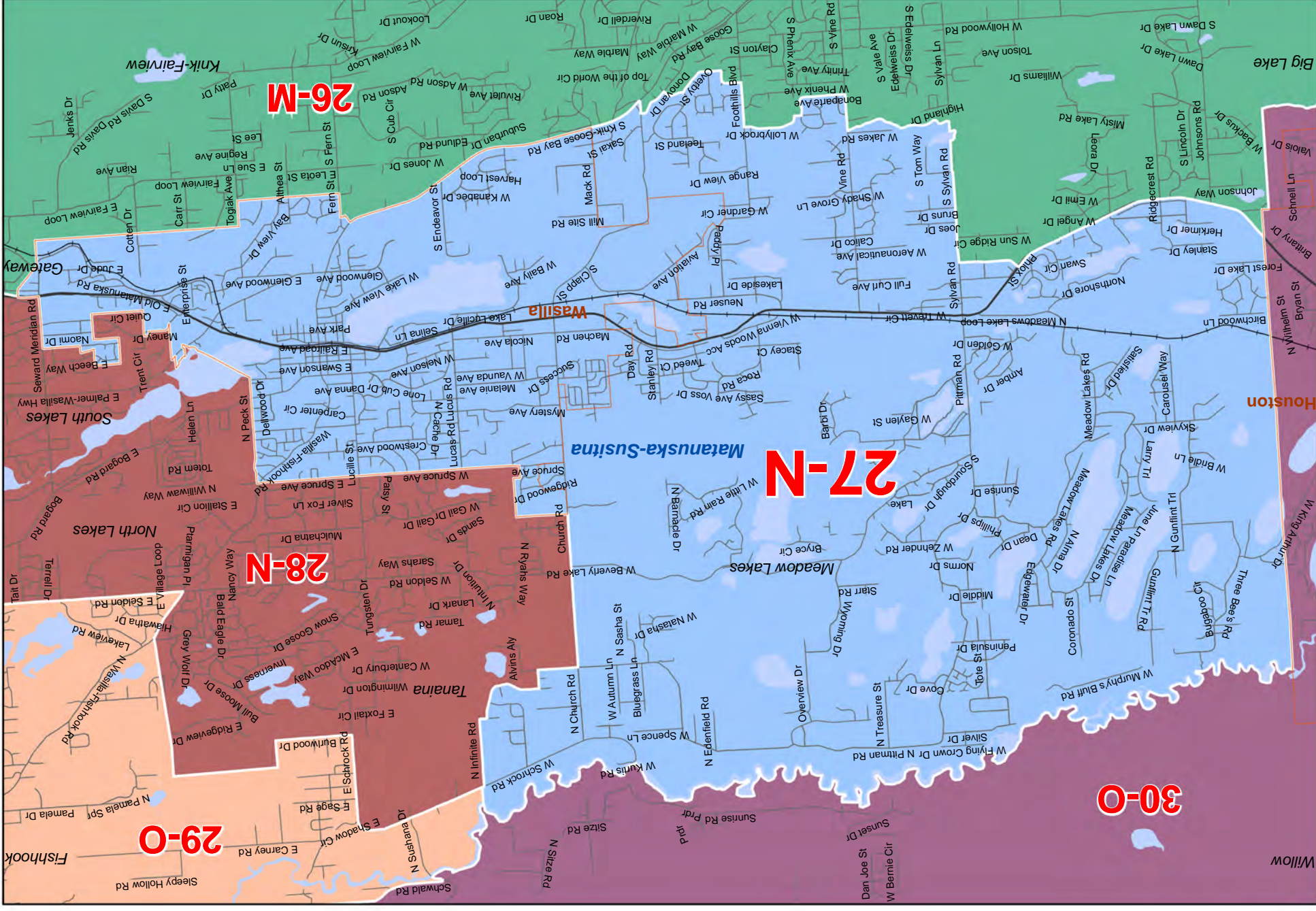
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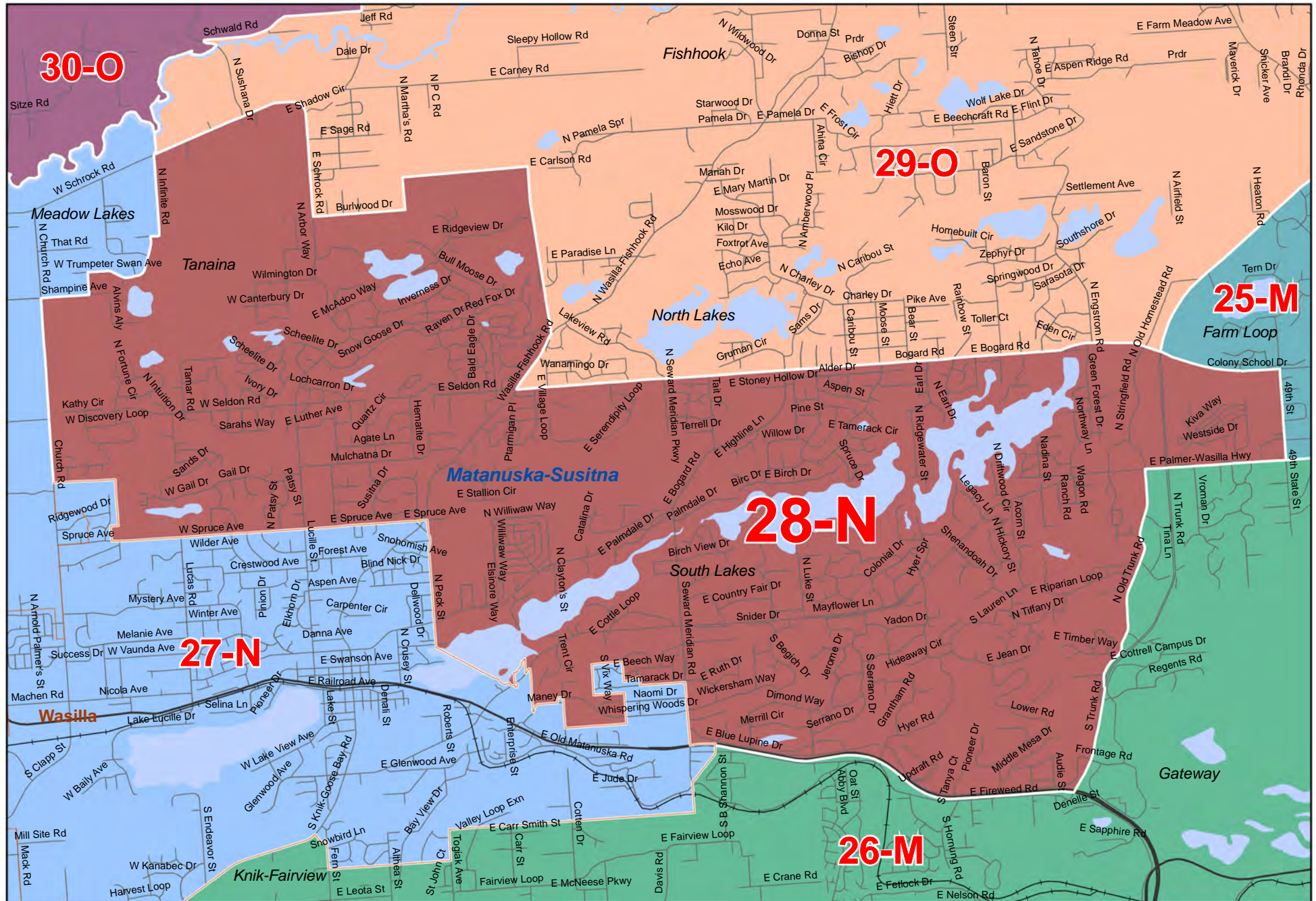






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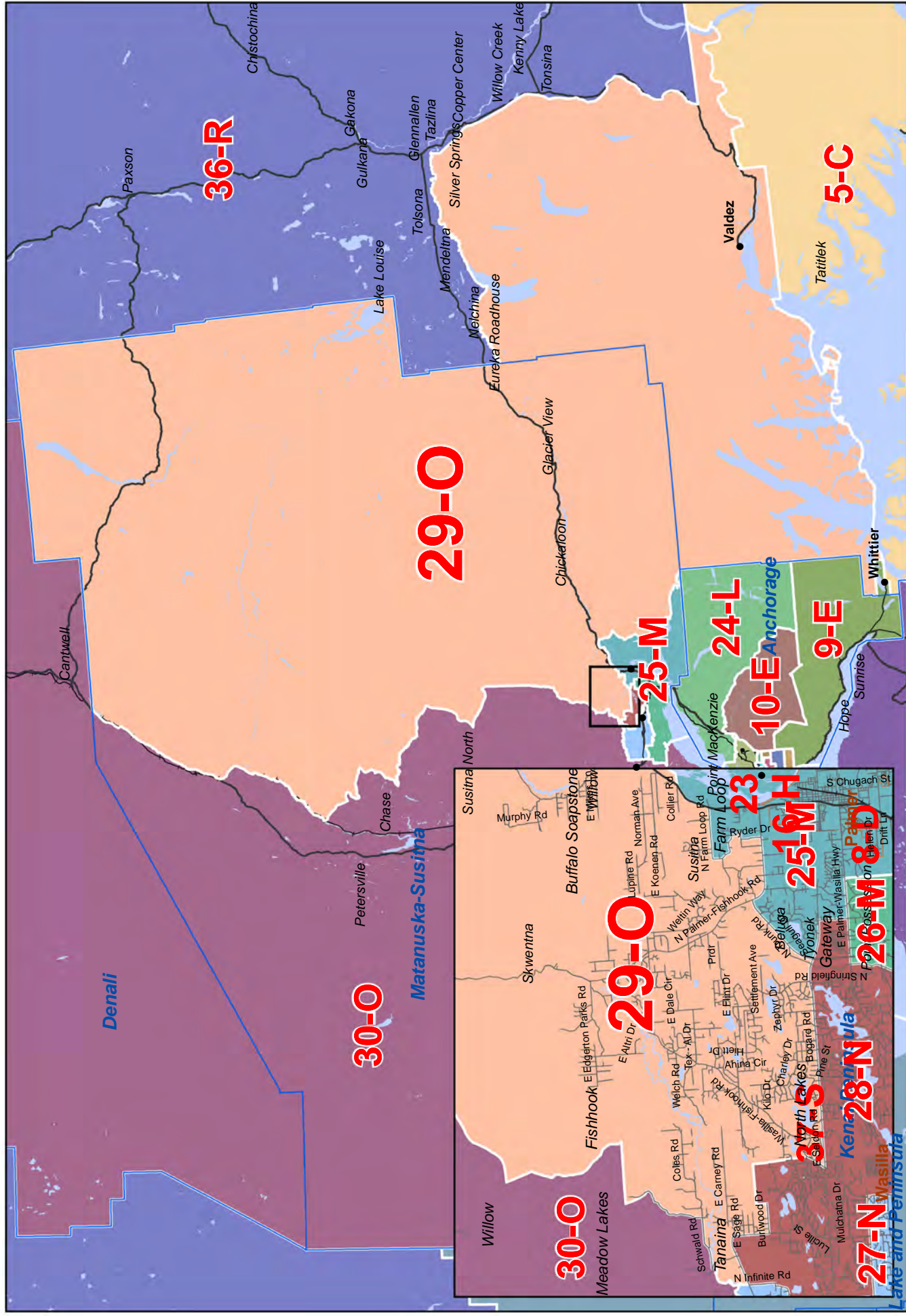
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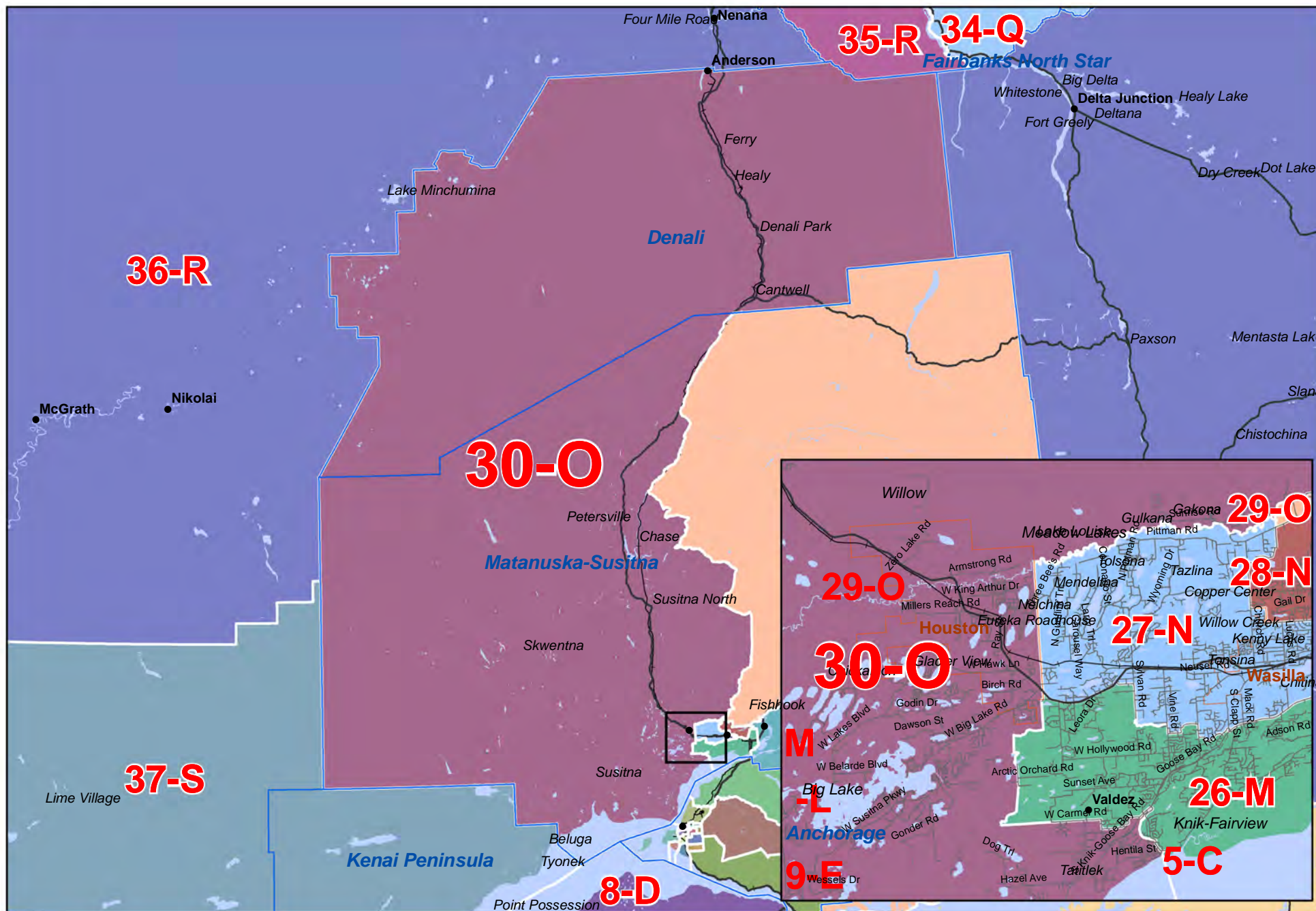






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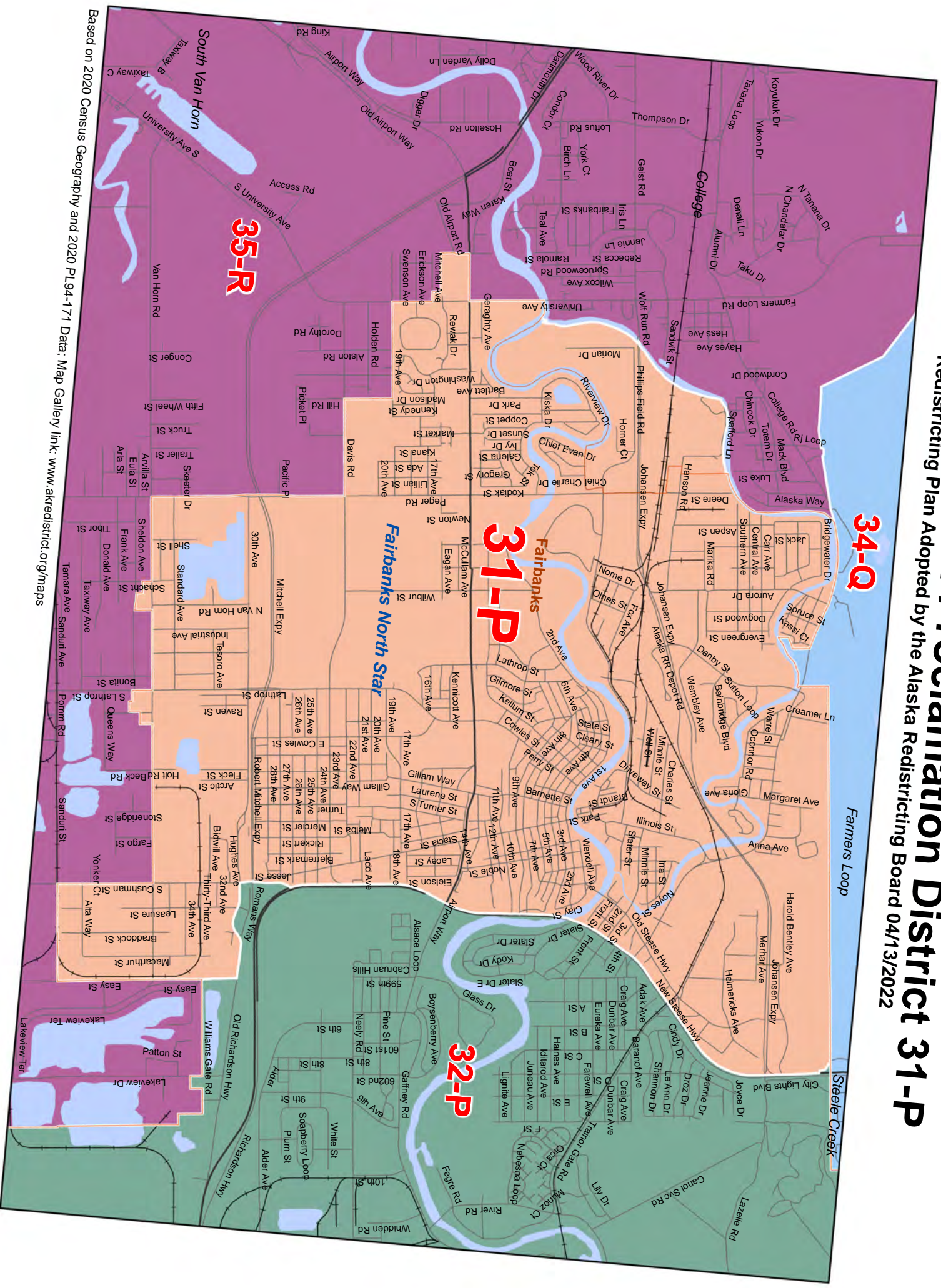
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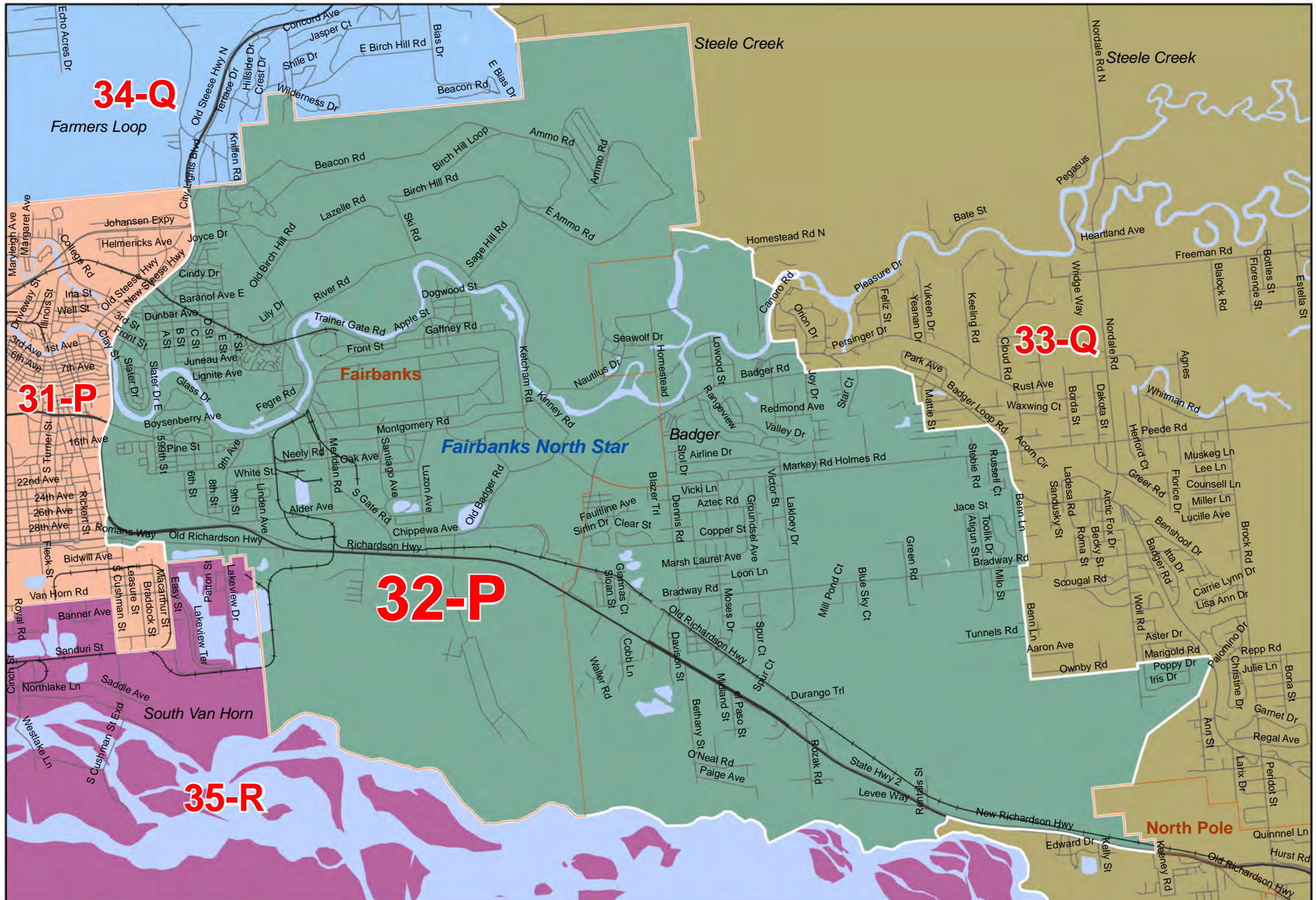






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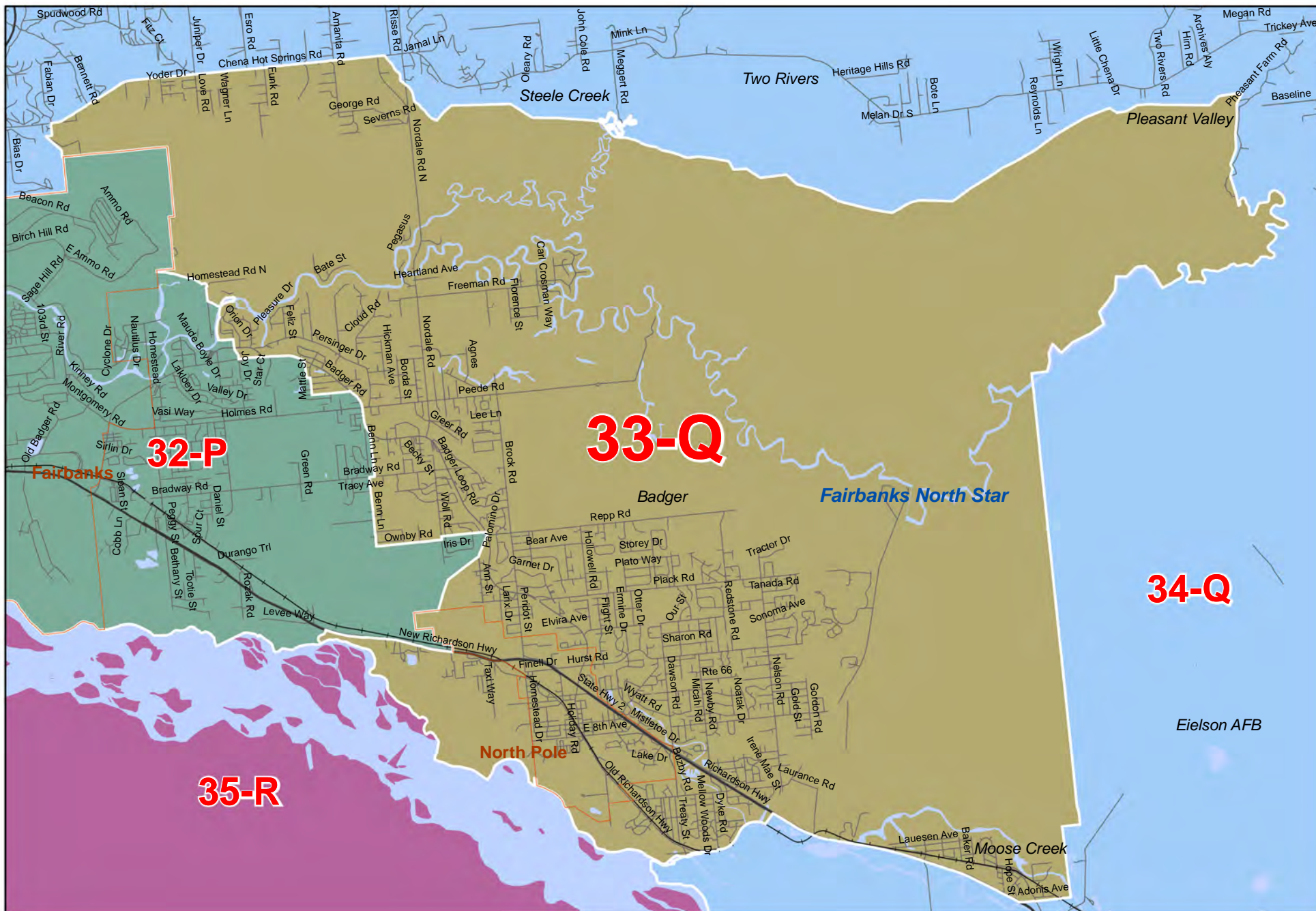
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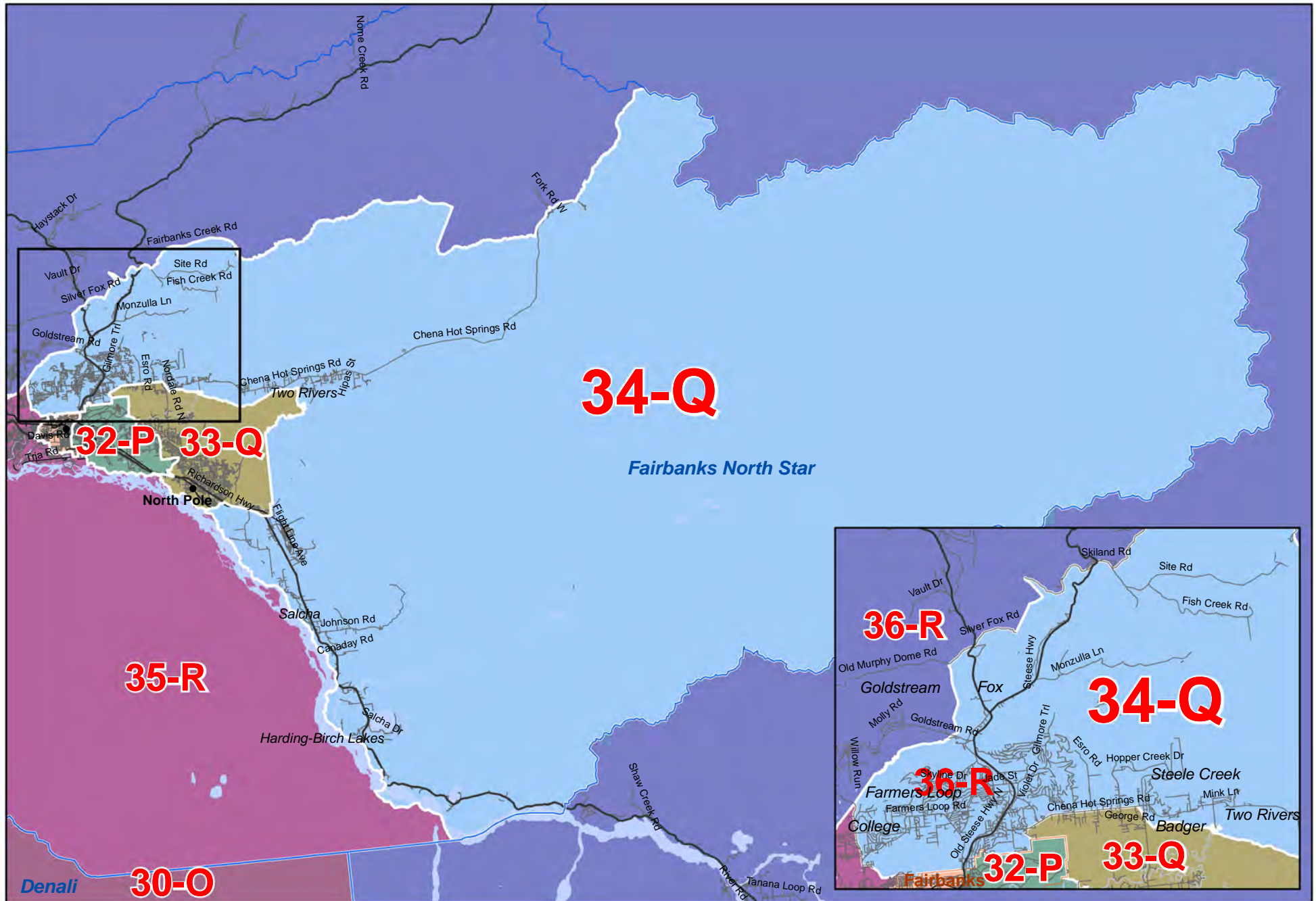
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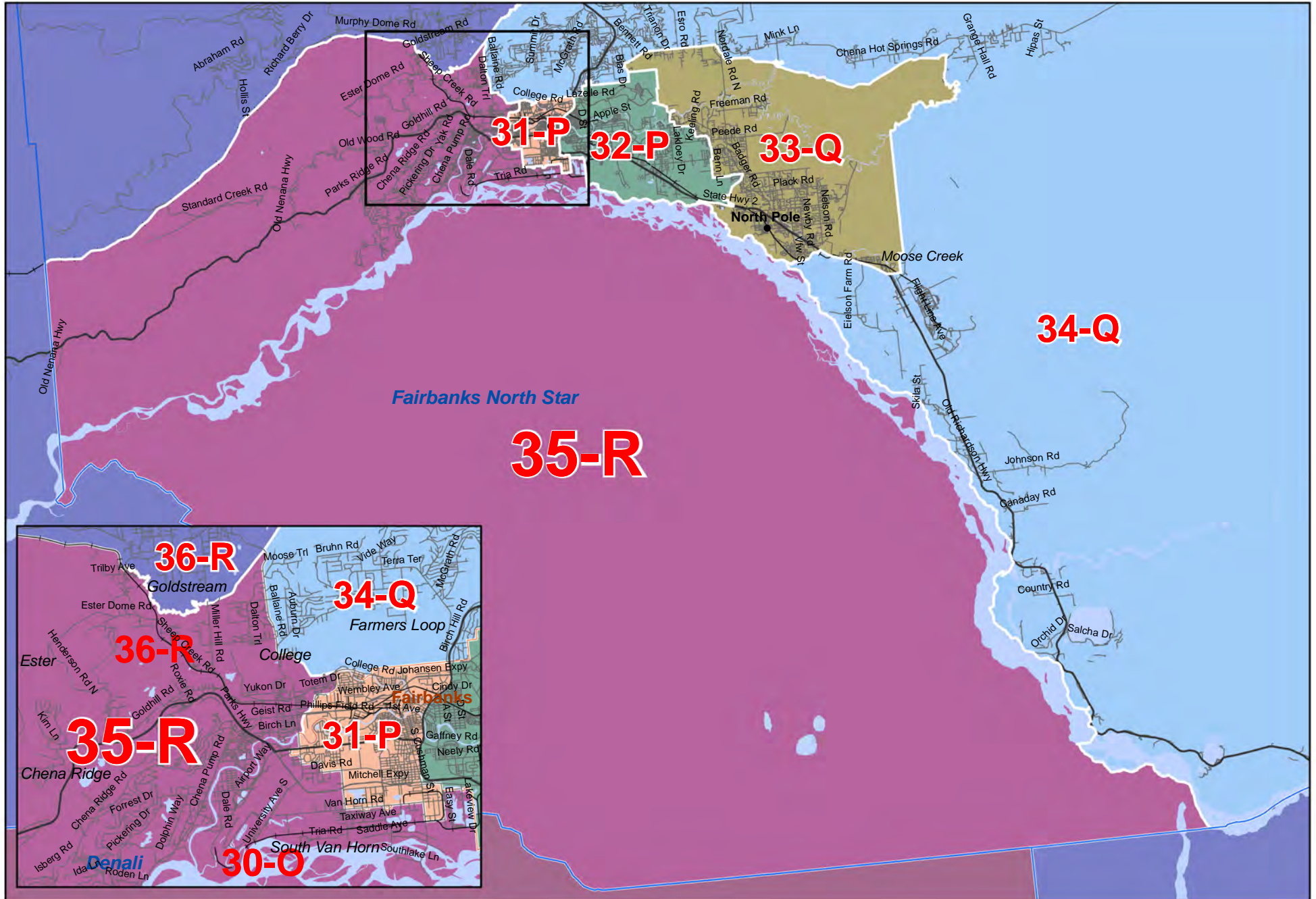
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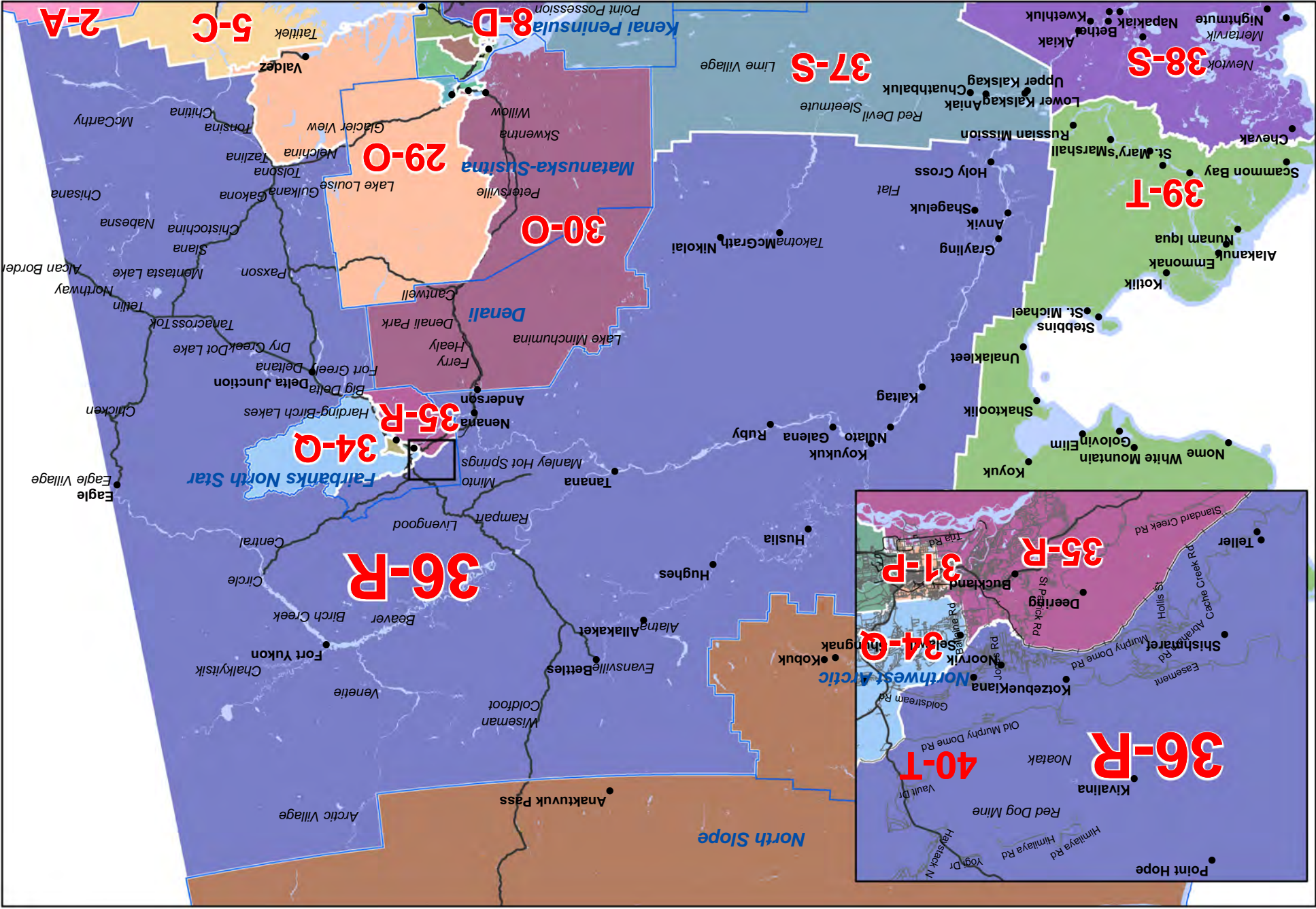
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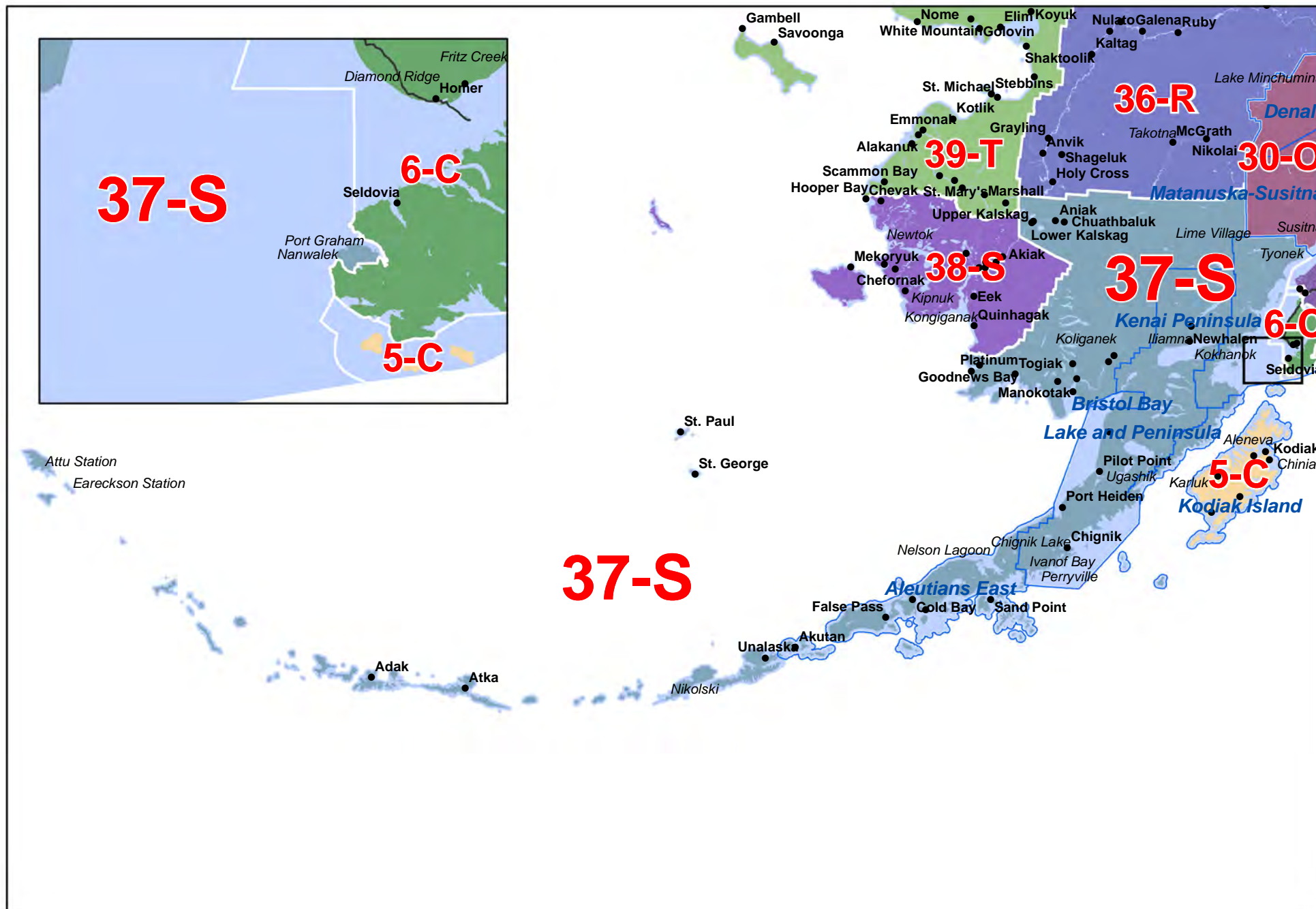


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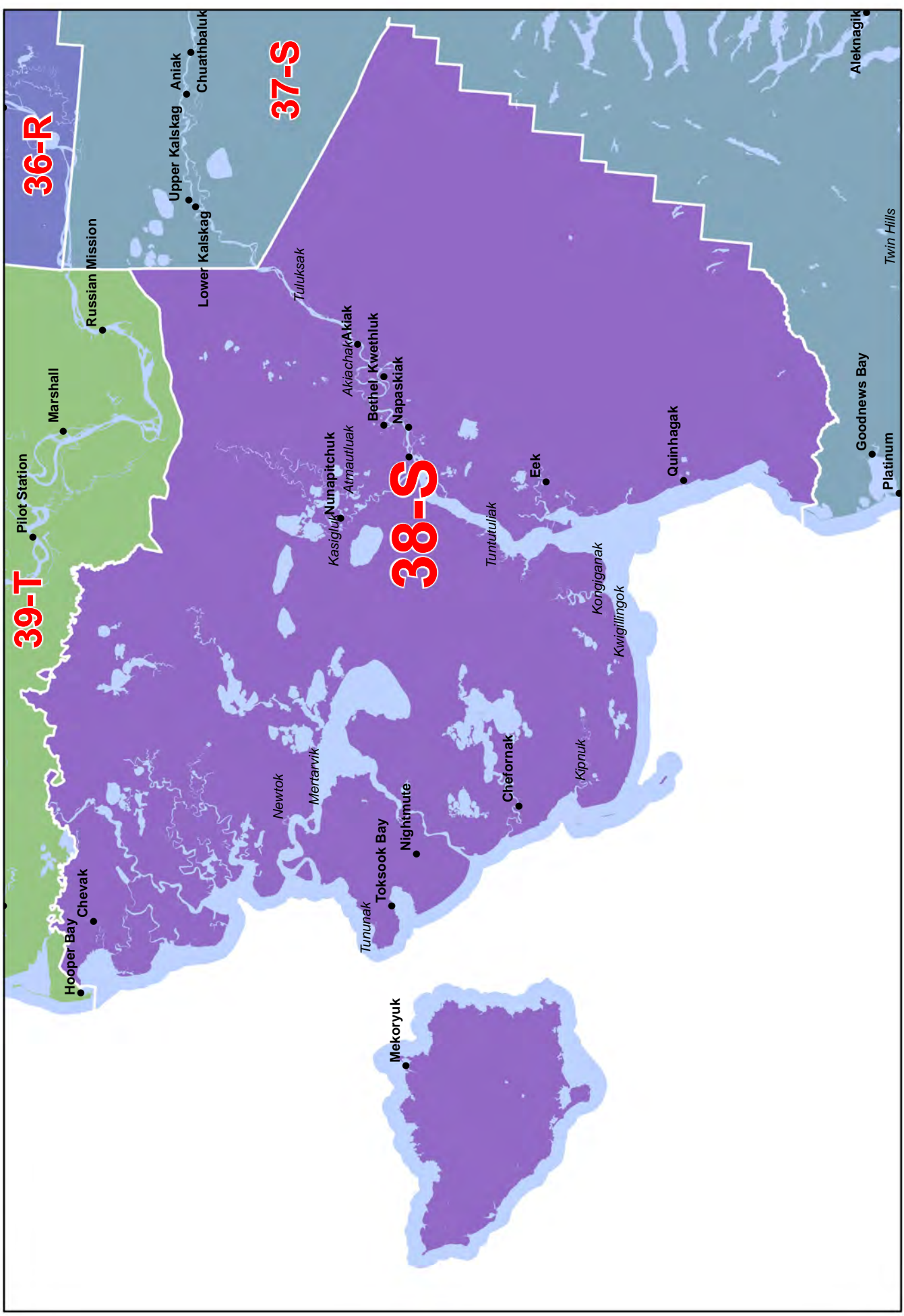






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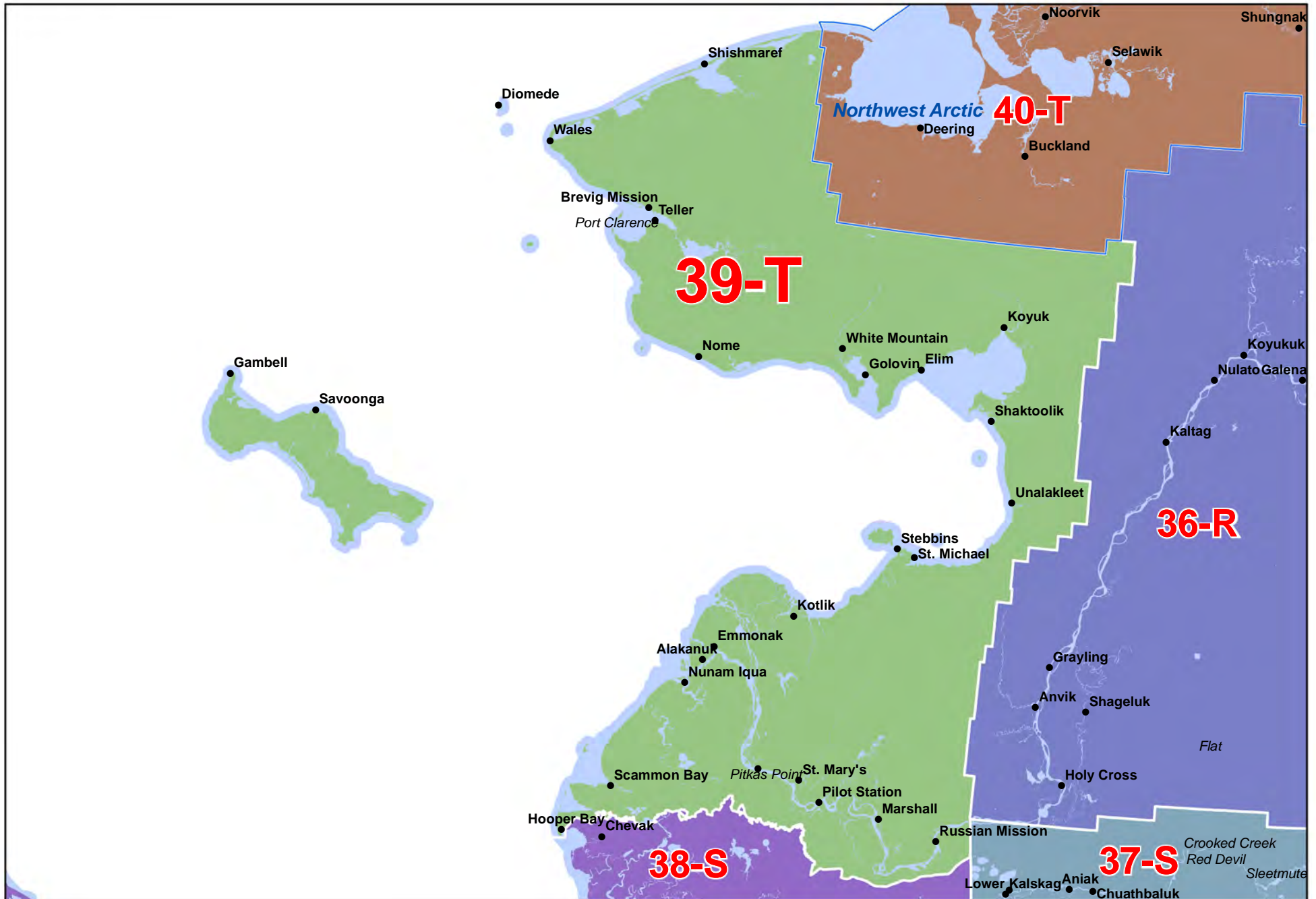
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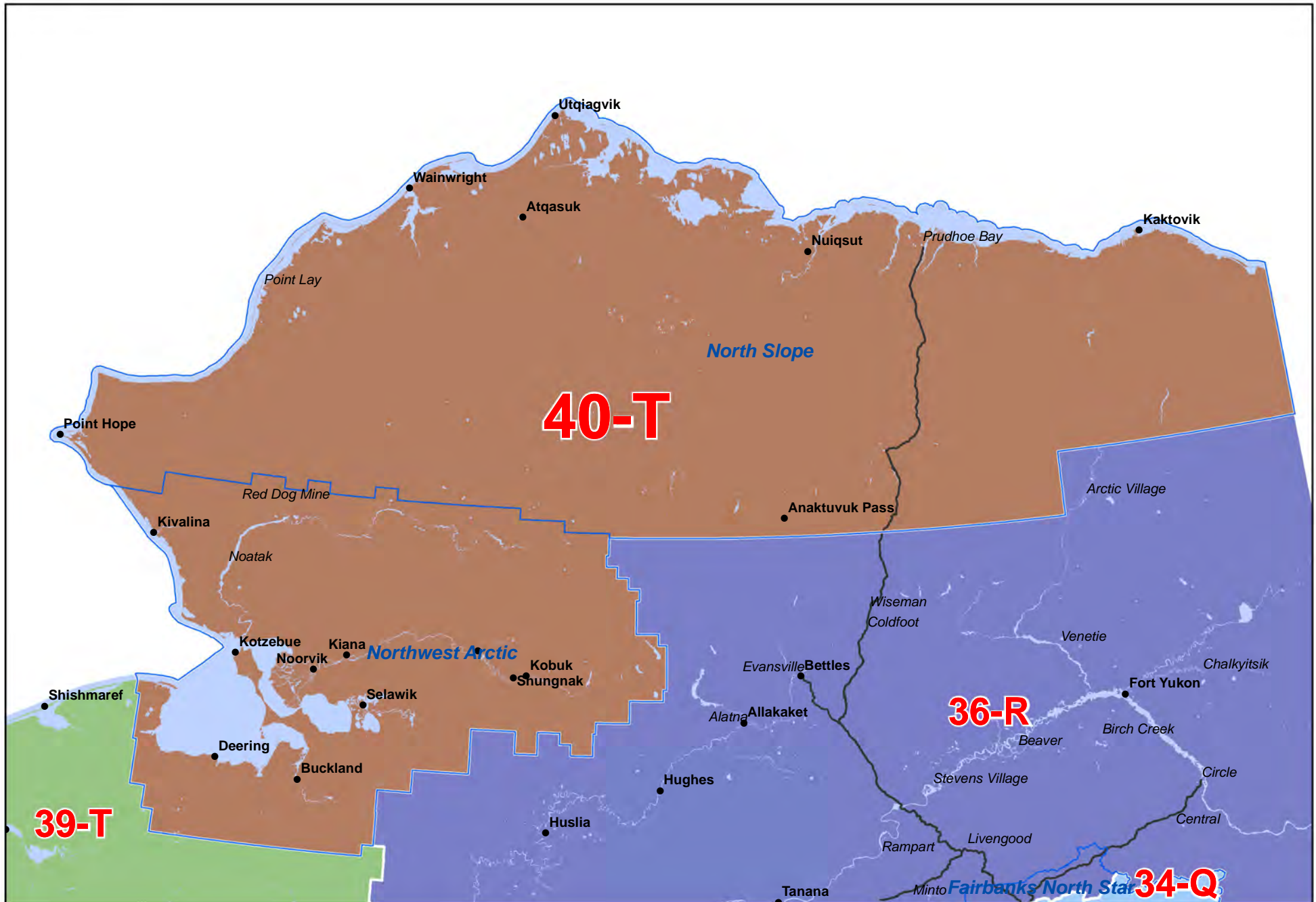
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## ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

### Description of April 2022 Proclamation Plan House and Senate Districts

*Prepared by the Alaska Redistricting Board – April 13, 2022*

#### **House District 1 – Senate District A – Ketchikan/Wrangell/Metlakatla**

House District 1 includes all uplands and islands bounded by a line beginning at the northwestern-most point of the City and Borough of Wrangell, northeast to the Canadian Border, southeast then southwest to the maritime border in the Dixon Entrance, west to the southwestern-most point of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough, north then east the centerline of Clarence Strait west of Annette Island, north to the boundary of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough, north then east to the boundary of the City and Borough of Wrangell, north to a point due east of Eagle Creek, west along a non-visible line to the mouth of Eagle Creek, north along the shoreline to the boundary of the City of Coffman Cove, west then north to the shoreline of Lake Bay, southwest to the entrance of Barnes Lake, west along a non-visible line to Stevenson Island, west along the shoreline to Indian Creek, west along a non-visible line to the western shoreline of Indian Creek, north to the southern shoreline of Whale Passage, north then west to the boundary of the City of Whale Pass, west then north then east to Exchange Cove Road, north to Exchange Creek, north to the western shoreline of Exchange Cove, north to the shoreline of Clarence Strait, northwest to the entrance of an unnamed bay near Lava Creek, north across the entrance to the shoreline of Clarence Strait, north to the entrance of Salmon Bay, north across the entrance to the shoreline of Clarence Strait, north along the shoreline to a non-visible line near Point Colpoys, northeast to the boundary of the City and Borough of Wrangell, northwest to the point of beginning.

#### **House District 2 – Senate District A – Sitka/Petersburg/Yakutat**

House District 2 includes all uplands and islands bounded by a line beginning at the western-most point of Yakutat Borough, northeast then east to the Canadian Border, southeast then northeast to the Pacific Glacier Drainage, east to Tarr Inlet, southeast along the southern shoreline to Glacier Bay, south along the shoreline to the entrance of John Hopkins Inlet, southeast across the entrance to the shoreline of Glacier Bay, east to the entrance of Reid Inlet, east across the entrance to the shoreline of Glacier Bay, east then southeast along the shoreline to the entrance of Blue Mouse Cove, southeast across the entrance to an unnamed island, southeast then west along the shoreline to the entrance of Hugh Miller Inlet, south across the entrance to the western shoreline of Glacier Bay, southeast to the entrance of Geikie Inlet, southeast across the entrance to the western shoreline of Glacier Bay, southeast to the entrance of Fingers Bay, southeast to the western shoreline of Glacier Bay, southeast to the entrance of Berg Bay, south across the entrance to the western shoreline of Glacier Bay, south to the entrance of Glacier Bay, east across the entrance to the eastern shoreline of Glacier Bay, east along the shoreline to the boundary of the City of Gustavus, south then east to the shoreline of Pleasant Island, northeast then southeast to the eastern entrance to Icy Passage, northeast to the boundary of Glacier Bay National Park, east to the boundary of Haines Borough, southeast then north to the boundary of the City and Borough of Juneau, southeast then south then northeast then southeast then northeast along the

boundary to the Canadian Border, southeast to the northern boundary of the City and Borough of Wrangell, southwest then southeast to a non-visible line across Clarence Strait from Point Colpoys, west along a non-visible line to the shoreline near Point Colpoys, southeast to entrance of Salmon Bay, south across the entrance to the shoreline of Clarence Strait, south to the entrance of an unnamed bay near Lava Creek, south across the entrance to the shoreline of Clarence Strait, southeast to Exchange Cove, south along the western shoreline to Exchange Creek, south to Exchange Cove Road, south to the boundary of the City of Whale Pass, west then south then east to the southern shoreline of Whale Passage, east then south to the western shoreline of Indian Creek, south to Barnes Lake, east along a non-visible line to Stevenson Island, east then north along the shoreline to Lake Bay, east across a non-visible line to the eastern shoreline of Lake Bay, northeast to the boundary of the City of Coffman Cove, south then east to the western shoreline of Clarence Strait, south to the mouth of Eagle Creek, northeast along a non-visible line to the boundary of the City and Borough of Wrangell, southeast to the boundary of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough, south to the centerline of Clarence Strait west of Annette Island, south to the boundary of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough, south to the maritime border in the Dixon Entrance, west to the 3-mile limit in the Pacific Ocean near Forrester Island, north along the 3-mile limit to the boundary of the City and Borough of Sitka, northwest along the boundary to the 3-mile limit in the Pacific Ocean near Yakobi Island, northwest along the 3-mile limit to the boundary of Yakutat Borough, northwest to the point of beginning.

### **House District 3 – Senate District B – Mendenhall Valley/Haines/Skagway/Gustavus**

House District 3 includes all uplands and islands bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of the northern edge of the Juneau Icefield and the Canadian Border, northwest then southwest along the border to the Pacific Glacier Drainage, east to Tarr Inlet, southeast along the southern shoreline to Glacier Bay, south along the shoreline to the entrance of John Hopkins Inlet, southeast across the entrance to the shoreline of Glacier Bay, east to the entrance of Reid Inlet, east across the entrance to the shoreline of Glacier Bay, east then southeast along the shoreline to the entrance of Blue Mouse Cove, southeast across the entrance to an unnamed island, southeast then west along the shoreline to the entrance of Hugh Miller Inlet, south across the entrance to the western shoreline of Glacier Bay, southeast to the entrance of Geikie Inlet, southeast across the entrance to the western shoreline of Glacier Bay, southeast to the entrance of Fingers Bay, southeast to the western shoreline of Glacier Bay, southeast to the entrance of Berg Bay, south across the entrance to the western shoreline of Glacier Bay, south to the entrance of Glacier Bay, east across the entrance to the eastern shoreline of Glacier Bay, east along the shoreline to the boundary of the City of Gustavus, south then east to the shoreline of Pleasant Island, northeast then southeast to the eastern entrance to Icy Passage, northeast to the boundary of Glacier Bay National Park, east to the boundary of Haines Borough, southeast then north to the boundary of the City and Borough of Juneau, south to a non-visible line extending southwest from the centerline of Fritz Cove, northeast to the centerline of Fritz Cove, northeast to the entrance of Gastineau Channel, north to the mouth of the Mendenhall River, north along the eastern bank of the Mendenhall River to the mouth of Duck Creek, east to Mendenhall Refuge Access Road, north to Radcliffe Road, north to the Glacier Highway, west to Vintage Boulevard, north then east to Riverside Drive, north to Stephen Richards Memorial Drive, east to Haloff Way, east to Tongass Boulevard, south to Jennifer Drive, east to the end of Jennifer Drive, south along a non-visible line to the Jorden Creek Tributary, northeast then southeast to Heintzleman Ridge, northeast to a non-visible line near the headwaters of Steep Creek, northeast to the headwaters of Steep Creek, northwest to Glacier Spur Road, northwest to a non-visible line near Mendenhall Lake, northwest to the shoreline of Mendenhall Lake, north then south then west to Mendenhall Glacier, west then north along the western edge of

Mendenhall Glacier to the Juneau Icefield, west then north along the northern edge of the Juneau Icefield to the point of beginning.

#### **House District 4 – Senate District B – Downtown Juneau/Douglas/Juneau Airport**

House District 4 includes all uplands and islands bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of the Canadian Border and the southern boundary of the City and Borough of Juneau, southwest then northwest then southwest then north to a non-visible line extending southwest from the centerline of Fritz Cove, northeast to the centerline of Fritz Cove, northeast to the entrance of Gastineau Channel, north to the mouth of the Mendenhall River, north along the eastern bank of the Mendenhall River to the mouth of Duck Creek, east to Mendenhall Refuge Access Road, north to Radcliffe Road, north to the Glacier Highway, west to Vintage Boulevard, north then east to Riverside Drive, north to Stephen Richards Memorial Drive, east to Haloff Way, east to Tongass Boulevard, south to Jennifer Drive, east to the end of Jennifer Drive, south along a non-visible line to the Jorden Creek Tributary, northeast then southeast to Heintzleman Ridge, northeast to a non-visible line near the headwaters of Steep Creek, northeast to the headwaters of Steep Creek, northwest to Glacier Spur Road, northwest to a non-visible line near Mendenhall Lake, northwest to the shoreline of Mendenhall Lake, north then south then west to Mendenhall Glacier, west then north along the western edge of Mendenhall Glacier to the Juneau Icefield, west then north along the northern edge of the Juneau Icefield to the Canadian Border, than southeast to the point of beginning.

#### **House District 5 – Senate District C – Kodiak/Seward/Cordova**

House District 5 includes all uplands and islands bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of the Chugach ANRC boundary and the western boundary of the Wrangell-Saint Elias National Park, south along the park boundary to the boundary of the Chugach National Forest, west to a non-visible line extending east from the headwaters of the Lowe River, west along a non-visible line to the headwaters of the Lowe River, west to a non-visible line extending south from the Trans-Alaska Pipeline east of the boundary of the City of Valdez, north along a non-visible line to the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, west to boundary of the City of Valdez, south then west then north to the boundary of the Chugach National Forest on the northern shoreline of Valdez Arm, west to the entrance of Sawmill Bay, west across the entrance to the boundary of the Chugach National Forest, southwest then west to the entrance of Columbia Bay, west across the entrance to the shoreline of Prince William Sound, west to the entrance of an unnamed bay east of Long Point, west across the entrance to the shoreline of Prince William Sound, west to the entrance of Long Channel, west across the entrance to the shoreline near Buyers Cove, southwest to a non-visible line extending northwest from Glacier Island, southeast along a non-visible line to the shoreline of Glacier Island, east along the shoreline to a non-visible line extending west from the northern-most point of Growler Island, east to Growler Island, east along a non-visible line to the shoreline of Glacier Island, south then west to the western-most point of Glacier Island, west to a peninsula of Land near Fairmount Bay, southwest to the entrance of a small bay, southwest across the entrance to the shoreline of Prince William Sound, southwest then north then northwest to the entrance of a small unnamed bay east of Fairmount Bay, northwest across the entrance to the shoreline, west to the entrance of Fairmount Bay, west across the entrance to a non-visible line extending north from Fairmount Island, south along a non-visible line to Fairmount Island, southeast then south then west then north to a non-visible line extending south from Fairmount Point, then north to the shoreline near Fairmount Point, north to the entrance of Wells Bay, west across the entrance to the shoreline near

Unakwik Point, south then west to the entrance of Unakwik Inlet, southwest across the entrance to the shoreline north of Olsen Cove, south to a non-visible line extending west from Olsen Island, east to the shoreline of Olsen Island, northeast then southeast then south then west to a non-visible line extending east from a point south of Olsen Cove, west to the shoreline south of Olsen Cove, south then west to a small bay north of Kiniklik Island, west across the entrance to the shoreline, west to the entrance of a small bay northwest of Kiniklik Island, west across the entrance to the shoreline, west to the entrance of Eaglek Bay, southwest across the entrance to the shoreline of an island west of Eaglek Island, southwest then west to the western entrance of Eaglek Bay, west across the entrance to the shoreline, southwest then west to the entrance of a small cove east of Squaw Bay, west across the entrance to the shoreline, west to the entrance of an unnamed bay east of Squaw Bay, west across the entrance, west to the entrance of a small cove east of Squaw Bay, west across the entrance to the shoreline, northwest to the entrance of Squaw Bay, northwest across the entrance to the shoreline, west to the entrance of a small cove east of Esther Passage, west across the entrance to the shoreline, west to the entrance of a small cove east of Esther Passage, west across the entrance to the shoreline, west to the entrance of Esther Passage, west across the entrance to the shoreline, south then southwest to the entrance of Esther Bay, southwest across the entrance to the shoreline, southwest then west to the entrance of Quillian Bay, southwest across the entrance to the shoreline, west to the entrance of Lake Bay, west across the entrance to the shoreline, west to the eastern shoreline of Port Wells, west along a non-visible line to the western shoreline of Port Wells east of Entry Cove, west to the entrance of Entry Cove, west across the entrance to the shoreline, west to the entrance of Passage Canal, west across the entrance to the shoreline, south then west to the boundary of the City of Whittier, south then west to the boundary of the Municipality of Anchorage, south to the boundary of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, east then south to the southern boundary of the Chugach National Forest, west then south then southwest then west to the boundary of the City of Seward, north then northwest then south to Lowell Creek, west to the headwaters of Lowell Creek, north along a non-visible line to the boundary of Kenai Fjords National Park, northwest to the Chugach ANRC boundary, south to the boundary of Kenai Fjords National Park, southwest then east then south to the shoreline of Nuka Passage, southwest to the entrance of Tonsina Bay, south across the entrance to the shoreline of Nuka Passage, south to the shoreline of the Gulf of Alaska, south the entrance of an unnamed bay, south across the entrance to the shoreline near Gore Point, west to the entrance of Port Dick, west across the entrance to the shoreline of the Gulf of Alaska, west to the entrance of Touglalek Bay, west across the entrance to the shoreline of the Gulf of Alaska, west to the entrance of Qikutulig Bay, west across the entrance to the entrance of Rocky Bay, west across the entrance to the shoreline of the Gulf of Alaska, west to the entrance of an unnamed bay, west across the entrance to the shoreline of the Gulf of Alaska, southwest to the entrance of Chugach Bay, southwest across the entrance to the shoreline of Chugach Passage, west then north to the entrance of Port Chatham, northwest across the entrance to the shoreline of Chugach Passage, northwest to the entrance of Koyuktolik Bay, northwest across the entrance to the shoreline of Kennedy Entrance, northwest along the shoreline to the western edge of Kennedy Entrance, south along the western edge of Kennedy Entrance to the 3-mile limit south of Elizabeth Island, southwest then southeast then northeast around all of the Barren Islands and Afognak Island and Kodiak Island and the Trinity Islands to the southern boundary of the Kenai Peninsula Borough near East Chugach Island, northeast along the southern boundary to the 3-mile limit of the Pacific Ocean south of Whidbey Bay, east along the 3-mile limit of the Pacific Ocean including Middleton Island to the boundary of Yakutat Borough, north then northeast then east to the Chugach ANRC boundary, northwest to the point of beginning.

### **House District 6 – Senate District C – Kachemak Bay/Ninilchik/Kasilof**

House District 6 is bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Slikok Creek and the Sterling Highway, south along the highway to Wolverine Avenue, east then south to the end of Wolverine Avenue, south along an unnamed path to Heavy Down Drive, south to the western branch of Coal Creek, southwest to the confluence with the eastern branch of Coal Creek, east to a non-visible line extending north from the western boundary of the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, south to the boundary of the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, south then west to the northern bank of the Kasilof River, southeast along the northern bank to Tustumena Lake, northeast then southeast to Glacier Creek, southeast to Tustumena Glacier, east along the northern edge of the glacier to the Harding Icefield, south to a non-visible line extending northwest from the Chugach ANRC boundary, southeast to the Chugach ANRC boundary, south to the boundary of Kenai Fjords National Park, southwest then east then south to shoreline of Nuka Passage, southwest to the entrance of Tonsina Bay, south across the entrance to the shoreline of Nuka Passage, south to the shoreline of the Gulf of Alaska, south to the entrance of an unnamed bay, south across the entrance to the shoreline near Gore Point, west to the entrance of Port Dick, west across the entrance to the shoreline of the Gulf of Alaska, west to the entrance of Touglalek Bay, west across the entrance to the shoreline of the Gulf of Alaska, west to the entrance of Qikutulig Bay, west across the entrance to the entrance of Rocky Bay, west across the entrance to the shoreline of the Gulf of Alaska, west to the entrance of an unnamed bay, west across the entrance to the shoreline of the Gulf of Alaska, southwest to the entrance of Chugach Bay, southwest across the entrance to the shoreline of Chugach Passage, west then north to the entrance of Port Chatham, northwest across the entrance to the shoreline of Chugach Passage, northwest to the entrance of Koyuktolik Bay, northwest across the entrance to the shoreline of Kennedy Entrance, northwest to the shoreline of Cook Inlet, north to an unnamed creek north of Point Bede, east to the headwaters of an unnamed creek, south along a non-visible line to the Mount Bede Ridgeline, southeast to an unnamed creek, northeast to an unnamed lake along the English Bay River, north to the outlet of the lake, east to an unnamed creek, north to the shoreline of Port Graham, east then north then northwest to the shoreline of Cook Inlet, north the entrance of Kachemak Bay, north across the entrance to a non-visible line extending east from the centerline of Cook Inlet, west to the centerline of Cook Inlet, north to a non-visible line extending west from the shoreline near Oil Company Haul Road, east to the shoreline of Cook Inlet, east along a non-visible line to Oil Company Haul Road, south to the end of Oil Company Haul Road, southeast along a non-visible line to Gas Well Road, east then northeast to a non-visible line extending west from Harmony Avenue, east to Harmony Avenue, northeast to Echo Lake Road, south to Evelyn Lane, east to the end of Evelyn Lane, east along a non-visible line to Slikok Creek, southeast to the point of beginning.

### **House District 7 – Senate District D – Kenai/Soldotna**

House District 7 is bounded by a line beginning at the northwestern most point of the City of Kenai, east then south to the Kenai Spur Highway, south to Sports Lake Road, east to Moser Street, south to the end of Moser Street, south along a non-visible line to Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline ROW, east to a non-visible line extending north from the boundary of the City of Soldotna, south to the boundary of the City of Soldotna, east then south to the northern bank of the Kenai River, southeast to the boundary of the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, west to the boundary of the City of Soldotna near the Sterling Highway, west along the boundary to Gas Well Road, west to Echo Lake Road, south to Harmony Avenue, southwest to the end of Harmony Avenue, west along a non-visible line to Gas Well Road, southwest then west to the end of Gas Well Road, northwest along a non-visible line to Oil Company Haul Road, northwest to a non-visible line near Kalifornsky Beach Road, west along the non-visible line to the

shoreline of Cook Inlet, west along a non-visible line to the centerline of Cook Inlet, north to a non-visible line extending west from the northern boundary of the City of Kenai, east to the point of beginning.

#### **House District 8 – Senate District D – Northern Kenai Peninsula**

House District 8 is bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of the Kenai Peninsula Borough with both the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and the Municipality of Anchorage, southwest along the Kenai Peninsula Borough boundary to the centerline of Cook Inlet, southwest then south to a non-visible line extending west from the northern boundary of the City of Kenai, east to the boundary of the City of Kenai, east then south to the Kenai Spur Highway, south to Sports Lake Road, east to Moser Street, south to the end of Moser Street, south along a non-visible line to Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline ROW, east to a non-visible line extending north from the boundary of the City of Soldotna, south to the boundary of the City of Soldotna, east then south to the northern bank of the Kenai River, southeast to the boundary of the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, west to the boundary of the City of Soldotna near the Sterling Highway, west along the boundary to Gas Well Road, west to Echo Lake Road, south to Evelyn Lane, east to the end of Evelyn Lane, east along a non-visible line to Slikok Creek, southeast to the Sterling Highway, south along the highway to Wolverine Avenue, east then south to the end of Wolverine Avenue, south along an unnamed path to Heavy Down Drive, south to the western branch of Coal Creek, southwest to the confluence with the eastern branch of Coal Creek, east to a non-visible line extending north from the western boundary of the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, south to the boundary of the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, south then west to the northern bank of the Kasilof River, southeast along the northern bank of the Kasilof River, to Tustumena Lake, northeast then southeast to Glacier Creek, southeast to Tustumena Glacier, east along the northern edge of the glacier to the Harding Icefield, north to a non-visible line extending northwest from the Chugach ANRC boundary, east then north then northwest to the Chugach ANRC boundary, northeast to the boundary of Kenai Fjords National Park along the Resurrection River, southeast to the eastern boundary of the park, south along a non-visible line to the headwaters of Lowell Creek, east to the boundary of the City of Seward, north then east then south to the boundary of the Chugach National Forest, east then northeast then east to the boundary of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, north then northwest to the point of beginning.

#### **House District 9 – Senate District E – South Anchorage/Turnagain Arm/Whittier**

House District 9 is bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of the New Seward Highway and Huffman Road, east on Huffman Road to Birch Road, northeast then south to Huffman Road, east to Upper Huffman Road, east to Sultana Drive, northeast then east to the boundary of Chugach State Park, north to Basher Drive, southwest to the boundary of Far North Bicentennial Park, north to the boundary of Fort Richardson, east to the boundary of Chugach State Park, east then southeast to a non-visible line extending north from the powerlines near the headwaters of the south fork of Campbell Creek, south along the non-visible line to the powerlines, east along a non-visible line to Ship Creek, east then northeast to the headwaters of Ship Creek, southeast along a non-visible line to the ridgeline between Bird Creek and Raven Creek, southeast to the boundary of the Chugach National Forest, north then east to the boundary of the Municipality of Anchorage, south then west then south to the northern boundary of the City of Whittier, east then south then west along the city boundary to the boundary of the Municipality of Anchorage, south then west then north then northwest to a non-visible line extending

south from the mouth of Little Rabbit Creek, north to the mouth of Little Rabbit Creek, east to the New Seward Highway, north to the point of beginning.

#### **House District 10 – Senate District E – Eagle River Valley**

House District 10 is bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Eagle River Loop Road and Lazy Street, south on Lazy Street to Easy Street, west to the Old Glenn Highway, south then west to Mausel Street, then north to Artillery Road, west then north then west to the boundary of Fort Richardson, south to the Glenn Highway, southwest to the western boundary of Fort Richardson, south then west to a non-visible line extending northeast from the end of Peck Avenue, southwest to Peck Avenue, southwest then west to the boundary of Fort Richardson, south then east to the boundary of Chugach State Park, east then southeast to a non-visible line extending north from the powerlines near the headwaters of the south fork of Campbell Creek, south along the non-visible line to the powerlines, east along a non-visible line to Ship Creek, east then northeast to the headwaters of Ship Creek, southeast along a non-visible line to the ridgeline between Bird Creek and Raven Creek, southeast to the boundary of the Chugach National Forest, north then east to the ridgeline between Eagle River and Peters Creek, northwest along the ridgeline to a non-visible line extending east from the headwaters of Meadow Creek, west along a non-visible line to the headwaters of Meadow Creek, northwest to a non-visible line extending north from the boundary of Chugach State Park, south along a non-visible line to the boundary of Chugach State Park, west to Steeple Drive, southwest to Eagle River Lane, south to War Admiral Road, northwest then west to Sun Beau Drive, southwest to Eagle River Loop Road, north then northwest to the point of beginning.

#### **House District 11 – Senate District F – Lower Hillside**

House District 11 is bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of the New Seward Highway and Huffman Road, east on Huffman Road to Birch Road, northeast then south to Huffman Road, east to Upper Huffman Road, east to Sultana Drive, northeast then east to the boundary of Chugach State Park, north to the boundary of Far North Bicentennial Park, west to the boundary of Hillside Park, west to Abbott Road, west then northwest to Vanguard Drive, southwest then south to Academy Drive, west to the end of Academy Drive, west along a non-visible line to the New Seward Highway, south to the point of beginning.

#### **House District 12 – Senate District F – Far North Bicentennial Park**

House District 12 is bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Elmore Road and Tudor Road, east on Tudor Road to the boundary of Far North Bicentennial Park, east then south then west to the boundary of Hillside Park, west to Abbott Road, west then northwest to Vanguard Drive, southwest then south to Academy Drive, west to the end of Academy Drive, west along a non-visible line to the New Seward Highway, north to E Dowling Road, east to Elmore Road, north to the point of beginning.

#### **House District 13 – Senate District G – Oceanview/Klatt**

House District 13 is bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of the New Seward Highway and Dimond Boulevard, west on Dimond Boulevard to Victor Road, south to Southport Drive, south to Diligence Circle, south to Crow's Nest Circle, west to the end of Crow's Nest Circle, west along a non-



visible line to the shoreline of Turnagain Arm, southwest then south along a non-visible line to the boundary of the Municipality of Anchorage, southeast to a non-visible line extending south from the mouth of Little Rabbit Creek, north to the mouth of Little Rabbit Creek, east to the New Seward Highway, north to the point of beginning.

#### **House District 14 – Senate District G – Campbell**

House District 14 is bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Dowling Road and the New Seward Highway, south on the New Seward Highway to Dimond Boulevard, west then southwest to Northwood Street, north to Raspberry Road, east to Minnesota Drive, north to International Airport Road, east to C Street, north to Tudor Road, east to Lake Otis Parkway, south to Dowling Road, west to the point of beginning.

#### **House District 15 – Senate District H – Sand Lake/Campbell Lake**

House District 15 is bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Strawberry Road and Northwood Street, south on Northwood Street to Victor Road, south to Southport Drive, south to Diligence Circle, south to Crow's Nest Circle, west to the end of Crow's Nest Circle, west along a non-visible line to the shoreline of Turnagain Arm, southwest then south along a non-visible line to the boundary of the Municipality of Anchorage, northwest to a non-visible line extending south from the eastern boundary of Kincaid Park, north along a non-visible line to the boundary of Kincaid Park, north to Jodhpur Street, north to Kincaid Road, east to Sand Lake Road, north to Wandering Drive, southeast then east then south to Kincaid Road, east to Sportsman Drive, east to Sandy Beach Drive, northeast to Silver Birch Drive, north to Caravelle Drive, east to Jewel Lake Road, south to Strawberry Road, east to the point of beginning.

#### **House District 16 – Senate District H – Anchorage Airport**

House District 16 is bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Minnesota Drive and International Airport Road, west on International Airport Road to Northwood Drive, north to Iowa Drive, north to McRae Road, northwest to Turnagain Street, north to W 34th Avenue, east to Turnagain Street, north to W 30th Avenue, east to Fish Creek, north then east to the Alaska Railroad, north then northeast to a non-visible line extending east near W 2nd Avenue, west on the non-visible line to the shoreline of Knik Arm, west then northwest along a non-visible line to the boundary of the Municipality of Anchorage, southwest then southeast then south then southeast to a non-visible line extending south from the eastern boundary of Kincaid Park, north along a non-visible line to the boundary of Kincaid Park, north to Jodhpur Street, north to Kincaid Road, east to Sand Lake Road, north to Wandering Drive, southeast then east then south to Kincaid Road, east to Sportsman Drive, east to Sandy Beach Drive, northeast to Silver Birch Drive, north to Caravelle Drive, east to Jewel Lake Road, south to Strawberry Road, east to Northwood Street, north to Raspberry Road, east to Minnesota Drive, north to the point of beginning.

#### **House District 17 – Senate District I – Spenard**

House District 17 is bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Tudor Road and C Street, south on C Street to International Airport Road, west on International Airport Road to Northwood Drive, north to

Iowa Drive, north to McRae Road, northwest to Turnagain Street, north to W 34th Avenue, east to Turnagain Street, north to W 30th Avenue, east to Fish Creek, north then east to the Alaska Railroad, northwest to Northern Lights Boulevard, east to Minnesota Drive, north to W 26th Avenue, east to Spenard Road, north to W 25th Avenue, east to Arctic Boulevard, north to Fireweed Lane, east to the New Seward Highway, north to Chester Creek, east to the north fork of Chester Creek, north to E 20th Avenue, east to Lake Otis Parkway, south to Tudor Road, west to the point of beginning.

#### **House District 18 – Senate District I – U-Med**

House District 18 is bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Lake Otis Parkway and Northern Lights Boulevard, east on Northern Lights Boulevard to Nichols Street, north to E 20th Avenue, east to Bragaw Street, north to Reka Drive, east to the powerlines extending south from Pine Street, north to Pine Street, north to Debarr Road, east to Boniface Parkway, south to a non-visible line extending west from E 20th Avenue, east to E 20th Avenue, east to Penn Circle, north to Craig Drive, east to the end of Craig Drive, southeast along a non-visible line to the southern boundary of Nunaka Valley Park, east to Beaver Place, south to Baxter Road, south to Tudor Road, west to Elmore Road, south to Dowling Road, west to Lake Otis Parkway, north to the point of beginning.

#### **House District 19 – Senate District J – Downtown Anchorage**

House District 19 is bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of E 4th Avenue and Juneau Street, south on Juneau Street to E 5th Avenue, east to Airport Heights Drive, south to Debarr Road, west to Lake Otis Parkway, south to E 20th Avenue, west to the north fork of Chester Creek, south to Chester Creek, west to the New Seward Highway, south to Fireweed Lane, west to Arctic Boulevard, south to W 25th Avenue, west to Spenard Road, south to W 26th Avenue, west to Minnesota Drive, south to Northern Lights Boulevard, west to the Alaska Railroad, north then northeast to a non-visible line extending north from the end of L Street, south to L Street, south to W 4th Avenue, east to the point of beginning.

#### **House District 20 – Senate District J – Mountainview/Airport Heights**

House District 20 is bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Lake Otis Parkway and E Northern Lights Boulevard, east on E Northern Lights Boulevard to Nichols Street, north to E 20th Avenue, east to Bragaw Street, north to Reka Drive, east to the powerlines extending south from Pine Street, north to Pine Street, north to McCarrey Street, north to Mountainview Drive, west to N Pine Street, north to McPhee Avenue, west to the boundary of Elmendorf Air Force Base, southwest then south to Taylor Street, south to Thompson Avenue, west to the boundary of Elmendorf Air Force Base, west to Reeve Boulevard, south to E 5th Avenue, east to Airport Heights Drive, south to Debarr Road, west to Lake Otis Parkway, south to the point of beginning.

#### **House District 21 – Senate District K – South Muldoon**

House District 21 is bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Debarr Road and Boniface Parkway, south on Boniface Parkway to a non-visible line extending west from E 20th Avenue, east to E 20th Avenue, east to Penn Circle, north to Craig Drive, east to the end of Craig Drive, southeast along a non-visible line to the southern boundary of Nunaka Valley Park, east to Beaver Place, south to Baxter

Road, south to Tudor Road, east along the north boundary of Far North Bicentennial Park, east to the boundary of Fort Richardson, north to a non-visible line extending east from the end of Debarr Road, west along a non-visible line to Debarr Road, west to a non-visible line extending east from Debarr Road and Muldoon Road, west along a non-visible line to Debarr Road, west to the point of beginning.

#### **House District 22 – Senate District K – North Muldoon**

House District 22 is bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Debarr Road and Pine Street, north on Pine Street to McCarrey Street, north to the Glenn Highway, east to a non-visible line extending north from Boundary Avenue near Patterson Street, south along a non-visible line to Boundary Avenue, east to Muldoon Road, south to Duben Avenue, east to the boundary of Fort Richardson, south to a non-visible line extending east from the end of Debarr Road, west along a non-visible line to Debarr Road, west to a non-visible line extending east from Debarr Road and Muldoon Road, west along a non-visible line to Debarr Road, west to the point of beginning.

#### **House District 23 – Senate District L – Government Hill/JBER/Northeast Anchorage**

House District 23 is bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of the Glenn Highway and McCarrey Street, north on McCarrey Street to Mountainview Drive, west to Pine Street, north to McPhee Avenue, west to the boundary of Elmendorf Air Force Base, west then south to Taylor Street, south to Thompson Avenue, west to the boundary of Elmendorf Air Force Base, west to Reeve Boulevard, south to E 5th Avenue, west to Juneau Street, north to E 4th Avenue, west to L Street, north to the end of L Street, north along a non-visible line to the Alaska Railroad, northeast to a non-visible line extending east near W 2nd Avenue, west on the non-visible line to the shoreline of Knik Arm, west then northwest along a non-visible line to the boundary of the Municipality of Anchorage, north to the northern boundary of Elmendorf Air Force Base, southeast then south then east then south to Loop Road, east to the Alaska Railroad, east then northeast to Fossil Creek, east then northeast to the boundary of Fort Richardson, north then east to the Glenn Highway, southwest to the western boundary of Fort Richardson, south then west to a non-visible line extending northeast from the end of Peck Avenue, southwest to Peck Avenue, southwest then west to the boundary of Fort Richardson, south to Duben Avenue, west to Muldoon Road, north to Boundary Avenue, west to a non-visible line extending north from Patterson Street, north along a non-visible line to the Glenn Highway, west to the point of beginning.

#### **House District 24 – Senate District L – North Eagle River/Chugiak**

House District 24 is bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Sun Beau Drive and Eagle River Loop Road, north then northwest on Eagle River Loop Road to Lazy Street, south to Easy Street, west to the Old Glenn Highway, south then west to Mausel Street, then north to Artillery Road, west then north then west to the boundary of Fort Richardson, south then west then southwest along the boundary of Fort Richardson to Fossil Creek, west to the Alaska Railroad, west then southwest to Loop Road, north then northwest then west to the boundary of Elmendorf Air Force Base, north then west then north then west to the boundary of the Municipality of Anchorage, northeast then east then south then east then south to the boundary of the Chugach National Forest, west to the ridgeline between Eagle River and Peters Creek, northwest along the ridgeline to a non-visible line extending east from the headwaters of Meadow Creek, west along a non-visible line to the headwaters of Meadow Creek,

northwest to a non-visible line extending north from the boundary of Chugach State Park, south along a non-visible line to the boundary of Chugach State Park, west to Steeple Drive, southwest to Eagle River Lane, south to War Admiral Road, northwest then west to Sun Beau Drive, southwest to the point of beginning.

#### **House District 25 – Senate District M – Palmer/Butte**

House District 25 is bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of the Glenn Highway and the boundary of the Municipality of Anchorage, east then southeast then east to Glacier Fork, northwest to Metal Creek, southwest to the Knik River, west along the northern bank of the Knik River to the confluence with Jim Creek, northeast then east then south then north then south then west around the headwaters of Jim Creek to the confluence with McRoberts Creek, northwest to a small stream near Jim Lake, northeast to the shoreline of Jim Lake, south then east then north to an unnamed creek on the northeast side of the lake, northeast to the headwaters, northeast along a non-visible line to the ridgeline, northeast to a non-visible line extending southeast from a tributary of Wolverine Creek, northwest to a tributary of Wolverine Creek, northeast to its confluence with Wolverine Creek, northeast along a non-visible line to headwaters of an unnamed creek, northwest to the Matanuska River, west along a non-visible line to the northern bank of the Matanuska River east of Eska Creek, southwest to a non-visible line east of E Collier Road, west along a non-visible line to the Glenn Highway, south to N Farm Loop Road, west then south to Fence Line Drive, southeast to Monte Carlo Lane, south to E Biscane Drive, west to N Ryder Drive, south to N Palmer-Fishhook Road, west then northwest to N Trunk Road, southwest to E Bogard Road, east to 49th Street, south to E Palmer-Wasilla Highway, east to a non-visible line east of Loma Prieta Drive, south along a non-visible line to Grandview Drive, southeast then southwest to a non-visible line north of Rabbit Slough, southeast to the western bank of the Matanuska River, south along the western bank to the Glenn Highway, south to the point of beginning.

#### **House District 26 – Senate District M – Goose Bay/Gateway**

House District 26 is bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of the eastern boundary of the City of Wasilla and the Parks Highway, east along the Parks Highway to S Trunk Road, north to N Old Trunk Road, north to E Palmer-Wasilla Highway, east to a non-visible line east of Loma Prieta Drive, south along a non-visible line to Grandview Drive, southeast then southwest to a non-visible line north of Rabbit Slough, southeast to the western bank of the Matanuska River, south along the western bank to the Glenn Highway, south to the boundary of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, west then southwest to a non-visible line extending south from the mouth of Crocker Creek, north to the mouth of Crocker Creek, northeast to Settlers Bay Drive, northwest to Crocker Creek, west then north to S Settlers Bay Drive, northeast then northwest to S Knik-Goose Bay Road, southwest to Carmel Road, west to S Aurora Drive, south then west to S Northern Lights Drive, south to Shearwater Street, west to Hallie Drive, north to W Carmel Road, west to the end of W Carmel Road, west along a non-visible line to an unnamed creek north of Threemile Lake, northeast to a non-visible line extending south from S Pond Lily Lane, north to S Pond Lily Lane, north to a non-visible line extending south from Whale Lake, north along a non-visible line to Whale Lake, west then northeast along the shoreline to a non-visible line extending north to an unnamed lake, north along a non-visible line to an unnamed lake, east then north then west to a non-visible line extending south from Lucille Creek, north along a non-visible line to Lucille Creek, east to a non-visible line extending south from the boundary of the City of Houston east of W Eastwind Circle,

north along a non-visible line to the boundary of the City of Houston, east then north to the Parks Highway, east to W Buttercup Drive, east to Sylvan Road, south to W Dun Fussin Road, east to a non-visible line east of Sylvan Road, south along a non-visible line to an unnamed lake north of Lucille Creek, west then south then east to a non-visible line extending north from Lucille Creek, south along a non-visible line to Lucille Creek, east to Vine Road, south to Bonaparte Avenue, east to S Rue de la Paix Loop, north to W Montclair Avenue, east to W Lollybrock Drive, north then east to Foothills Boulevard, south to W Ronnies Circle, east then south to Overby Street, east then northeast to Saindon Street, east to Donovan Drive, northeast to S Clapp Street, south to Knik-Goose Bay Road, northeast to the boundary of the City of Wasilla, east then north along the city boundary to the point of beginning.

#### **House District 27 – Senate District N – Wasilla/Meadow Lakes**

House District 27 is bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of the City of Houston and the Parks Highway, east to W Buttercup Drive, east to Sylvan Road, south to W Dun Fussin Road, east to a non-visible line east of Sylvan Road, south along a non-visible line to an unnamed lake north of Lucille Creek, west then south then east to a non-visible line extending north from Lucille Creek, south along a non-visible line to Lucille Creek, east to Vine Road, south to Bonaparte Avenue, east to S Rue de la Paix Loop, north to W Montclair Avenue, east to W Lollybrock Drive, north then east to Foothills Boulevard, south to W Ronnies Circle, east then south to Overby Street, east then northeast to Saindon Street, east to Donovan Drive, northeast to S Clapp Street, south to Knik-Goose Bay Road, northeast to the boundary of the City of Wasilla, east then north then west then south then west then northwest then north then east then north then east around the city boundaries to Church Road, north to Shampine Avenue, east to N Sandhill Crane Street, north to W Trumpeter Swan Avenue, east then north to W Woodpecker Circle, east to N Infinite Road, north to the intersection with W Schrock Road, north along a non-visible line to the northern bank of the Little Susitna River, west along the northern bank to the boundary of the City of Houston, south to the point of beginning.

#### **House District 28 – Senate District N – Tanaina/Lakes**

House District 28 is bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of N Trunk Road and E Bogard Road, to E Seldon Road, then west along E Bogard Road to Wasilla-Fishhook Road, northeast to a non-visible line extending from near E Polar Bear Drive, north then west then south along a non-visible line to the eastern end of Burlwood Drive, west to E Schrock Road, north then southwest to N Infinite Road, south to W Woodpecker Circle, west to W Trumpeter Swan Avenue, south then west to N Sandhill Crane Street, south to Shampine Avenue, west to Church Road, south to the boundary of the City of Wasilla, east then south then east then south then southeast then north then east then south to the Parks Highway, east to S Trunk Road, north to N Old Trunk Road, north to E Palmer-Wasilla Highway, east to 49th Street, north to E Bogard Road, west to the point of beginning.

#### **House District 29 – Senate District O – Eastern Mat-Su/Valdez**

House District 29 includes all uplands and islands bounded by a line beginning at the northeastern-most corner of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, south then west then south along the borough boundary to the Nelchina River, east to the shoreline of Tazlina Lake, northeast along the western shoreline to the Tazlina River, east along the northern bank of the Tazlina River to the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, south to the Chugach ANRC boundary, east to the boundary of the Wrangell-Saint Elias National Park, south along

the park boundary to the boundary of the Chugach National Forest, west to a non-visible line extending east from the headwaters of the Lowe River, west along a non-visible line to the headwaters of the Lowe River, west to a non-visible line extending south from the Trans-Alaska Pipeline east of the boundary of the City of Valdez, north along a non-visible line to the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, west to boundary of the City of Valdez, south then west then north to the boundary of the Chugach National Forest on the northern shoreline of Valdez Arm, west to the entrance of Sawmill Bay, west across the entrance to boundary of the Chugach National Forest, southwest then west to the entrance of Columbia Bay, west across the entrance to the shoreline of Prince William Sound, west to the entrance of an unnamed bay east of Long Point, west across the entrance to the shoreline of Prince William Sound, west to the entrance of Long Channel, west across the entrance to the shoreline near Buyers Cove, southwest to a non-visible line extending northwest from Glacier Island, southeast along a non-visible line to the shoreline of Glacier Island, east along the shoreline to a non-visible line extending west from the northern-most point of Growler Island, east to Growler Island, east along a non-visible line to the shoreline of Glacier Island, south then west to the western-most point of Glacier Island, west to a peninsula of Land near Fairmount Bay, southwest to the entrance of a small bay, southwest across the entrance to the shoreline of Prince William Sound, southwest then north then northwest to the entrance of a small unnamed bay east of Fairmount Bay, northwest across the entrance to the shoreline, west to the entrance of Fairmount Bay, west across the entrance to a non-visible line extending north from Fairmount Island, south along a non-visible line to Fairmount Island, southeast then south then west then north to a non-visible line extending south from Fairmount Point, then north to the shoreline near Fairmount Point, north to the entrance of Wells Bay, west across the entrance to the shoreline near Unakwik Point, south then west to the entrance of Unakwik Inlet, southwest across the entrance to the shoreline north of Olsen Cove, south to a non-visible line extending west from Olsen Island, east to the shoreline of Olsen Island, northeast then southeast then south then west to a non-visible line extending east from a point south of Olsen Cove, west to the shoreline south of Olsen Cove, south then west to a small bay north of Kiniklik Island, west across the entrance to the shoreline, west to the entrance of a small bay northwest of Kiniklik Island, west across the entrance to the shoreline, west to the entrance of Eaglek Bay, southwest across the entrance to the shoreline of an island west of Eaglek Island, southwest then west to the western entrance of Eaglek Bay, west across the entrance to the shoreline, southwest then west to the entrance of a small cove east of Squaw Bay, west across the entrance to the shoreline, west to the entrance of an unnamed bay east of Squaw Bay, west across the entrance, west to the entrance of a small cove east of Squaw Bay, west across the entrance to the shoreline, northwest to the entrance of Squaw Bay, northwest across the entrance to the shoreline, west to the entrance of a small cove east of Esther Passage, west across the entrance to the shoreline, west to the entrance of a small cove east of Esther Passage, west across the entrance to the shoreline, west to the entrance of Esther Passage, west across the entrance to the shoreline, south then southwest to the entrance of Esther Bay, southwest across the entrance to the shoreline, southwest then west to the entrance of Quillian Bay, southwest across the entrance to the shoreline, west to the entrance of Lake Bay, west across the entrance to the shoreline, west to the eastern shoreline of Port Wells, west along a non-visible line to the western shoreline of Port Wells east of Entry Cove, west to the entrance of Entry Cove, west across the entrance to the shoreline, west to the entrance of Passage Canal, west across the entrance to the shoreline, south then west to the boundary of the City of Whittier, north then west to the boundary of the Municipality of Anchorage, north then east then north then west to Glacier Fork, northwest to Metal Creek, southwest to the Knik River, west along the northern bank of the Knik River to the confluence with Jim Creek, northeast then east then south then north then south then west around the headwaters of Jim Creek to the confluence with McRoberts Creek, northwest to a small stream near Jim Lake, northeast to the shoreline of Jim Lake, south then east then north to an unnamed creek on the

northeast side of the lake, northeast to the headwaters, northeast along a non-visible line to the ridgeline, northeast to a non-visible line extending southeast from a tributary of Wolverine Creek, northwest to a tributary of Wolverine Creek, northeast to its confluence with Wolverine Creek, northeast along a non-visible line to headwaters of an unnamed creek, northwest to the Matanuska River, west along a non-visible line to the northern bank of the Matanuska River east of Eska Creek, southwest to a non-visible line east of E Collier Road, west along a non-visible line to the Glenn Highway, south to N Farm Loop Road, west then south to Fence Line Drive, southeast to Monte Carlo Lane, south to E Biscane Drive, west to N Ryder Drive, south to N Palmer-Fishhook Road, west then northwest to N Trunk Road, southwest to E Bogard Road, to E Seldon Road, west to Wasilla-Fishhook Road, northeast to a non-visible line extending south from near E Polar Bear Drive, north then west then south along a non-visible line to the eastern end of Burlwood Drive, west to E Schrock Road, north then southwest to the intersection with N Infinite Road, north along a non-visible line to the northern bank of the Little Susitna River, northeast to N Sushana Drive, west then east to Schwald Road, east to Moose Meadows Road, northeast to an unnamed creek, northwest to a non-visible line extending west from an unnamed creek, east along a non-visible line to an unnamed creek, north to a non-visible line extending south from the Bald Mountain Ridgeline, north along a non-visible line to the Bald Mountain Ridgeline, north to the Talkeetna Mountains Ridgeline, northeast to a non-visible line extending south from the headwaters of Bartholf Creek, north to Bartholf Creek, north to the confluence with the Kashwitna River, north along a non-visible line to the headwaters of Sheep Creek, northwest to the Iron Creek Trail, north to the Sheep River, west to the Talkeetna River, north to a non-visible line extending southeast from Cache Lake, northwest along a non-visible line to Cache Lake, northeast along a non-visible line to a tributary of Disappointment Creek, northwest to a non-visible line extending east from a tributary of Chunilna Creek, west to a tributary of Chunilna Creek, west to the confluence with Chunilna Creek, north to the Philips Lake Trail, northwest to Deadhorse Creek, northwest to the eastern bank of the Susitna River, north to the Alaska Railroad, north then west to the Parks Highway, north to the boundary of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, east then north then east to the point of beginning.

#### **House District 30 – Senate District O – Houston/Big Lake/Parks Highway**

House District 30 is bounded by a line beginning at northeastern-most corner of the Denali Borough, west then southwest then south to the boundary of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, south then east then southeast then northeast along the borough boundary to a non-visible line extending south from the mouth of Crocker Creek, north to the mouth of Crocker Creek, northeast to Settlers Bay Drive, northwest to Crocker Creek, west then north to S Settlers Bay Drive, northeast then northwest to S Knik-Goose Bay Road, southwest to Carmel Road, west to S Aurora Drive, south then west to S Northern Lights Drive, south to Shearwater Street, west to Hallie Drive, north to W Carmel Road, west to the end of W Carmel Road, west along a non-visible line to an unnamed creek north of Threemile Lake, northeast to a non-visible line extending south from S Pond Lily Lane, north to S Pond Lily Lane, north to non-visible line extending south from Whale Lake, north along a non-visible line to Whale Lake, west then northeast along the shoreline to a non-visible line extending north to an unnamed lake, north along a non-visible line to an unnamed lake, east then north then west to a non-visible line extending south from Lucille Creek, north along a non-visible line to Lucille Creek, east to a non-visible line extending south from the boundary of the City of Houston east of W Eastwind Circle, north along a non-visible line to the boundary of the City of Houston, east then north along the city boundary to the northern bank of the Little Susitna River, east then northeast along the northern bank to N Sushana Drive, west then east to Schwald Road, east to Moose Meadows Road, northeast to an unnamed creek, northwest to a non-visible line extending west from an unnamed creek, east along a non-visible line to an unnamed creek,



north to a non-visible line extending south from the Bald Mountain Ridgeline, north along a non-visible line to the Bald Mountain Ridgeline, north to the Talkeetna Mountains Ridgeline, northeast to a non-visible line extending south from the headwaters of Bartholf Creek, north to Bartholf Creek, north to the confluence with the Kashwitna River, north along a non-visible line to the headwaters of Sheep Creek, northwest to the Iron Creek Trail, north to the Sheep River, west to the Talkeetna River, north to a non-visible line extending southeast from Cache Lake, northwest along a non-visible line to Cache Lake, northeast along a non-visible line to a tributary of Disappointment Creek, northwest to a non-visible line extending east from a tributary of Chunilna Creek, west to a tributary of Chunilna Creek, west to the confluence with Chunilna Creek, north to the Philips Lake Trail, northwest to Deadhorse Creek, northwest to the eastern bank of the Susitna River, north to the Alaska Railroad, north then west to the Parks Highway, north to the boundary of Denali Borough, east then north to the point of beginning.

### **House District 31 – Senate District P – Downtown Fairbanks**

House District 31 is bounded by a line beginning at intersection of the Old Richardson Highway and Easy Street, south on Easy Street to the boundary of the City of Fairbanks, south then west then north then west then north then west then north then west then north then east then north then east along the city boundary to the confluence of the Chena River with Noyes Slough, north along a non-visible line to the southern bank of Noyes Slough, northeast to the boundary of the City of Fairbanks, north then east then south then east then north then east to Farmers Loop Road Extended, southeast to a non-visible line extending west from the New Steese Highway, east along a non-visible line to the New Steese Highway, south to the New Richardson Highway, south to a ramp to S Cushman Street, south to the Mitchell Expressway, west to S Cushman Street, south to the Old Richardson Highway, east to the point of beginning.

### **House District 32 – Senate District P – East Fairbanks/Fort Wainwright**

House District 32 is bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Ownby Road and Benn Lane, north on Benn Lane to Bradway Road, east to Burgess Airstrip Road, north to Badger Road, north then northwest to Endecott Avenue, west to Mattie Street, north to Bobanna Lane, west to a jeep trail, north to Badger Road, west to Joy Drive, north to Canono Road, north to Micheal Lane, west to the end of Michael Lane, west along a non-visible line to the southern bank of the Chena River, north along the southern bank to a non-visible line south of Homestead Road, north along a non-visible line to the northern bank of the Chena River, west then southwest to an unnamed creek extended southeast of Homestead Road N, northwest to Homestead Road N, north to a jeep trail, northwest to the boundary of the City of Fairbanks, north then west then south then west to Farmers Loop Road Extended, southeast to a non-visible line extending west from the New Steese Highway, east along a non-visible line to the New Steese Highway, south to the New Richardson Highway, south to a ramp to S Cushman Street, south to the Mitchell Expressway, west to S Cushman Street, south to the Old Richardson Highway, east to Easy Street, south to the boundary of the City of Fairbanks, east then south to the northern bank of the Tanana River, east to an unnamed creek near Levee Way, north to the Richardson Highway, east to the boundary of the City of North Pole, northwest then north then east to an unnamed creek west of Boulder Avenue, northeast to a non-visible line west of Lions Road, northeast along a non-visible line to Badger Road, north to Marigold Road, west to Woll Road, south to Ownby Road, west to the point of beginning.

### **House District 33- Senate District Q - North Pole/Badger**

House District 33 is bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Ownby Road and Benn Lane, north on Benn Lane to Bradway Road, east to Burgess Airstrip Road, north to Badger Road, north then northwest to Endecott Avenue, west to Mattie Street, north to Bobanna Lane, west to a jeep trail, north to Badger Road, west to Joy Drive, north to Canono Road, north to Micheal Lane, west to the end of Michael Lane, west along a non-visible line to the southern bank of the Chena River, north along the southern bank to a non-visible line south of Homestead Road, north along a non-visible line to the northern bank of the Chena River, west then southwest to an unnamed creek extended southeast of Homestead Road N, northwest to Homestead Road N, north to a jeep trail, northwest to the boundary of the City of Fairbanks, east then north then west along the city boundary to a non-visible line extending southeast from the end of Falcon View Street, northwest to the end of Falcon View Street, east then north to Chena Hot Springs Road, east to Hopper Creek, southeast to a winter trail east of Severns Road, east to the Little Chena River, east along the northern bank to a non-visible line just north of a Sled Road, east along a non-visible line to the southern bank of the Little Chena River, south to a Sled Road, east to a non-visible line extending north from Mullen Slough, south along a non-visible line to Mullen Slough, southeast to the confluence with the Chena River, southwest along the northern bank to a non-visible line just west of the boundary of Eielson Air Force Base, west then south along a non-visible line to the boundary of Eielson Air Force Base, south then west to the Richardson Highway, northwest to the Moose Creek Dam Levee, southwest to the Alaska Railroad, southwest to Dyke Road, south to Piledriver Slough, south across a non-visible line to the northern bank of the Tanana River, northwest along the northern bank to an unnamed creek near Levee Way, north to the Richardson Highway, east to the boundary of the City of North Pole, northwest then north then east to an unnamed creek west of Boulder Avenue, northeast to an non-visible line west of Lions Road, northeast along a non-visible line to Badger Road, north to Marigold Road, west to Woll Road, south to Ownby Road, west to the point of beginning.

### **House District 34 – Senate District Q – Steele Creek/Two Rivers/Eielson/Salcha**

House District 34 is bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Farmers Loop Road and Iniakuk Avenue, east on Iniakuk Avenue to Henrik Court, south then southeast to the end of Henrik Court, southeast then east along a non-visible line to RJ Loop, north then east then south to a non-visible line extending west from the intersection of College Road and Alaska Way, east along a non-visible line to College Road, east to the boundary of the City of Fairbanks, east then south then northeast then north then east then north then east then north along the city boundary to a non-visible line extending southeast from the end of Falcon View Street, northwest to the end of Falcon View Street, east then north to Chena Hot Springs Road, east to Hopper Creek, southeast to a winter trail east of Severns Road, east to the Little Chena River, east along the northern bank to a non-visible line just north of a Sled Road, east along a non-visible line to the southern bank of the Little Chena River, south to a Sled Road, east to a non-visible line extending north from Mullen Slough, south along a non-visible line to Mullen Slough, southeast to the confluence with the Chena River, southwest along the northern bank to a non-visible line just west of the boundary of Eielson Air Force Base, west then south along a non-visible line to the boundary of Eielson Air Force Base, south then west to the Richardson Highway, northwest to the Moose Creek Dam Levee, southwest to the Alaska Railroad, southwest to Dyke Road, south to Piledriver Slough, south across a non-visible line to the northern bank of the Tanana River, southeast along the northern bank to a non-visible line south of Loon Song Lane, southwest along a non-visible line to the southern bank of the Tanana River, southeast to the boundary of the Fairbanks North Star Borough,

northeast then north then west along the borough boundary to a non-visible line extending east from the headwaters of Boulder Creek, west along a non-visible line to the headwaters of Boulder Creek, south to the confluence with the north fork of the Chena River, southwest to Chena Hot Springs Road, west to a trail north of Chena Hot Springs Road, west to W Fork Road, northwest to Trapper Loop, southwest then southeast to a trail north of Chena Hot Springs Road, southwest to Chena Hot Springs Road, south to a 4WD road west of Chena Hot Springs Road, south to Angel Creek, west to a non-visible line extending south from the headwaters of Chena Dome Runoff Creek, north then west along a non-visible line to the headwaters of Chena Dome Runoff Creek, west to the little Chena River, southwest to the confluence with Miller Creek, north to Fish Creek, west to Fairbanks Creek Road, north to a small tributary of Fairbanks Creek, south to Fairbanks Creek, west to a non-visible line extending south from an unnamed road, north along a non-visible line to the unnamed road, east to a non-visible line extending north from Fairbanks Creek, south along a non-visible line to Fairbanks Creek, west to Fairbanks Creek Road, west then southwest then northwest to Skiland Road, southwest to Pedro Dome Road, west then southwest to an unnamed road, west to a non-visible line extending north from the end of Silver Fox Road, south along a non-visible line to Silver Fox Road, west then southwest to Old Murphy Dome Road, southwest to a trail near the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, south to the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, south to a non-visible line north of Goldstream Creek, west along a non-visible line to Goldstream Creek, southwest to an unnamed lake, southwest along the southern shoreline to Goldstream Creek, west to a non-visible line extending northeast from Ballaine Road, southwest along a non-visible line to Ballaine Road, south to Farmers Loop Road, south to the point of beginning.

#### **House District 35 – Senate District R – College/Ester/Chena Ridge**

House District 35 is bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of the boundary of the Fairbanks North Star Borough and the Alaska Railroad, northeast then east then southeast along the railroad to Sheep Creek Road, north to Goldstream Creek, southeast then east to a non-visible line extending north from Miller Hill Road, south along a non-visible line to Miller Hill Road, south to a non-visible line north of Railroad Drive, northeast along a non-visible line to Ballaine Road, south to Farmers Loop Road, south to Iniakuk Avenue, east to Henrik Court, south then southeast to the end of Henrik Court, southeast then east along a non-visible line to RJ Loop, north then east then south to a non-visible line extending west from the intersection of College Road and Alaska Way, east along a non-visible line to College Road, east to the boundary of the City of Fairbanks, southwest along the city boundary to the southern bank of Noyes Slough, south along the southern bank of Noyes Slough to the Chena River, south along a non-visible line to the boundary of the City of Fairbanks, south then west then southeast then east then south then east then north then east then south along the city boundary to the northern bank of the Tanana River, southeast along the northern bank to a non-visible line south of Loon Song Lane, southwest along a non-visible line to the southern bank of the Tanana River, southeast to the boundary of the Fairbanks North Star Borough, west then northwest then north to the point of beginning.

#### **House District 36- Senate District R – Copper River Basin/Delta/Tok/Yukon Drainage**

House District 36 is bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of the southern boundary of the North Slope Borough and the Canadian Border, south along the border to the Chugach ANRC boundary, northwest then west to the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, north to the northern bank of the Tazlina River, west to Tazlina Lake, southwest along the northern shoreline to the Nelchina River, west to the boundary of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, north then east then north then west to the boundary of the Denali

Borough, north to the boundary of the Fairbanks North Star Borough, east then northeast then north then west along the borough boundary to a non-visible line extending east from the headwaters of Boulder Creek, west to the headwaters of Boulder Creek, south to the confluence with the north fork of the Chena River, southwest to Chena Hot Springs Road, west to a trail north of Chena Hot Springs Road, west to W Fork Road, northwest to Trapper Loop, southwest then southeast to a trail north of Chena Hot Springs Road, southwest to Chena Hot Springs Road, south to a 4WD road west of Chena Hot Springs Road, south to Angel Creek, west to a non-visible line extending south from the headwaters of Chena Dome Runoff Creek, north then west along a non-visible line to the headwaters of Chena Dome Runoff Creek, west to the little Chena River, southwest to the confluence with Miller Creek, north to Fish Creek, west to Fairbanks Creek Road, north to a small tributary of Fairbanks Creek, south to Fairbanks Creek, west to a non-visible line extending south from an unnamed road, north along a non-visible line to the unnamed road, east to a non-visible line extending north from Fairbanks Creek, south along a non-visible line to Fairbanks Creek, west to Fairbanks Creek Road, west then southwest then northwest to Skiland Road, southwest to Pedro Dome Road, west then southwest to an unnamed road, west to a non-visible line extending north from the end of Silver Fox Road, south along a non-visible line to Silver Fox Road, west then southwest to Old Murphy Dome Road, southwest to a trail near the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, south to the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, south to a non-visible line north of Goldstream Creek, west along a non-visible line to Goldstream Creek, southwest to an unnamed lake, southwest along the southern shoreline to Goldstream Creek, west to a non-visible line extending northeast from Ballaine Road, southwest along a non-visible line to Ballaine Road, southwest along a non-visible line to Miller Hill Road north of Railroad Drive, north to the end of Miller Hill Road, north along a non-visible line to Goldstream Creek, west then northwest to Sheep Creek Road, south to the Alaska Railroad, north then west then southwest to the boundary of the Fairbanks North Star Borough, south then southeast to the boundary of the Denali Borough, west then southwest then south to the boundary of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, south to the boundary of the Doyon ANRC, west then north then northeast then north to the boundary of the North Slope Borough, east then north then east to the point of beginning.

#### **House District 37 – Senate District S – Bristol Bay/Aleutians/Kuspuk**

House District 37 includes all uplands and islands bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of the Doyon ANRC boundary and the western boundary of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, south then east then southeast along the borough boundary to the centerline of Cook Inlet, southwest then south to a non-visible line west of Diamond Creek, east along a non-visible line to the entrance of Kachemak Bay, south across the entrance to the shoreline near Point Pogibshi, south along the shoreline to the entrance of Port Graham, southeast then southwest then northwest along the northern shoreline of Port Graham to an unnamed creek, southwest to a non-visible line extending east from an unnamed lake on the English Bay River, east along a non-visible line to an unnamed lake, south along the western shoreline to an unnamed creek, west then south to the Mount Bede Ridgeline, northwest to a non-visible line extending southeast from an unnamed creek north of Point Bede, northwest to an unnamed creek, west to the shoreline of Cook Inlet, south to the entrance of Kennedy Entrance, south across the entrance to the boundary of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, west then southwest to the 3-mile limit of the Pacific Ocean near Sukoi Bay, southwest along the 3-mile limit to the boundary of the Lake and Peninsula Borough, southwest to the boundary of the Aleutians East Borough including Chirikof and the Semedi Islands, southwest then northwest then east around the entire Aleutian Island Chain and the Pribilof Islands to the western Bristol Bay ANRC boundary south of Port Heiden, northeast then north then west to the Calista ANRC boundary, west then north to a non-visible line north of the Indian River, east then southeast along a non-visible line to the shoreline of the Carter Bay north of the Indian River,

south to the mouth of the Indian River, east to the confluence with the north fork of the Indian River, east to the headwaters of the north fork of the Indian River, southeast along a non-visible line to the headwaters of Camp Creek, east to the confluence with Barnum Creek, southeast to the confluence with Native Creek, south to the confluence with the Goodnews River, northeast to Goodnews Lake, northeast along the southern shoreline to Igniumanik Creek, northeast to the Bristol Bay ANRC boundary, northeast to the boundary of the Kuspuk School District, northwest then north to the Doyon ANRC boundary, east to the point of beginning.

#### **House District 38 – Senate District S – Lower Kuskokwim**

House District 38 includes all uplands and islands bounded by a line beginning at the boundary of the Kuspuk School District and the southern boundary of the Kusilvak Census Area, southwest along the census area boundary to a non-visible line extending south from the headwaters of the Pitmik River, north along a non-visible line to the Pitmik River, north then west along the southern bank to the confluence with the Kashunuk River, west along the northern bank to the confluence with the Kokechik River, west along the southern bank to the confluence with Komoiarak Slough, southwest to the headwaters of Komoiarak Slough, northwest then southwest along a non-visible line to the eastern boundary of the City of Hooper Bay, south to the shoreline of Hooper Bay, east to a non-visible line extending out east and north from south of the City of Hooper Bay, south then west along a non-visible line to the 3-mile limit of the Bering Sea, south then southwest to a non-visible line north of the Indian River including Saint Matthew and Nunivak Islands, east then southeast along a non-visible line to the shoreline of Carter Bay north of the Indian River, south to the mouth of the Indian River, east to the confluence with the north fork of the Indian River, east to the headwaters of the north fork of the Indian River, southeast along a non-visible line to the headwaters of Camp Creek, east to the confluence with Barnum Creek, southeast to the confluence with Native Creek, south to the confluence with the Goodnews River, northeast to Goodnews Lake, northeast along the southern shoreline to Igniumanik Creek, northeast to the Bristol Bay ANRC boundary, northeast to the boundary of the Kuspuk School District, northwest then north to the point of beginning.

#### **House District 39 – Senate District T – Bering Straits/Yukon Delta**

House District 39 includes all uplands and islands bounded by a line beginning at the northern-most point for the Bering Straits ANRC boundary, south then east to the Doyon ANRC boundary, south to the boundary of the Kuspuk School District, south to the boundary of the Kusilvak Census Area, southwest along the census area boundary to a non-visible line extending south from the headwaters of the Pitmik River, north along a non-visible line to the Pitmik River, north then west along the southern bank to the confluence with the Kashunuk River, west along the northern bank to the confluence with the Kokechik River, west along the southern bank to the confluence with Komoiarak Slough, southwest to the headwaters of Komoiarak Slough, northwest then southwest along a non-visible line to the eastern boundary of the City of Hooper Bay, south to the shoreline of Hooper Bay, east to a non-visible line extending out east and north from south of the City of Hooper Bay, south then west along a non-visible line to the 3-mile limit of the Bering Sea, north along the 3-mile limit to the Bering Straits ANRC boundary, northeast then west then north including Saint Lawrence and Little Diomed Islands to the point of beginning.

**House District 40 – Senate District T – Arctic**

House District 40 includes all uplands and islands within the Northwest Arctic Borough and the North Slope Borough.

## April 2022 Senate Term Allocation Table

	New Senate District	Previous 2013 Senate District (election year)	Largest Remaining Constituency	Percentage of Constituency Change	Election years	Truncated due to (1) population change or (2) election term assignment
Ketchikan, Sitka	A	R (2020)	98.1%	1.9%	2022, 2026, 2030	<i>yes, term</i>
Juneau	B	Q (2018)	100.0%	0.0%	2022, 2024, 2028	<i>yes, 2nd term</i>
Kodiak, Homer	C	P (2020)	92.5%	7.5%	2022, 2026, 2030	<i>yes, term</i>
Kenai/Soldotna/Nikiski	D	O (2018)	95.0%	5.0%	2022, 2024, 2028	<i>yes, 2nd term</i>
Anchorage	E	G (2018)	49.9%	50.1%	2022, 2026, 2030	<i>no truncation</i>
Anchorage	F	M (2018)	95.0%	5.0%	2022, 2024, 2028	<i>yes, 2nd term</i>
Anchorage	G	L (2020)	76.5%	23.5%	2022, 2026, 2030	<i>yes, population</i>
Anchorage	H	K (2018)	88.3%	11.7%	2022, 2024, 2028	<i>yes, 2nd term</i>
Anchorage	I	I (2018)	64.3%	35.7%	2022, 2026, 2030	<i>no truncation</i>
Anchorage	J	J (2020)	83.7%	16.3%	2022, 2024, 2028	<i>yes, both</i>
Anchorage	K	H (2020)	52.7%	47.3%	2022, 2026, 2030	<i>yes, population</i>
Anchorage	L	G (2018)	47.0%	53.0%	2022, 2024, 2028	<i>yes, 2nd term</i>
Matsu	M	F (2020)	73.8%	26.2%	2022, 2026, 2030	<i>yes, population</i>
Matsu	N	D (2020)	66.6%	33.4%	2022, 2024, 2028	<i>yes, both</i>
Matsu	O	E (2018)	70.8%	29.2%	2022, 2026, 2030	<i>no truncation</i>
Fairbanks, City	P	A (2018)	98.3%	1.7%	2022, 2024, 2028	<i>yes, 2nd term</i>
North Pole/FNSB	Q	B (2020)	78.3%	21.7%	2022, 2026, 2030	<i>yes, population</i>
Interior/Ester	R	C (2018)	60.7%	39.3%	2022, 2024, 2028	<i>yes, both</i>
Bristol Bay/Bethel	S	S (2018)	95.6%	4.4%	2022, 2026, 2030	<i>no truncation</i>
Northwest Arctic/North Slope	T	T (2020)	97.5%	2.5%	2024, 2028	<i>no truncation</i>

*Note: Previous 2013 Senate Seat N was divided among new seats K (47.3%), E (46.9%) and F (5%) and did not constitute a plurality of any new seat*



		2022 April Proclamation																			
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T
2013 Amended Proclamation	A																	36206			
	B																	0	28869	6271	
	C																	610	8013	22271	
	D																				
	E				0		272											1619			
	F																	9325			
	G														7739	454	8193	26569			5293
	H														16955	27768	4345	3			
	I																				
	J										9300			19347							
	K									4372	274	23453	5866								
	L										0	206	30507		4802						
	M									2447	32098	434	73								
	N									28064	3978	3059									
	O																				
	P							903	34493												
	Q							17109	1827												
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		2022 April Proclamation																		
2013 Amended Proclamation	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T
	A	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	98.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	B	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	78.3%	17.1%	0.0%
	C	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.3%	1.7%	21.7%	60.7%	0.0%
	D	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%	66.6%	24.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	E	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.2%	21.8%	70.8%	0.0%	0.0%	14.4%	0.0%
	F	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	21.5%	73.8%	11.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	G	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	49.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	47.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	H	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	25.5%	0.0%	52.7%	18.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
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	K	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6.7%	88.3%	1.2%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	L	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	76.5%	10.9%	8.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	M	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	95.0%	5.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	N	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	46.9%	5.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	47.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	O	0.0%	0.0%	7.5%	95.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	P	1.8%	0.0%	92.5%	5.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%	0.0%
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	T	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.9%	2.7%	97.5%

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## ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

Date: Saturday April 2, 2022

Time: **New time: 2:00pm** ~~10:00 am~~

Place: Anchorage Legislative Information Office, Denali Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
1500 West Benson Blvd, Anchorage 99503 and Zoom.  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85829474438?pwd=S1dhcUJiOUp0U1FaWi9HZHkzOWxvdz09>

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### Agenda

1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Adoption of Minutes from February 16, 2022 meeting
4. Public Testimony
5. Review of Supreme Court Decision, Matt Singer, Schwabe
6. Adjournment

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## ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

Date: Monday April 4, 2022

Time: **8:00am**

Place: Anchorage Legislative Information Office, Denali Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
1500 West Benson Blvd, Anchorage 99503 and Zoom.  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/92791054072?pwd=N05PUUNWQzIEQ29sUTcxdC9RWXBxUT09>

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### Agenda

1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Public Testimony
4. Discussion: Process
5. Public Testimony
6. Adjournment

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## ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

Date: Tuesday April 5, 2022

Time: **10:00am**

Place: Anchorage Legislative Information Office, Denali Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
1500 West Benson Blvd, Anchorage 99503 and Zoom.  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81181793309?pwd=dndjOE1lRElrclhQTkVGK2JrRWV5QT09>

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### Agenda

1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Public Testimony
4. Board Member Comments
5. Adjournment

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## ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

Date: Wednesday April 6, 2022

Time: **10:00am**

Place: Anchorage Legislative Information Office, Denali Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
1500 West Benson Blvd, Anchorage 99503 and Zoom.  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81645951458?pwd=ejlodmVHMTIzYUY1WU93UGNnMkh2QT09>

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### Agenda

1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Public Testimony Specific to District 29, 30 and 36
4. Possible Adoption of revised District 29, 30 and 36
5. Public Testimony, All topics
6. Consideration of alternative pairings proposals
7. Adjournment

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## ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

Date: April 7, 2022

Time: Thursday, April 7: 12:00pm (noon)

Place: Anchorage Legislative Information Office, Denali Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
1500 West Benson Blvd, Anchorage 99503 and Zoom.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89928032095?pwd=aHVxTXdNVEhNNTNvL0xMeVhkaXc3QT09>

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### Agenda

1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Public Testimony
4. Adjournment

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## ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

Date: April 8, 2022

Time: Friday, April 8: 10:00am

Place: Anchorage Legislative Information Office, Denali Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
1500 West Benson Blvd, Anchorage 99503 and Zoom.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84824044220?pwd=L2luNm9GeEQzeGdUemVTZ3p2ZnBsdz09>

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### Agenda

1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Public Testimony
4. Adjournment



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## ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

Date: April 9, 2022

Time: Saturday, April 9: 12:00pm (noon)

Place: Anchorage Legislative Information Office, Denali Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
1500 West Benson Blvd, Anchorage 99503 and Zoom.

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### Agenda

1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Public Testimony
4. Adjournment

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## ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

Date: April 13, 2022

Time: Wednesday, April 13: 1:00pm

Place: Anchorage Legislative Information Office, Denali Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
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### Agenda

1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Discussion of proposed Anchorage Senate Pairings
4. Possible Adoption of Anchorage Senate Pairings
5. Possible Adoption of Revised Proclamation
6. Adjournment

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15     **Members Present:**

16     John Binkley, Chair of the Board

17     Melanie Bahnke, Board Member

18     Bethany Marcum, Board Member

19     Nicole Borromeo, Board Member

20     Peter Torkelson, Executive Director

21     Matt Singer, Legal Counsel

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**ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD**

**BOARD MEETING**

**APRIL 2, 2022**

1 P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 00:00:00

4 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Well, we're going to  
5 call the meeting of the Alaska Redistricting Board to  
6 order. It's April 2nd, at 2 p.m.

7 Mr. Executive director, if you could please  
8 call the roll to establish a quorum is present.

9 MR. TORKELSON: Yes. Thank you,  
10 Mr. Chairman.

11 Member Borrromeo.

12 MEMBER BORRROMEO: Here.

13 MR. TORKELSON: Member Marcum.

14 MEMBER MARCUM: Here.

15 MR. TORKELSON: Member Bahnke.

16 MEMBER BAHNKE: I'm here.

17 MR. TORKELSON: And Member Binkley.

18 CHAIR BINKLEY: I am here.

19 MR. TORKELSON: Okay. We have four members  
20 present and accounted for. We have a quorum.

21 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. We might also mention  
22 that Member Simpson, due to a death in the family,  
23 was not able to participate today, and we've excused  
24 his absence here. But he does plan to be here on  
25 Monday when we resume.

1                   What I would like to do is, since I'm not  
2   able to be on videoconference, I would like to turn  
3   it over to Member Borrromeo, who is there in the  
4   meeting, to chair the meeting if you would, Member  
5   Borrromeo.

6                   MEMBER BORRROMEO: Happy to, John. Thank  
7   you.

8                   CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you.

9                   MEMBER BORRROMEO: I'd like to ask those  
10   online, if you're not speaking, to please mute your  
11   phone. We are getting a lot of background noise  
12   here, and we're going to have a review of the Supreme  
13   Court decision from the board's attorney coming up,  
14   and I'm sure everyone is going to want to be able to  
15   hear that loud and clear.

16                   So moving on to agenda item No. 2 is the  
17   adoption of the agenda. I'd like to entertain a  
18   motion and a second.

19                   CHAIR BINKLEY: So moved to adopt the  
20   agenda.

21                   MEMBER BAHNKE: Madam Chairwoman, I second.

22                   And, Peter, I have a request for you. Are  
23   you able to pull up the documents that we're  
24   reviewing onto the screen as we review them, like the  
25   agenda?

1           MR. TORKELSON: Well, I may be able to do  
2   that, yes. Let me take a moment to shift gears, but  
3   yes, I think I can do that.

4           MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. While Peter's doing  
5   that, there's a motion and a second to adopt the  
6   agenda. Is there any opposition?

7           Hearing none, the agenda is adopted.

8           Agenda item No. 3 is the adoption of minutes  
9   from February 16th, 2022. I'd like to entertain a  
10   motion and a second to adopt those, as well.

11          CHAIR BINKLEY: Madam Chair, I would move  
12   for adoption of the minutes (indiscernible).

13          MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you.

14          MEMBER MARCUM: Seconded.

15          MEMBER BAHNKE: Oh, okay.

16          MEMBER BORROMEO: I believe that was  
17   Melanie. So a motion and a second to adopt the  
18   February 16th minutes. Any objection?

19          Hearing none, those are also unanimously  
20   adopted.

21          MEMBER BAHNKE: Madam Chair, (indiscernible)  
22   Bethany who seconded.

23          MEMBER BORROMEO: Oh, that was Bethany.  
24   Thank you for that correction. We'll go ahead and  
25   make sure that that's noted.



1                   Agenda item No. 4, we are cruising right  
2    along here, is public testimony.

3                   The redistricting board has been faithful  
4    about opening our meetings and ending them with  
5    public testimony, so we'd like to (indiscernible) --

6                   (Video recording begins playing.)

7                   MR. TORKELSON: I think we're back.

8                   MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. We're back now.

9    Mr. Zuckerberg is having a barbecue, and we are here  
10   in Anchorage, Alaska, ready to take public testimony  
11   on the Alaska Redistricting Board's maps and Senate  
12   pairings.

13                  So we'd like to open the floor right now to  
14   public testimony. We do have a number of Alaskans in  
15   the room and online. We have 14 individuals online,  
16   I see here.

17                  So I think what we'll do, in the interest of  
18   time, is just get straight to it. And we'll go to  
19   the folks online, if that's okay with those in the  
20   room.

21                  We're going to start with --

22                  (Audio feedback.)

23                  MR. TORKELSON: I got that (indiscernible).

24                  MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. Anna Brawley.

25                  If we can unmute Anna, we'll take her public

1 testimony first.

2 MS. BRAWLEY: Yes, Chair. Can you hear me?

3 MEMBER BORROMEO: We can. Good morning --  
4 or good afternoon, Anna.

5 MS. BRAWLEY: Thank you. For the record, my  
6 name is Anna Brawley, and I'm an Anchorage resident,  
7 and specifically in the neighborhood of Turnagain.

8 So I'm calling today just to -- so I  
9 understand that the -- the Court rulings had to do  
10 with East Anchorage and not our area in West  
11 Anchorage, but I was just calling in to provide  
12 testimony that if you are considering changing of the  
13 pairing of the House districts and Senate districts,  
14 that I would support pairing House Districts 14 and  
15 16 together instead of what's being proposed or has  
16 already been done.

17 And the reason is because in West Anchorage  
18 and Midtown, there is a fair amount of continuity.  
19 You know, we have a residential area. We also have  
20 the airport on the far west side.

21 And then -- and then we have the connection  
22 of Northern Lights Boulevard, which is -- kind of  
23 transitions from residential into commercial in  
24 Midtown. So, you know, we in Turnagain, and then  
25 folks in Spenard, you know, we are very similar

1 neighborhoods. I actually live in the part of  
2 Turnagain that people think it's Spenard usually, and  
3 just a lot of established neighborhoods, similar  
4 interests.

5 And then a lot of -- you know, a lot of  
6 folks use the Midtown Northern Lights commercial area  
7 all the way to Rogers Park for our shopping and other  
8 needs.

9 So anyway, just encouraging that if you are  
10 considering other pairings, that you pair House  
11 District 14 and 16 together. Thank you.

12 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you, Anna. We  
13 appreciate your time today.

14 Next in the queue is Casey Kasort, Casey  
15 from Fairbanks.

16 MS. KASORT: Hi. Thank you for sharing  
17 testimony today.

18 My name is Casey Kasort, and I'm calling and  
19 representing myself.

20 I have to say, I'm not at all surprised by  
21 the Alaska Supreme Court decision overturning the  
22 gerrymandered map, since myself and so many other  
23 Alaskans called in so many times, waited hours and  
24 hours on hold to testify, and specifically identified  
25 the areas that would be unconstitutional. And you

1 ignored public input for partisan maps that were,  
2 indeed, unconstitutional.

3 I'm also a little dismayed that you're  
4 hearing new public testimony now rather than simply  
5 looking at that enormous body of testimony that you  
6 already have but decided to ignore last year.

7 But since we are here, I will urge you to  
8 act immediately to wrap up this confusing process by  
9 adopting a map that has already been vetted through  
10 the whole public process, which would mean adopting  
11 the Senate pairings that were proposed by Board  
12 Member Melanie Bahnke.

13 In conclusion, I'd really like to see  
14 redistricting wrapped up quickly and constitutionally  
15 this time so that we can focus on navigating the  
16 upcoming special election and our first election  
17 cycle with ranked-choice voting.

18 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you very much,  
19 Casey.

20 Next in the queue is Senator Begich.

21 SENATOR BEGICH: I'm not on to testify. I'm  
22 just here to listen.

23 MEMBER BORROMEO: Oh, you're just here to  
24 listen. Thank you, Senator.

25 Nicky Eiseman from Ester.

1 MS. EISEMAN: (Indiscernible.)

2 MEMBER BORROMEO: Good afternoon, Nicky.

3 MS. EISEMAN: Hi. Okay. Nicky Eiseman  
4 calling in from Ester. And just like Casey, I, too,  
5 am urging the board to adopt the Senate pairings  
6 suggested by Member Melanie Bahnke. And yes, would  
7 love to get this process done as soon as possible.

8 As a Fairbanksan, I also wanted to speak  
9 once again about the error of including residents of  
10 Goldstream Valley in its current district, which is  
11 largely rural. Residents of Goldstream are largely  
12 urban in nature and definitely drive to work to  
13 Fairbanks every day. They work and play in  
14 Fairbanks. And any other characterization of that is  
15 false.

16 All testimony regarding Goldstream Valley  
17 supported inclusion of Goldstream Valley residents  
18 into a Fairbanks district. And it was particularly  
19 galling to me to see the chairman, who is from  
20 Fairbanks, suggest otherwise, because he was a  
21 Fairbanks expert and so everybody looked to him, and  
22 seemed to really ignore all the testimony which  
23 talked about Fairbanks being part of -- of Goldstream  
24 Valley being part of the university community, being  
25 part of the Fairbanks community.

1           Given the focus on public testimony in this  
2 whole redistricting process, I want to take a moment  
3 to just revisit the evening at the Carlson Center  
4 when there was testimony. And I'm bringing this up  
5 now because I always think there's a possibility to  
6 do something better in the future.

7           I went in. I was planning to testify, and I  
8 watched person after person being, what I'm going to  
9 call, grilled.

10           You know, when you testify, you're giving  
11 your opinion, and you're stating why it's important  
12 to you. But you're not there to allow the chair to  
13 make a point, to be the expert. You're there just to  
14 state your opinion.

15           And after watching three or four people  
16 being in what felt like very intimidating situations  
17 by the questions they were asked by the chair, I  
18 decided not to testify.

19           So I just -- I just want to say that, to  
20 speak to the importance of accepting testimony for  
21 what it is and not using the chair -- the voice of  
22 the chair to try and turn it into something other  
23 than testimony.

24           So thank you for hearing me.

25           MEMBER BORROMEO: You're welcome. Thank you

1 for calling in, Nicky.

2 Also from Fairbanks, next is Luke Hopkins.

3 MR. HOPKINS: Thank you very much. Can you  
4 hear me? I'm Luke Hopkins.

5 MEMBER BORROMEO: We can hear you loud and  
6 clear. Go ahead.

7 MR. HOPKINS: Thank you very much. I --

8 AUTOMATED VOICE: The host would like you to  
9 unmute your microphone. You can press star 6 to  
10 unmute.

11 MR. HOPKINS: Can you hear me?

12 MEMBER BORROMEO: We can hear you, Luke. Go  
13 ahead, please.

14 Okay. There seems to be a little bit of  
15 technical difficulty with Luke.

16 So what we'll do is we'll move on next to  
17 Carolyn Cliff (phonetic) in Anchorage, and then  
18 hopefully we can get the problem with Luke figured  
19 out.

20 Carolyn?

21 MR. HOPKINS: Am I there?

22 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yes. Can you -- can you  
23 hear me, Luke? Luke, can you hear me?

24 Sorry. I had to. Too easy. Too easy.

25 MR. HOPKINS: Can you hear me?



1                   MEMBER BORROMEO: You cannot hear me. Luke,  
2    can --

3                   Can you (indiscernible), Luke, and we'll go  
4    to Carolyn, and then Peter will try and get ahold of  
5    Luke.

6                   Carolyn? Carolyn Cliff?

7                   MS. CLIFF: Can you hear me? This is  
8    Carolyn.

9                   MEMBER BORROMEO: We can hear you. Can you  
10   hear us?

11                  MS. CLIFF: Okay. Good. You know, I can  
12   hear Luke, by the way. Yeah, that was pretty  
13   confusing.

14                  So I live in District 21, the new  
15   District 21, which is bordering to District 20-J.  
16   It's bordering to District 19-J, and it's bordering  
17   to District 12-F.

18                  And we actually used to have the Basher  
19   people in our district, but they are now in 9-E. And  
20   you have us grouped up with 22-K. And I'm looking at  
21   map No. 1, and I can't even see a population area  
22   next to our district because it is all on the Base.  
23   And there's no way to get from our district to Eagle  
24   River without going through two other districts. I  
25   just thought I'd point that out. It is not

1 contiguous. It is not socioeconomic the same at all.

2 I heard something about shopping. There is  
3 no shopping in South Muldoon that they don't already  
4 have in Eagle River. So there -- there's absolutely  
5 no -- no connection between our district and Eagle  
6 River. So I'd like to point that out.

7 And I also believe that Melanie Bahnke had  
8 some nice -- had a nice plan, and I would support  
9 that.

10 So I don't know if you have any questions  
11 for me, but I am very aware of how difficult it was  
12 to have our district end last session, which went all  
13 the way down past Girdwood to Portage. And from my  
14 House in East Anchorage, to have to drive all the way  
15 down to -- I -- actually, Girdwood was as far as I  
16 ever went down to -- to meet people in my own Senate  
17 district. That was quite the trip, and totally had  
18 to go through two other districts to get there.

19 So this should not happen, and I wanted to  
20 point that out, that the districts need to be  
21 contiguous as far as transportation, as well as the  
22 land going through the Base to touch our land.

23 So thank you very much.

24 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you very much,  
25 Carolyn.

1                   We're going to go ahead and stand at ease.  
2   We understand that there is no sound being broadcast  
3   over the Zoom for those that are online right now.  
4   So if everyone can just hang tight while we try and  
5   figure this out.

6                   (At ease.)

7                   MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. We are back on the  
8   record. It is 2:25.

9                   We're going to ask those members on the  
10   telephone line, we've got one, two, three, four,  
11   five, six, just please adhere to the two-minute  
12   testimony limit, if nothing else, just so we can get  
13   all of your input on record before anything else  
14   happens.

15                  So we're going to go back to Fairbanks, to  
16   Luke Hopkins.

17                  Luke, can you hear us?

18                  MR. HOPKINS: Yes, I can. Can you hear me?

19                  MEMBER BORROMEO: We can hear you. Please  
20   proceed.

21                  MR. HOPKINS: Thank you. Just bear with me  
22   a moment. I'm going to mute this for a moment.  
23   Thank you.

24                  Again, my name is Luke Hopkins, resident of  
25   the Fairbanks North Star Borough for 55 years.

1                   And in the current District 4 -- I have  
2 testified before, and I am quite disappointed in the  
3 amount of public testimony that was given for certain  
4 actions for the redistricting areas in the Fairbanks  
5 North Star Borough and around the associated  
6 geographical areas, and I hope (indiscernible) speak  
7 to these same issues.

8                   So I watched as this District 4 changed  
9 shape through past redistricting actions. The last  
10 decade, the board's decision to put the western area  
11 of the Fairbanks North Star Borough all the way out  
12 to almost western coast of Alaska, as previous  
13 District 38.

14                  And as I -- as the Fairbanks North Star  
15 Borough at that time of the last redistricting  
16 process, which I was the mayor, I know there was  
17 objections to those board decisions on District 38  
18 boundaries, and we participated in court actions that  
19 found those boundaries did not meet the  
20 constitutional requirements that the district be  
21 contiguous, compact, and contain relatively  
22 integrated socioeconomic areas.

23                  So today I still object to the board's  
24 repeated actions to place this Goldstream population  
25 of the Fairbanks North Star Borough in a

1 non-contiguous, non-compact, and very limited to or  
2 no integration of socioeconomic relationships with  
3 the 45 other Alaskan communities in what is now  
4 proposed to be House District 36.

5 I've raised these issues in my previous  
6 testimony, as to where the vast majority of  
7 Goldstream residents report back to local government,  
8 where that is, where our schools are, where our  
9 libraries and our churches are.

10 And while over the past many years  
11 Goldstream has been contiguous with the Fairbanks  
12 North Star Borough area, now if I do visit other  
13 communities in the current HD 36 that's being  
14 proposed, many of which I can only reach by plane.

15 So following the recent Alaska Supreme Court  
16 decision that calls for the removing of District 36  
17 Cantwell appendage, I hope this time around the board  
18 can arrive at a redistricting configuration for  
19 district -- to District 36 for the Fairbanks area  
20 that avoids the problems I've addressed again here  
21 today.

22 Thank you very much.

23 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you, Mr. Hopkins.

24 Moving on to Elyse Guttenberg from  
25 Fairbanks. Elyse?

1 MS. GUTTENBERG: Hi. Can you hear me?

2 MEMBER BORROMEO: We can.

3 MS. GUTTENBERG: Hi. Well, thanks. My name  
4 is Elyse Guttenberg, and I am representing myself.  
5 And thanks for the opportunity.

6 And my primary concern is with Fairbanks and  
7 Goldstream in the new District 36. And you are  
8 including this urban/suburban neighborhood with deep  
9 ties to Fairbanks in a rural district, as some of the  
10 previous speakers just said.

11 I've lived here for nearly 50 years, and I  
12 moved here specifically to attend the university as a  
13 freshman. The university is a short, like,  
14 ten-minute drive from my home and hundreds of my  
15 neighbors' homes, other people who live in  
16 Goldstream. We work at the university, we work in  
17 the city, and we work in the borough of Fairbanks.  
18 We raise our families here, we attend school here, we  
19 shop there. Most important, we vote here for local  
20 and statewide government.

21 The Supreme Court was correct to call you  
22 out on -- and I'm going to call it illegally  
23 gerrymandered Senate pairings in Eagle River and  
24 Anchorage, and that is what the Supreme Court also  
25 called it. And that little Cantwell appendage that,

1 with no justification, created a non-compact  
2 district, in direct opposition to our constitution.  
3 And I thank the Supreme Court for that decision.

4 I also understand you are directed not only  
5 to take care of the Senate pairings, but that little  
6 finger of Cantwell that brings District 36 into line  
7 with the constitution. And that's what your emphasis  
8 in the work in front of you today is going to be.

9 But I live here. And even if they did not  
10 mention Goldstream, I care deeply about the  
11 representation we are all supposed to have in Juneau,  
12 and it's important for me to put it on the public  
13 record yet again. I've written to you at least twice  
14 on this subject. I've appeared in public, and as  
15 have many, many of our neighbors.

16 And our testimony, and I'll say it again,  
17 because it's been said, has been disregarded. I want  
18 to put it on the record that, like Cantwell,  
19 Goldstream was gerrymandered. It's not  
20 socioeconomically integrated with the rural voters in  
21 the new 36, where we were placed.

22 And I think it's to serve particular  
23 partisanship. Without Cantwell, District 36 might be  
24 compact; we do share a border. It might be  
25 contiguous, but it is certainly -- Goldstream is



1 certainly not socioeconomically aligned.

2 I also want to say that while there was a  
3 number of public testimony over, you know, the past  
4 few months, you would have heard even more. But when  
5 it came to that meeting in -- in the Carlson Center,  
6 that I believe one of the speakers earlier just  
7 referred to, other people would have spoken more, but  
8 we felt that the -- the continued debating that the  
9 chair, Mr. Binkley, put people through, really turned  
10 people off, and they did not speak out because they  
11 were questioned about their understanding, their  
12 motives were put on public display, and it was  
13 inappropriate at the time, and it's been  
14 inappropriate on many calls until now.

15 I hope you'll adopt a map that's already  
16 been through the public process and that meets the  
17 constitutional requirements. But I mostly hope that  
18 in the future our state can find a better method to  
19 build a truly non-partisan map than this very  
20 partisan method. And I know that it's possible.

21 So thank you for allowing me to speak.  
22 That's all.

23 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you, Elyse.  
24 Appreciate your time today.

25 The final testifier online from Fairbanks is

1 Bernie Hoffman. Bernie?

2 MS. HOFFMAN: All right. Good afternoon.  
3 This is Bernie Hoffman from Fairbanks. Can you hear  
4 me?

5 MEMBER BORROMEO: We can.

6 MS. HOFFMAN: Thank you so much. Thank you  
7 for this opportunity to testify about the Alaska  
8 Redistricting Board's proposed maps.

9 I, like a few of the other people that just  
10 testified, I'm calling to testify against the  
11 inclusion of the Goldstream area into the rural  
12 district area, as proposed. This area is being  
13 treated like the Cantwell area situation, and from  
14 what I understand, you know, the -- there's been --  
15 the Supreme Court has made some rulings about this  
16 not being done properly.

17 I -- I don't know all the -- the language  
18 that's involved in this, but I just know that it does  
19 not seem right, does not seem fair, and I would ask  
20 the board to please think about Goldstream and also  
21 to -- hold on a second -- and -- and keep the  
22 recommendations of the Board Member Bahnke and try to  
23 come up with, you know, the new pairings, okay?

24 And if you could do it as quickly as  
25 possible, that would be great so we can get things

1 rolling with this new election, this new type of  
2 election that we're going to be doing.

3 All right. And once again, thank you for  
4 your time. And I will conclude. Have a great one.  
5 Take care.

6 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you, Bernie.

7 (Indiscernible) Girdwood, Mike Eddington.  
8 Mike, you're next.

9 MR. EDDINGTON: Hi. Can you hear me?

10 MEMBER BORROMEO: We can.

11 MR. EDDINGTON: Okay. My name is Mike  
12 Eddington. I'm both a resident of Girdwood and an  
13 elected official for my community.

14 The 2021 proclamation placed Girdwood,  
15 Whittier to the east, and other Turnagain Arm  
16 communities together in House District 9. Firstly,  
17 I'd like to thank you for creating a coherent  
18 District 9.

19 But today I want to speak to the Senate  
20 pairings in what's really the first opportunity to  
21 discuss them in a public hearing.

22 As you consider the Superior and Supreme  
23 Court rulings about Senate District K and the  
24 potential ripple effects in other Anchorage Senate  
25 districts, I'd like to speak to my perspective from

1 the southern part of Anchorage. Like many others, I  
2 followed the series of November redistricting board  
3 meetings closely. During the latter part of the  
4 November the 8th meeting, a set of Anchorage district  
5 pairings was suggested by Board Member Bahnke,  
6 discussed at some length, and appeared to have  
7 consensus support.

8 That proposal paired House District 9, which  
9 I'm in, and 11, the southeastern part of Anchorage  
10 and Turnagain Arm, together. I discussed that  
11 pairing with many others in my community that  
12 evening, and it had widespread support locally.

13 So I was extremely surprised the following  
14 morning to see an entirely new set of pairings voted  
15 in, with no discussion, by three members of the  
16 board. The outcome of that confusing presentation  
17 and vote and the House District 9, a relatively rural  
18 district with many gravel roads, limited  
19 infrastructure, was paired with House District 10,  
20 the mostly fully developed suburban areas of ocean  
21 shore -- Oceanview and Bayshore in Anchorage.

22 I strongly recommend that the more natural  
23 preferential pairing is between House Districts 9 and  
24 11, immediately to the north. This would produce a  
25 more natural combination of the Rabbit Creek, Bear

1 Valley, Glenn Alps, and southern parts of the  
2 Hillside communities with Turnagain Arm and go to  
3 Whittier.

4 I'd also like to preemptively state strong  
5 opposition to any attempt to pair House District 9,  
6 Turnagain Arm, with Eagle River's House District 22.  
7 In no practical sense are these districts contiguous,  
8 being split by the width of the unpopulated Chugach  
9 Mountains and requiring a drive through eight other  
10 house districts to get from one set of communities to  
11 the other.

12 So to summarize, House District 22 and 24  
13 belong together with a the Senate district for Eagle  
14 River, as do House Districts 9 and 11 for South  
15 Anchorage, Turnagain Arm, and Whittier.

16 Settling on those Senate pairings to the  
17 north and the south of Anchorage then allows the  
18 original Senate pairings proposed by Board Member  
19 Bahnke, which I think makes perfect, natural sense.  
20 Thank you.

21 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you very much, Mike.

22 From Anchorage, next is David Guttenberg.  
23 David, can you hear us?

24 MR. GUTTENBERG: Hello.

25 MEMBER BORROMEO: Oh, sorry. It just

1 changed to Fairbanks. I was wondering about that.

2 We can hear you. Can you hear us?

3 MR. GUTTENBERG: Yes. Thank you. And thank  
4 God for modern technology. It gives us a joke every  
5 once in a while.

6 So I want to testify on my behalf, and I  
7 want to bring up an issue that came up before in  
8 hearings and today.

9 I'm David Guttenberg. I served 16 years in  
10 the legislature. In the 2012 redistricting, they put  
11 Goldstream into a giant rural district that went from  
12 Goldstream out to the coast. That was declared  
13 unconstitutional and that had changed. And I had  
14 to -- I served one term with that district before it  
15 was changed.

16 Now the board has placed Goldstream in a  
17 wide-ranging Interior district, contrary to the  
18 resolution that was adopted by the Fairbanks North  
19 Star Borough assembly that I sit on now that -- but I  
20 didn't sit on when this resolution was passed. And  
21 the board -- the resolution was misrepresented to the  
22 board, and I just wanted to give you one of the  
23 whereases.

24 And some draft plans contain borough  
25 districts which combine geographical areas of the

1     borough that are not reachable without crossing  
2     district boundaries and will require driving through  
3     three other districts to reach another part of the  
4     district.

5             That's what you've done to Goldstream.  
6     Goldstream is not rural, part of urban Alaska. It  
7     has a strong affinity for it, but it is not part of  
8     it. And it was represented both as what the district  
9     was and what Goldstream was and what the -- the  
10    Fairbanks North Star Borough resolution said. And  
11    I -- and I urge you to fix this problem. It's not  
12    that hard. You don't have to create a domino effect  
13    and go -- go around the state. You can just do it in  
14    the Interior. And I urge you to fix that -- that  
15    mistake that you did.

16            I just want to say one other thing, and this  
17    is my opinion about what the Supreme Court did. I  
18    think the Supreme Court gave you an out. I don't  
19    think that they wanted to have problems like they had  
20    in 2012, where there was a one -- a one-session  
21    unconstitutional district. And I think they gave  
22    you -- I don't think they wanted to do that, and I  
23    think they gave -- they settled for something -- for  
24    a map that I don't think serves the people of the  
25    state of Alaska.



1           I just want to urge you again to fix  
2   Goldstream. It's not part of a giant rural Interior  
3   district. All of the roads from Goldstream lead  
4   into -- right past the university. It's very much a  
5   university district. Goldstream community, according  
6   to the Department of Labor, has the highest education  
7   level in the state for communities over -- I think  
8   it's about 20. That's because -- because the  
9   university is -- in many ways is a breakfast  
10   community for the university and has -- doesn't have  
11   that much in common with the rest of the district.

12           So I appreciate your time. Thank you.

13           MEMBER BORROMEÓ: Okay. Thank you very  
14   much, David.

15           Wrapping up the online testimony, we have a  
16   caller from Anchorage, Jamie Rodriguez. Jamie.

17           MS. RODRIGUEZ: Hi. Can you hear me all  
18   right?

19           MEMBER BORROMEÓ: We can.

20           MS. RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Thank you. My name  
21   is Jamie Rodriguez.

22           And I'm testifying from Anchorage, as you  
23   said, about the Anchorage Senate pairings, because I  
24   believe in fair maps and honest work on behalf of all  
25   Alaskans. So no matter what the political

1 affiliations, the maps should be good for everybody.

2 I strongly support going back to the  
3 second-to-the-last Senate pairings. Those are the  
4 pairings presented by Ms. Bahnke.

5 And these pairings have already been  
6 considered on the record. They considered all of our  
7 public testimony, which I'm kind of hearing all  
8 repeated here today. They don't change the  
9 underlying deviation of the districts. They uphold  
10 that one-person/one-vote idea.

11 And they're the most common sense geographic  
12 and socioeconomic pairings. They keep Muldoon  
13 together; they keep West Anchorage together, or they  
14 will when it gets changed back, and Eagle River  
15 together. And if we get to go back, then our  
16 Hillside areas will also be together.

17 And as one of the previous callers said, it  
18 makes so much more sense. We have so much in common  
19 that would be really nice to have that representation  
20 together.

21 Anyway, the Bahnke -- Bahnke pairings make  
22 the absolute most sense, and they follow the law.  
23 They are not illegal.

24 The redistricting board needs now -- at this  
25 point, after waiting so long, needs to act

1 immediately to comply with the Court's requirements  
2 to make our maps legal and to minimize time and  
3 costs -- cost is an issue here in Alaska -- and the  
4 confusion that's going to result if this process is  
5 dragged out any longer. It's in the public interest  
6 to adopt legal maps with final Senate pairings that  
7 check every single box outlined in the law, and the  
8 Bahnke pairings do exactly that. They were gone  
9 through. Every -- every single choice that was made  
10 was explained. It all is just as it should be.

11 As public officials, the redistricting board  
12 really has a sacred obligation to the public to  
13 resolve this quickly, fairly, and lawfully. Please,  
14 no more delays, no more games. Just abide by the law  
15 and we can get this done quickly and properly.

16 Thank you.

17 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you, Jamie.

18 That concludes our online testimony. We do  
19 have a number of individuals in the room here in  
20 Anchorage that want to testify. I do see that George  
21 Martinez just popped up right now, but we are going  
22 to transition to Anchorage in-person testimony.

23 We'll start first with Karen Williams. Next  
24 will be Rich Curtner, Kay Brown, and then about  
25 halfway through this list, there are 14, we'll switch

1 back to the folks on the phone who continue to call  
2 in.

3 So Karen Williams, Rich Curtner, Kay Brown,  
4 Benny Wells, Yarrow Silvers, those will be the first  
5 five. If you can be on deck when the person in front  
6 of you is done, that'll make things move a little bit  
7 quicker here.

8 Hi, Karen. Please put yourself on the  
9 record, and name, if you're testifying on behalf of  
10 someone or just yourself and -- okay. Thank you.

11 MS. WILLIAMS: Hi. Thanks for this  
12 opportunity. I'm Karen Williams, and I've lived in  
13 Anchorage for 36 years, specifically on the East  
14 side, the best side, for the last 13 years, in the  
15 Scenic Foothills neighborhood.

16 My family and I love the East side. It is,  
17 like I said, the best side. And this area is a  
18 unique part of our city. I did not testify before,  
19 but after what happened, I felt compelled to come in  
20 today to say something.

21 This side of our city contains the most  
22 diverse neighborhoods and schools in the country. I  
23 taught at East side for a long time, go Thunderbirds.  
24 And we are diverse. By caring -- our neighborhoods,  
25 East Anchorage district (indiscernible) Anchorage or

1 Eagle River district is completely unfair, and that  
2 would be denying our diverse communities our right to  
3 be fairly represented.

4 We're a safe neighborhood, and we have  
5 significantly different needs than South Anchorage or  
6 Eagle River, and we deserve to be able to elect a  
7 senator who understands those needs of our community.

8 So I'm asking you to quickly pass to adopt  
9 the Senate pairings proposed by Melanie Bahnke. And  
10 those were obviously supported heavily by public  
11 testimony and truly honors the one-person/one-vote  
12 principle. It's fair, and I hope that you would  
13 adopt that. Thank you.

14 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you, Karen. I hope  
15 the East side is recovering from that heartbreaking  
16 loss in the state finals.

17 Rich?

18 And Kay Brown, you're next, and then Benny  
19 Wells.

20 MR. CURTNER: Hello. My name is Rich  
21 Curtner. I'm here -- I'm an Anchorage resident. I'm  
22 here on behalf of the Alaska Black Caucus.

23 The Alaska Black Caucus supports the  
24 pairings of House District 20, North Muldoon, and  
25 House District 21, South Muldoon, and Senate

1 District K.

2 I think when we last were here for testimony  
3 before the weekend, where things changed, this was  
4 the Bahnke pairings. And we think that, given the  
5 Supreme Court decision, this is the simplest and best  
6 solution to address that opinion, and that it should  
7 be done as soon as possible.

8 So thank you.

9 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you very much, Rich.  
10 We appreciate your time today.

11 Kay Brown?

12 MS. BROWN: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm Kay  
13 Brown. I'm representing myself.

14 And I want to encourage the board to follow  
15 the Court's direction as expeditiously as possible  
16 and not open a new round of controversy and  
17 consideration.

18 I think what the Court has suggested and  
19 directed is very straightforward and can be done very  
20 expeditiously, and that you should base that decision  
21 on the extensive record that's already been put  
22 together and the Senate pairings that were discussed  
23 in the record, and that make very good sense. I do  
24 support the Bahnke pairings. They are logical. They  
25 are socioeconomically integrated, and they have

1 already been aired and discussed.

2           Procedurally, how is this going to work if,  
3 next week, there is yet another new configuration  
4 that no one has seen? And where will the  
5 opportunities be for consideration of that?

6           So I just commend this process, which has  
7 already drug on and on, that we need to wrap this up,  
8 because it's quite difficult for people who are  
9 considering running for office, for all the people  
10 involved with the elections, when we don't know where  
11 the districts are.

12           And, of course, the clock is ticking, and  
13 we're getting quite close to the filing deadline.  
14 And there's still a lot of uncertainty out there  
15 because of what has happed here with our  
16 redistricting process.

17           So I know in past redistrictings, the board  
18 has not always followed the Court direction, but I  
19 urge you to do that, and just make a simple and  
20 straightforward solution, which I think is right  
21 before you in both of the instances that it's been  
22 directed to be addressed.

23           And thank you for hearing my comments today.

24           MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. Thank you for  
25 your testimony.



1           Benny Wells, Yarrow Silvers, Chris Sturm  
2 will follow.

3           MR. WELLS: Hello. My name is Benny Wells,  
4 from here in Anchorage and here representing myself.

5           I was born here in Anchorage, grew up in  
6 Fairbanks. I've lived in Denali, and live here in  
7 Anchorage now for -- for 22, 23 years now.

8           And when I first looked at the map, the  
9 things that jumped out to me was the Goldstream --  
10 the Goldstream pairing has been discussed  
11 (indiscernible) Fairbanks, which is kind of mind  
12 boggling, and the Cantwell finger, which the Court  
13 called out, and the Senate pairings in Anchorage, and  
14 in particular the Senate pairings of Eagle River and  
15 Muldoon.

16           Recently I also participated in helping to  
17 draft the maps for the Anchorage -- Anchorage  
18 Municipal Assembly reapportionment. And so I  
19 understand -- I -- the final map that they adopted  
20 was an amended version of a map that I drew.

21           And I -- I understand, from having done  
22 that, how difficult it is to balance -- balance  
23 population, to use the census tracts that are insane  
24 shapes and in crazy places. It's really, really  
25 hard, and I really, really appreciate the work you

1 guys have done.

2 And -- and I -- I guess (indiscernible) from  
3 my work, realizing that -- that there are probably  
4 dozens of rational, coherent ways that you could  
5 draft the maps, and all of them will have some  
6 compromise somewhere. And I really appreciate that.  
7 And I feel like I might (indiscernible) somewhere or  
8 left out some detail somewhere in the -- in the  
9 map -- you know, the House districts within  
10 Anchorage, but I feel like they're pretty rational.

11 But the Senate pairings really are not. And  
12 not only is it the Eagle River pairing, but also the  
13 pairing of North Muldoon with U-Med. There are just  
14 several others that aren't very rational.

15 And I would encourage you to use the  
16 pairings that Melanie Bahnke put forward. They are  
17 very consistent with the testimony that we've heard  
18 in reapportioning the Anchorage Municipal Assembly  
19 District. There were maps early in our process that  
20 included some pairing of Eagle River with Hillside,  
21 and there were -- there were mountains of public  
22 testimony from both Eagle River and from Hillside and  
23 East Anchorage saying: Please don't pair us. We  
24 don't -- like (indiscernible) all around that, we  
25 don't -- we don't belong together.

1 Hillside really wanted to be together.  
2 Pairing 9 and 11 makes a lot of sense. We had a  
3 request from the Spenard Community Council to stay  
4 together, that we were not in the end able to honor  
5 in the Anchorage map. But pairing District 14 and 16  
6 would be a great way to honor that in the State  
7 Senate, keeping Southport together with 15 and 10,  
8 like the -- there are instances all over in the  
9 Melanie Bahnke pairing, keeping downtown together,  
10 Muldoon together, that are just very, very consistent  
11 with the testimony that we heard in reapportioning  
12 Anchorage.

13 And I would encourage you to adopt her  
14 Senate pairings and to follow the Supreme Court's  
15 directions elsewhere in the state, as well. Thank  
16 you very much.

17 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you, Benny. From  
18 one mapper to another, appreciate your time in the  
19 Anchorage redistricting process, too.

20 Yarrow Silvers, Chris Sturm, Candace Oxford,  
21 and then we'll go to our online testifiers at that  
22 point.

23 MS. SILVERS: Hi. My name is Yarrow  
24 Silvers.

25 It's not too late to place the Alaskan

1 people and one-person/one-vote principles above  
2 partisan maneuvering. Please redo the Senate  
3 pairings without delay so that Alaskans can vote  
4 using a fully constitutional map for the full ten  
5 years, that's avoiding the confusion and  
6 disenfranchisement that a constantly changing map  
7 creates. Considering how past maps have changed over  
8 several elections, this would be an amazing  
9 accomplishment for the board and something to be  
10 proud of.

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

19 Specifically the four pairings of interest,  
20 to keep Eagle River as one community, Muldoon as one  
21 community, connect the U-Med/Airport Heights area,  
22 and reconnect the north and south sides of 4th Avenue  
23 downtown.

24 Please develop a system for truncation that  
25 is transparent and random. The actions of this board

1 around truncation, voting down a random coin toss  
2 while stating that board members didn't know the  
3 incumbent information, when at least two members  
4 looked at and discussed this information on camera  
5 before the series of votes, broke public trust, even  
6 amongst those that don't have a full understanding of  
7 truncation.

8 Also breaking trust was the action taken  
9 around the South Anchorage pairing, which initially  
10 enjoyed board consensus but was inexplicably split  
11 apart at the last minute with no discussion or  
12 reasoning. It seems likely that someone looked at  
13 political data over the weekend and decided that the  
14 new pairing gave a partisan advantage while splitting  
15 this community apart.

16 These were egregious actions, and I ask that  
17 in fixing the errors, you follow our Alaska State  
18 Constitution, which does not allow for politically  
19 based mapping. These are people that you silenced  
20 with your actions, not tools in a partisan toolbox.

21 The public and the courts have seen and  
22 recognized the gerrymander and the truncation fix,  
23 both carried out dishonestly and unethically. Still,  
24 it is not too late to do the right thing and embrace  
25 the positive accomplishments of the board while

1 rejecting the actions taken that were  
2 unconstitutional and of questionable ethic.

3 I also just want to say that it would be  
4 really nice if the board members that are online  
5 turned on their cameras -- and thank you, Melanie. I  
6 do see you -- so that people can see that you are  
7 here and not off barbecuing meat with Zuckerberg.  
8 Thank you.

9 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you, Yarrow.  
10 Chris Strum, or Sturm. Sorry, Chris.

11 MR. STURM: It's going to be  
12 (indiscernible). My name is John Sturm. I go by  
13 Chris, though, and I'm here representing myself.

14 I've been a long-time East Anchorage  
15 resident, any bias out there that might have. But  
16 I'm here to basically try and speak to the idea of  
17 simplicity. I think the other people have mentioned  
18 grouping based on community.

19 I feel like those are the relevant data  
20 points, really, for us to look like -- look at  
21 throughout this process here. I'm a behavior  
22 analyst. I use science pretty much every day in my  
23 work, and I use the idea of parsimony. The simpler  
24 solution is usually the better one for looking at the  
25 data, the right type of data.

1           And it seems as though in this process, for  
2   some of the board members, they looked at political  
3   data, as Yarrow mentioned, rather than some of the  
4   community data that is important. As an East side  
5   member, I feel like that issue around community is  
6   much more important than any other kind of political  
7   grouping or political gain that can come from what  
8   happened so far.

9           I -- I really urge swift and speedy adoption  
10   of a new map -- not a new map actually, but Melanie  
11   Bahnke's, that she has put forward. I don't think  
12   there is a need to reinvent the wheel and come up  
13   with another one. That would just be a ploy to slow  
14   down the process, which I would hate to see the  
15   microcosm theory here, which is happening around the  
16   United States, where this redistricting issue becomes  
17   a way to stall the process and to alienate people  
18   from their one-vote privilege. Thank you.

19           MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you very much,  
20   Mr. Sturm.

21           Candace Oxford.

22           MS. OXFORD: Hello. My name is Candace  
23   Oxford (phonetic), and I am representing myself.

24           I am of voting age this fall. I'm a  
25   17-year-old. I was born in Anchorage on the East



1 side and have been a South Muldoon resident my entire  
2 life.

3 Like the majority of Muldoon residents, I  
4 oppose the redistricting of my community to be paired  
5 with an Eagle River district. You take power away  
6 from the community's voice. As Bethany Marcum said,  
7 to give more representation to Eagle River is flatly  
8 undemocratic.

9 If the redistricting committee is more  
10 concerned with giving a majority white community with  
11 a higher average tax bracket more representation,  
12 then there is no way at all that this process is fair  
13 to Muldoon residents and my community. This  
14 redistricting is gerrymandering, a policy which goes  
15 against the foundations of U.S. democracy and our own  
16 Alaskan constitution.

17 The ultimate -- this ultimately treats my  
18 community as not uniquely important. My community is  
19 important. My community deserves equal  
20 representation in state government, and I implore you  
21 to act immediately to adopt Melanie Bahnke -- Melanie  
22 Bahnke's map before this next election.

23 Thank you for your time.

24 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you, Candace. That  
25 was very impressive from a 17-year-old, soon to be

1 18-year-old voter. Please stay engaged in the  
2 process. I'm looking forward to seeing what you do  
3 for the state of Alaska in the next couple of  
4 decades, because you're special.

5 Joelle Hall.

6 MS. HALL: Good afternoon, members of the  
7 board. My name is Joelle Hall. I'm here  
8 representing myself today, although I think you see  
9 I'm with friends. I want to thank you for the  
10 opportunity to testify.

11 I'd like to echo the remarks made  
12 (indiscernible) paper by Mr. Torkelson. This board  
13 has produced a map that has largely been successful  
14 in meeting the constitutional standard. As it is  
15 with every map, not everyone likes the outcome, but  
16 the manner which the board approached the House  
17 districts resulted in a fair map. I do know we  
18 supported the House map and only had issues with the  
19 legality of the Senate pairings.

20 And now the Supreme Court has ruled. You  
21 have a chance to do what no board in the last 20  
22 years has been able to do: pass a map that doesn't  
23 need to change again for the next ten years. I think  
24 that's even 30 years. I think it's been since the  
25 '80s that a board's been able to produce a map that

1 we were able to run on for ten straight years.

2 This is an important opportunity to remove  
3 confusion from the already confusing election cycle,  
4 in a new electoral system in a special election. A  
5 quick meeting to repair the four Senate pairings, and  
6 you will have discharged your duties to the people of  
7 Alaska. Of course, you need to take care of the  
8 Cantwell finger, but the four Senate pairings are  
9 what I'm speaking about mostly today.

10 I want to speak in connection with Kay  
11 Brown. There is no reason to belabor this process.  
12 There is no rationale for introducing any new options  
13 into this record and to debate any new options. You  
14 have legal maps on the record. You have the Bahnke  
15 map on the record. You have the current House map,  
16 with simply addressing the four pairings. You have  
17 two legal options already addressed, already vetted  
18 to the public, and you have the ability to meet the  
19 time (indiscernible) that we need in order to run one  
20 election and to get down to business. And I would  
21 just urge you to do that.

22 I just want to take one moment to say,  
23 finally, we commented on the record -- I commented on  
24 the record, as well as inside conversations with many  
25 members, about our concern with the board's decision

1 to present final maps for public consideration that  
2 did not include Senate pairings until the final week  
3 of the process.

4 We are grateful to Judge Matthews for  
5 calling up this specifically, and note that all the  
6 third parties were appropriately asked -- were to  
7 (indiscernible) -- to prepare Senate pairings with  
8 their proposals from the get-go. It should have  
9 never been the position of this board or any future  
10 redistricting board that Senate pairings are optional  
11 in a final map. I'm grateful for the judge, if this  
12 was somehow unclear and that common sense could not  
13 possibly prevail, but that is what a board map means.  
14 I am glad we have definitive action in this intricate  
15 process of case law upon case law.

16 This was -- this meeting right now, this is  
17 an avoidable meeting. We could have had lots of  
18 public testimony on the map, and you could have heard  
19 a long time ago how people felt about their Senate  
20 pairings.

21 So since this was avoidable, since the  
22 pairings are unconstitutional, and since it is --  
23 well, for a -- a few of them are, I urge you to vote  
24 quickly. I urge you to meet in one of the many  
25 meetings you have scheduled for next week, to simply

1 meet, correct this error on one of your two existing  
2 maps, and let the people of Alaska get down to the  
3 business of getting ready to elect apparently a whole  
4 slew of human beings. We would really appreciate a  
5 head start on that. Thanks.

6 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you, Joelle.

7 We're going to return to the phone lines  
8 now. We have one caller in the queue, George  
9 Martinez.

10 MR. MARTINEZ: Hello. Can you hear me?

11 MEMBER BORROMEO: We can.

12 MR. MARTINEZ: Excellent. Thank you. I  
13 appreciate the opportunity to be with you all today.  
14 I apologize for not being in person. My name is  
15 George Martinez. I am an East side resident.

16 And I also want to identify, I'm speaking on  
17 behalf of myself, but I am one of the plaintiffs in  
18 the East Anchorage lawsuit. And I wanted to  
19 acknowledge that written testimony has been submitted  
20 on behalf of myself and the other plaintiffs in the  
21 form of written testimony to the board. So I hope  
22 that you will take that testimony into consideration,  
23 as it is very detailed with our request.

24 But I wanted to just highlight that as a  
25 matter of fairness, for the diverse interests of East

1 Anchorage, for my community, I stepped up. I applaud  
2 the Supreme Court, the Superior Court for their  
3 lawful and specific rulings in favor of fairness and  
4 constitutionality. I wanted to have my voice heard  
5 today because I think it's important to make sure  
6 that at every opportunity to speak to the issues and  
7 the interests of our community, we take those  
8 chances. So I thank the board for this.

9 But now I urge the board to move  
10 expeditiously and effectively in accordance with the  
11 guidance provided by the courts. The error was  
12 clear; the remedies are also clear.

13 And I also encourage folks to consider the  
14 continued cost to the taxpayers and the erosion of  
15 the public trust. Fairness and representation in the  
16 spirit of the constitution is on my mind. But I hope  
17 that you recognize, board, that we're so close to  
18 this remedy, we can just get on with restoring the  
19 public trust and getting back to the business of  
20 representing our interests in our community.

21 Thank you all for the opportunity, and I  
22 thank you for all the other folks who have showed up  
23 today to continue to speak truth to power and on  
24 behalf of the residents of East Anchorage. Thank you  
25 very much.

1                   MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you very much,  
2     George. We appreciate your time.

3                   Coming back to the Anchorage LIO, Bruce  
4     Farnsworth, Representative Matt Claman, Barry Suho  
5     (phonetic), Chris Constant, Cliff Groh, Celeste  
6     Hodge-Growden is the next order.

7                   MR. FARNSWORTH: Thank you for the  
8     opportunity to testify again on this issue. My name  
9     is Bruce Farnsworth. I'm here representing myself.

10                  I've lived in the same house in the same  
11     East side neighborhood of Anchorage for 24 years.  
12     And I can tell you that the pairings the board  
13     adopted and that the Court found deeply flawed could  
14     only make sense if the goal was to water down the  
15     votes of East side Anchorage residents. All you have  
16     to do is drive the length of Muldoon from one end to  
17     the other to see the socioeconomic similarities and  
18     debit them to the integration of these neighborhoods.  
19     Just drive a block off of Muldoon in either direction  
20     and circle back onto Muldoon, and do that as you  
21     parade your way up the -- or down the -- the street,  
22     and you'll see that there's not really any big  
23     significant change. Yes, there are single-family  
24     residences mixed in with multi-family residences, but  
25     by and large, this is a work -- a long working-class



1 neighborhood, very, very different from the Eagle  
2 River neighborhood that the -- the flawed Senate --  
3 adopted Senate pairings, including the -- including  
4 Eagle River, would create.

5 We go to the same -- we go to movies at the  
6 Totem, we shop at Carrs Muldoon and Fred Meyer on  
7 DeBarr, we gather at the Cabin Tavern, we worship at  
8 one of the handful of churches along Muldoon, we  
9 recreate at Chanshtnu Park, and I can tell you we  
10 never run into anybody from Eagle River at any of  
11 those places.

12 I encourage the board to adopt the Melanie  
13 Bahnke map. It -- I don't know that much about all  
14 of these other pairings. I know this one quite  
15 intimately and well, however. And if the others are  
16 as flawed and the solution's as obvious, then it  
17 should be easy to just get this done in a timely  
18 fashion and stop wasting our time, please.

19 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you, Bruce.

20 Representative Claman?

21 REPRESENTATIVE CLAMAN: Thank you. And  
22 thank you for hearing my testimony, Madam Chair. I'm  
23 Representative Matt Claman, but I am only testifying  
24 on my own behalf today.

25 I want to make just a couple of comments.

1 First, is that the trial court was very specific  
2 about criticizing the board for not announcing the  
3 Senate pairings that were under consideration. I  
4 think now what you have before you are two maps that  
5 were discussed previously but didn't have much  
6 testimony, what we'll call the Melanie Bahnke map,  
7 and then the second map is the one that was adopted.

8 And if those are the only two choices, we  
9 know one thing with certainty, which is the one that  
10 was adopted is an unconstitutional gerrymander. So  
11 you're left with one choice.

12 To the extent the board is considering other  
13 choices, I think the Court's opinion makes it  
14 abundantly clear that the board needs to publicly say  
15 what the other consider- -- what else is being  
16 considered, and they need to announce that in a  
17 manner in which the public has time to comment on  
18 that, and they have to comment on that and do that  
19 all in time that -- the Courts ordered that it goes  
20 back to the Court by April 15th. So the window of  
21 time to actually propose something different than the  
22 Bahnke map and have public comment on that is,  
23 indeed, quite limited.

24 I think, fortunately for the board's  
25 process, the House districts are fixed. There's no

1 basis to change any of the House districts in  
2 Anchorage, because those have been approved.

3 And I note also that the third-party maps  
4 had different house districts, so what the  
5 third-party maps had for Senate pairings really  
6 doesn't help you in the current process.

7 The other thing I would strongly recommend  
8 to the -- to the board to take a careful look at is  
9 the Court looked carefully at the affidavit presented  
10 by the expert witness Chase Hensel, who testified on  
11 behalf of the -- the East Anchorage plaintiffs. And  
12 that's a 20-page affidavit that really does a pretty  
13 detailed process of showing how North Muldoon and  
14 South Muldoon are a single community of interest, and  
15 how the Eagle River Valley and Eagle River/Chugiak  
16 are a single community of interest.

17 So if you start with the pairings -- and  
18 that, of course, is in the Bahnke pairings map that  
19 has Eagle River as a single district and North and  
20 South Muldoon as a single Senate district, which  
21 makes sense. There's only six -- six pairings left,  
22 and there's nothing else on the table except the  
23 Bahnke proposal.

24 But I just want to note that, detailed as  
25 the Hensel proposal is, there's three things that are

1 actually really noteworthy about Eagle River that  
2 reflect the fact that Eagle River really is a single  
3 community of interest.

4 The first is that Chugiak/Eagle River is the  
5 only place in Anchorage, in the municipality, that  
6 has their own volunteer fire department. And as a  
7 result, the fire services treat it differently for  
8 Chugiak/Eagle River than for the rest of Anchorage  
9 because of the presence of that volunteer fire  
10 department. That reflects their single community of  
11 interest.

12 The second is that the -- the municipal  
13 parks are managed differently and the funding for  
14 them are managed differently in Chugiak/Eagle River  
15 than for the rest of the municipality.

16 Another factor that shows that Eagle River  
17 is a single community of interest, and third, most  
18 interestingly, periodically you see these proposals  
19 that come up in recent years that Chugiak/Eagle River  
20 secede from the municipality. And although those --  
21 those efforts haven't gone anywhere, that's actually  
22 another reflection that there's many in Chugiak/Eagle  
23 River that see them as a very unified community but  
24 as kind of separate from the rest of Anchorage.

25 So for all those reasons, I think it's --

1     that there's only one Senate pairing for Eagle River,  
2     and that's a single Senate district. And that's  
3     consistent with the Court's opinion, the Superior  
4     Court opinion confirmed by the Supreme Court.

5             So I would -- I strongly advocate using the  
6     Bahnke map. But to the extent that this board  
7     believes that they want to consider anything else, I  
8     think it is -- is abundantly incumbent on this board  
9     to publicly announce what the other alternative is  
10    and give the public a chance to comment on that  
11    before the deadline the Court has set to have a  
12    proposal back to the Court, by the 15th of April.

13            Unless the board has questions, that's all I  
14    have.

15            MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you, Matt. I'll  
16    call you by your first name since you're testifying  
17    in an individual capacity today. We appreciate your  
18    time.

19            Mary (indiscernible).

20            UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Hi. Good afternoon.  
21    For the record, my name is Mary Desubaro (phonetic),  
22    and I'm speaking in a personal capacity today, but  
23    have been to several of the redistricting board  
24    meetings and am glad to see that this process is  
25    happening right now to hopefully quickly correct

1 Senate pairings and move on to the rest of actual  
2 democracy.

3 So I am a resident of House District 17, the  
4 new house district, and want to make a case just for  
5 the pairing of House District 23 and 17.

6 I drive to work every day. In the summer I  
7 walk or bike. It's about a 30-minute walk, 15-minute  
8 bike. And I work in District 23. And so when I go  
9 to work from my house, there is not a lot of change  
10 besides passing the Park Strip. And those two, to  
11 me, are very logical pairings, because 49th State and  
12 Crush Bistro are on the same street and now in  
13 completely different house districts. So I would  
14 really recommend pairing those, just for my personal  
15 experience.

16 And I would also say that what seems most  
17 important is that the board act immediately to comply  
18 with the Court's requirements, to minimize confusion,  
19 and it's in the public interest to swiftly adopt a  
20 map with final Senate pairings so voters can  
21 familiarize themselves with their new districts,  
22 precincts, voting locations, on top of the new  
23 election system with ranked-choice voting and an  
24 unprecedented special election.

25 So it is -- would be helpful for everyone to

1 resolve this quickly and to do so in a legal way by  
2 adopting Member Bahnke's pairings.

3 Thank you very much for your time.

4 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you, Mary.

5 Christopher Constant, then Cliff Groh.

6 MR. CONSTANT: Good afternoon. My name is  
7 Christopher Constant, and I am here to speak mostly  
8 on my personal capacity as a resident and neighbor of  
9 the new House District 23, and I'll end in a  
10 moment -- or half a moment on a professional capacity  
11 as a representative on the Anchorage Assembly.

12 And I'm going to speak like a laser about  
13 the District 23 and 17 and District 24 issue I see.  
14 If you look closely at the map, there is a very small  
15 residential section on the west southern portion of  
16 House District 23. A couple of thousand people live  
17 there.

18 Then if you look at the far east southern  
19 corner of the same district, which is a tiny  
20 neighborhood on Muldoon, you have a few hundred,  
21 maybe a little bit more, residents. Those are the  
22 population that live south and outside of the border  
23 of JBER. Those residents are suddenly South Eklutna.  
24 The map that has been drafted for the Senate pairings  
25 makes them South Chugiak/Eklutna. Powder Ridge, the



1 next residential base, which is at Fred Meyer in  
2 Eagle River, that's 20 miles away, half an hour. To  
3 get from one end of the southern portion of the  
4 district you have to pass through three House  
5 Districts and currently three Senate districts to get  
6 there.

7 It is a very harmful division to separate  
8 the people who have long held they are part of the  
9 downtown, or North Anchorage as we're now calling  
10 that district. The North Anchorage District, through  
11 our reapportionment process, spans 17, 18, 20, and  
12 23. It's natural, because these are where our people  
13 live together. They go to Clark Middle School from  
14 all across that boundary. So the house districts did  
15 actually work out really well for us.

16 But I'm asking you to think about how the  
17 very narrow population of individuals in those two  
18 corners of that district in any way associate with  
19 the folks who live out in Eklutna, Chugiak, Eagle  
20 River, Powder Ridge. Our neighborhoods are all  
21 small-lot configuration. They are all on City sewer  
22 and water. They all have ARDSA, which is a road  
23 district that's citywide. We all pay our bills the  
24 same way. We shop in the same places.

25 So my request is that you, like a laser,

1 connect House District 23 to House District 17.

2 Now I'll speak briefly in my capacity as  
3 assembly member. I chaired our own reapportionment  
4 process that we just went through. And I want to  
5 thank you for your hard work at getting these maps  
6 right, because, as has been testified, and I concur,  
7 a vast majority of this work has proven valid and  
8 vital and accurate.

9 And so with just a little bit of correction  
10 it can be pulled into constitutional, and it can  
11 actually meet the needs of the residents of our  
12 communities.

13 So to you, Member Borrromeo, and to you,  
14 Member Bahnke, I say thank you for speaking for the  
15 minority population. And I speak of minority of a  
16 tiny sliver of people who are somehow now South  
17 Eklutna who didn't have a voice, except for you spoke  
18 for them.

19 And to you, Chair Binkley, I ask for you to  
20 be the statesman that we know that you can be and  
21 make the right decision that creates harmony across  
22 these neighborhoods. That's the decision that we  
23 need from you.

24 With that, I thank you for this opportunity.

25 MEMBER BORRROMEO: Thank you very much,

1 Assemblyman. We appreciate your time.

2 Cliff Groh.

3 MR. GROH: Thanks. I'm Cliff Groh, speaking  
4 in my personal capacity. I have very little to say.  
5 I think that the board has heard some very decisive,  
6 well-thought-out comments this afternoon. I  
7 associate myself with them, and chiefly  
8 (indiscernible) myself with the comments as made by  
9 Chris Constant (indiscernible). I do think that the  
10 board's task at this point is short and simple and  
11 (indiscernible).

12 Thank you very much.

13 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you very much,  
14 Cliff.

15 Two more testifiers here in Anchorage, and  
16 then we do have one more individual that has joined  
17 the line.

18 We see La quen naay Elizabeth Medicine Crow.  
19 She is on the line, but we have two more here in  
20 Anchorage. Celeste Hodge Growden first.

21 MS. GROWDEN: Hello. My name is Celeste  
22 Hodge Growden, and I am the president and CEO of the  
23 Alaska Black Caucus. We are a non-profit  
24 organization that champions the lives of black people  
25 in BIPOC communities in four core areas: health,

1 economics, education, and justice.

2 First, I echo the comments that were shared  
3 earlier by attorney Rich Curtner, who, as he shared,  
4 is the Alaska -- the Alaska Black Caucus's co-chair  
5 of our justice committee.

6 So the Alaska Black Caucus, we don't have  
7 permanent friends and we don't have permanent  
8 enemies. What we do have, though, is permanent  
9 interests. And our main interest is championing the  
10 lives of black and BIPOC communities.

11 At every turn -- at every turn,  
12 unfortunately, we have to fight for justice. And as  
13 I shared our four core areas, you know, we fight for  
14 justice in economics, we fight for justice in  
15 education, we fight for justice in health, and we  
16 fight for justice in economics.

17 And now, unfortunately, we are fighting for  
18 justice in redistricting. It's exhausting, it's  
19 tiring, it's old, and it's got to stop. It's time --  
20 it's past time to do the right thing, and that is  
21 following the Court's direction, not tomorrow, not  
22 several days from now, but now.

23 Thank you.

24 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you very much,  
25 Ms. Growden.

1                   Our final testifier in Anchorage is David  
2   Dunsmore.

3                   MR. DUNSMORE: Good afternoon, Madam Chair,  
4   members of the board. My name is David Dunsmore.  
5   I'm with Alaskans for Fair Redistricting, and I just  
6   wanted to briefly walk through some of the Senate  
7   pairings.

8                   Our coalition met and reviewed the Superior  
9   Court and Supreme Court decisions, and having  
10   followed through the process, we determined that the  
11   pairings proposed by Member Bahnke are the fairest  
12   pairings that address the concerns raised by the  
13   Supreme Court, and we believe that the board has the  
14   opportunity today to quickly make this change, as  
15   well as quickly moving the portions of the Denali  
16   Borough and Mat-Su from District 36 to 30, and today  
17   you can give finality to Alaskans about what their  
18   electoral districts are going to be.

19                  But just to briefly walk through the  
20   pairings that Ms. Bahnke had made and why we believe  
21   they're appropriate. Starting in Eagle River, the  
22   pairing of the two Eagle River districts is very  
23   logical and keeps those communities.

24                  And then moving into East Anchorage -- so  
25   these are Districts 22 and 24. Moving into East

1 Anchorage, the record has been clear, both in  
2 testimony throughout the board process and in the  
3 evidence presented in court, that the Muldoon area is  
4 an integrated community of interest and should be  
5 kept together as a Senate district, and that is  
6 Districts 20 and 21.

7 To the east of that, the Bahnke pairings  
8 would create a second East Anchorage Senate district,  
9 with 18 and 19, which would keep two Senate districts  
10 within East Anchorage rather than dividing East  
11 Anchorage between multiple Senate districts.

12 Pairing districts 23 and 17 will keep the  
13 historic neighborhoods of Downtown and Government  
14 Hill and South Addition all within the same Senate  
15 district. And Mr. Constant just spoke quite  
16 eloquently about the connections across that  
17 district.

18 Pairing District 16 and 14 would keep the  
19 neighborhoods of Spenard and Turnagain in the same  
20 Senate district. This is an area that often people  
21 refer to as Spenardagain because it is often thought  
22 of as one community, and this would put them in the  
23 same district rather than be divided.

24 Pairing Districts 13 and 12 will create a  
25 Midtown residential core district, rather than

1 splitting some of those communities into South  
2 Anchorage and some of them into West or East  
3 Anchorage.

4 Pairing Districts 15 and 10 will keep the  
5 South Anchorage flatlands, Southport, Bayshore/Klatt  
6 all in one district, and allow the pairing of 10 and  
7 9, which the board had reached consensus on at one  
8 point in the process, to keep the Hillside all in one  
9 district.

10 And I thank you for your consideration. We  
11 hope the board will take immediate action to have a  
12 map that gives Alaskans finality.

13 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. I just have  
14 one question, because I think I heard you say 10  
15 twice. Are you advocating for 15 and 10 or 9 and 10?

16 MR. DUNSMORE: I'm -- Madam Chair, I'm  
17 sorry. I've had so many different versions of these  
18 numbers in my head. It would be 15 and 10.

19 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. So then the  
20 other --

21 MR. DUNSMORE: Nine and 11.

22 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. Thank you for  
23 that clarification. I appreciate your time today.

24 And finally, to wrap up our public  
25 testimony, we're going to go back to the phone lines.



1 La quen naay Medicine Crow is on the line from First  
2 Alaskans Institute.

3 Can you hear us?

4 MS. MEDICINE CROW: Yes. (Speaking Native  
5 language.) I can hear you. Can you hear me?

6 MEMBER BORROMEO: I can hear you.

7 MS. MEDICINE CROW: Wonderful. (Speaking  
8 Native language.) My name is La quen naay Liz  
9 Medicine Crow. I am Tlingit and Haida, come from  
10 Keex Kwaan, which is where I'm calling in from today.  
11 I'm the president/CEO of First Alaskans Institute,  
12 and I'm calling to just make a brief comment.

13 I appreciated what I heard Rich Curtner  
14 sharing, as well as Celeste Hodge Growden. And I  
15 wanted to call in to testify today to encourage the  
16 redistricting board to follow the Court's decision  
17 immediately. Don't delay justice. Don't delay the  
18 vote. Don't confuse Alaskan voters. A decision has  
19 been made, and it's time to follow it.

20 And in terms of the Senate pairings, in East  
21 Anchorage, I also want to support the Bahnke pairings  
22 that have already been vetted and that do not  
23 diminish the population over the deviations that have  
24 already been outlined.

25 And it's critical not to delay this process.

1 It's already a lot happening for Alaskans with the  
2 special election, with ranked-choice voting, and  
3 adding redistricting on top of it to delay, confuse,  
4 and deny the (indiscernible) that the Court found  
5 lacking in the current map is to fail at doing the  
6 job that you were entrusted to do for Alaskans.

7 So I called today to ask you to address this  
8 today during your meeting and apply the Bahnke  
9 pairings.

10 I also want to say (speaking Native  
11 language) to Melanie Bahnke and Nicole Borrromeo for  
12 making a stand. I know it wasn't easy, and I want to  
13 thank you and give you gratitude for making that  
14 stand for all of Alaska. (Speaking Native language.)  
15 I thank you for hearing my testimony.

16 MEMBER BORRROMEO: (Speaking Native  
17 language).

18 We do have a final caller, it looks like,  
19 that's been added online from Eagle River, Susan  
20 Fischetti.

21 MS. FISCHETTI: Yes. I'm Susan Fischetti.  
22 I've lived in Eagle River for 40 years.

23 Since moving to Eagle River, the population  
24 has more than doubled and has always been represented  
25 by two senators.

1                   In the '80s and '90s, we had Rick Halford  
2   and Randy Phillips. Randy Phillips represented  
3   Muldoon and Eagle River, and it worked fine. He did  
4   a great job working for the Muldooners. He attended  
5   community council meetings. He supported the schools  
6   and the businesses and the people of East Anchorage.

7                   In 2000 or so we were paired with the  
8   Hillside all the way to Hope, and it was a  
9   geographical nightmare. We had Con Bunde and Cathy  
10   Giessel both try to represent Eagle River, but never  
11   really connected with what was important to the  
12   community out here.

13                  Recently we've gone back to a senator for  
14   Eagle River and one for Chugiak, and there's been no  
15   complaints. Eagle River is adjacent to JBER, and  
16   many residents of Chugiak/Eagle River are military,  
17   so that makes sense for us, as well.

18                  I appreciate your time. Thank you.

19                  MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you, Susan.

20                  And that concludes our public testimony. We  
21   appreciate everyone in the room for their patience,  
22   and those online, too, especially as we dealt with  
23   some early technological -- technologic -- I don't  
24   know. Whatever. It was a mess.

25                  But moving on with the agenda here, we are

1 now going to review the Alaska Supreme Court  
2 decision.

3 We have the board's attorney, Matt Singer,  
4 who is going to come up on screen. There he is. And  
5 he'll unmute himself and go over what the Court has  
6 ruled a week early.

7 Hi, Matt. Can you hear us?

8 MR. SINGER: Hello, Chair Borrromeo. Can you  
9 hear me?

10 MEMBER BORRROMEO: We can hear you, and we  
11 can see you, too. Just give Peter one second. There  
12 he is. He's -- now you're front and center.

13 MR. SINGER: Thank you. What I thought,  
14 just so we have a clear record and for members of the  
15 public who may not have followed this as closely as  
16 others, I'll just provide a brief summary of the  
17 litigation phase of the redistricting process that's  
18 led us back together today.

19 So the board adopted its proclamation plan  
20 in November. There were five lawsuits filed by the  
21 constitutional deadline for legal challenges on  
22 December 10th. Those lawsuits were filed by the  
23 Matanuska-Susitna Borough and borough manager, the  
24 City of Valdez, City of Skagway, the Calista  
25 Corporation, and several individuals from East

1 Anchorage.

2 The Mat-Su Borough challenged the population  
3 of the Mat-Su Borough districts, and also the  
4 combination of Valdez and -- and Mat-Su communities  
5 in District 29.

6 Valdez also challenged District 29 and  
7 indicated a preference for a Richardson Highway House  
8 District.

9 The City of Skagway indicated a preference  
10 to be with downtown Juneau instead of the north end  
11 of Juneau.

12 Calista's lawsuit was primarily about where  
13 Hooper Bay and Scammon Bay would be districted, and  
14 more generally was about representation for the  
15 Calista shareholders and the residents of Southwest  
16 Alaska.

17 And the East Anchorage plaintiffs  
18 challenged -- primarily focused on Senate District K.

19 The trial court, there was a very  
20 expedited -- unusually expedited process that -- the  
21 U.S. Census was delayed this time around, and so  
22 instead of finishing this work early in the summer,  
23 as we would have had the census been timely, we  
24 finished in November, and that left a very compressed  
25 time for litigation.

1           The Superior Court, Judge Matthews, was very  
2   active in managing the litigation and moving it along  
3   in an efficient manner. There was -- an expedited  
4   trial began on January 21st and concluded in early  
5   February. The trial court issued a 171-page decision  
6   on -- early in the morning on February 16th.

7           The trial court directed the board to redo  
8   House Districts 3 and 4 in Southeast Alaska and  
9   Senate District K, and otherwise found that the plan  
10   was constitutional.

11           There were, let's see, four petitions for  
12   review to the Supreme Court that were filed later in  
13   the same week, in February. Those were argued to the  
14   state Supreme Court on March 18th, and then the  
15   Supreme Court issued an order a week later, on  
16   March 25th.

17           In expedited cases, especially expedited  
18   election cases, it's common for the Alaska Supreme  
19   Court to issue a preliminary order to give -- kind of  
20   give instructions, essentially, to the litigants, and  
21   then it will later -- we expect will write a detailed  
22   opinion.

23           So that's what we have at this point. We  
24   have a short order from the Supreme Court with, you  
25   know, kind of basic directions. And then I expect

1 we'll see a more fulsome explanation of its reasoning  
2 and analysis once the Court has time to write up a  
3 full opinion. That could be several months from now.  
4 That's not something that we will -- we will not have  
5 the benefit of that explanation while we -- while we  
6 act, you know, in the coming week on the -- on the  
7 task that we have today.

8           The Supreme Court decision -- let's see.  
9 Starting in Southeast, it reversed the trial court  
10 and agreed with the board that House Districts 3 and  
11 4 were constitutional. There's no more work that  
12 needs to be done with regard to the Southeast Alaska  
13 districts.

14           The Supreme Court also generally ruled  
15 against Valdez and Mat-Su in their appeals, finding  
16 that District 29, for example, was compact,  
17 contiguous, and socioeconomically integrated, and  
18 that Valdez could be in a house district with its  
19 neighbors to -- to the west and Mat-Su.

20           The Court found that House District 36 is  
21 not compact due to the addition of Cantwell and what  
22 it called the Cantwell appendage, and so it  
23 provided -- specifically directed that the Cantwell  
24 appendage should be returned to District 30 within  
25 the Denali Borough.



1           And that's the -- that's the only deficiency  
2   in the House plan. It's a deficiency that involves  
3   about 200 people. And so one of the board's tasks  
4   will be -- I'll get into the remand instructions, but  
5   one of the board's tasks will be to adjust the  
6   boundary of District 36 and District 30 to address  
7   the -- where Cantwell is districted.

8           And then finally, the Court found what most  
9   of the testimony was before you today. The Court  
10   found that Senate District K was invalid and violated  
11   the Alaska equal protection clause. So that -- that  
12   district, as drawn, needs to be replaced.

13           And so the Supreme Court remanded the case  
14   to the Superior Court for further proceedings, and so  
15   that transferred the jurisdiction and dispute away  
16   from the Supreme Court and back to the trial court.

17           And then on March 30th, Judge Matthews  
18   remanded the matter back to the board. And that's  
19   all consistent with the process that's set forth in  
20   our constitution, at Article VI, Section 11, which  
21   says, "Upon a final judicial decision that a plan is  
22   invalid, the matter shall be returned to the board  
23   for correction and development of a new plan."

24           So that's -- we're here to make corrections  
25   at this point. And -- and those corrections are

1 spelled out by Judge Matthews in the remand order.  
2 He said, consistent -- let's see -- consistent with  
3 the Supreme Court, what he directed was that the  
4 board is to -- is to do the following: Remove the  
5 Cantwell appendage from District 36, and then address  
6 the constitutional deficiency in Senate District K.

7 And then recognizing that those changes will  
8 impact -- they'll have some ripple effects, Judge  
9 Matthews also said the board shall make other changes  
10 resulting or related to the Cantwell or Senate  
11 District K changes.

12 So, for example, if you take Cantwell out of  
13 District 36, you necessarily have to adjust the  
14 border of District 30. And so that's what -- that's  
15 what I think the judge meant with his make other  
16 changes resulting or related to the -- you know, to  
17 the other actions.

18 So the -- those are the two specific tasks  
19 now before the board: to address Cantwell and -- and  
20 replace Senate District K.

21 My recommendation to the board is -- is to  
22 specifically invite the public to offer solutions to  
23 the Senate District K.

24 I then recommended that the board should  
25 present its ideas for solutions in a public meeting,

1     should discuss its ideas.

2                 After that, the public should get a chance  
3     to give feedback about the solutions the board is  
4     considering, and then the board should adopt a final  
5     plan.

6                 As to timing, Judge Matthews directed that  
7     the board is to provide the trial court with a status  
8     report on its work by February 15th. That's not --  
9     the judge did not set February 15th as a deadline,  
10    but I would encourage the board to treat that as a  
11    deadline and to finish this work in advance of  
12    February 15th, so that on that day we can report to  
13    Judge Matthews that the board has finished its task  
14    and has adopted a revised final proclamation plan.

15                So I would look at moving -- moving this  
16    along efficiently to -- to get to a revised plan  
17    addressing the two deficiencies that have been  
18    identified by the courts.

19                So that's my report. I'll look forward to  
20    working with the board. My understanding is the  
21    board will meet at 8 a.m. Monday morning to -- to  
22    adopt its process and get going on this, and I'll  
23    look forward to working with each of you.

24                Madam Chair, that's -- that concludes my  
25    report.

1                   MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you, Matt.

2                   Are there any questions from the board on  
3   our attorney's report?

4                   Okay. Hearing no questions, we have reached  
5   the end of our business.

6                   Are there any other comments at this point  
7   from the board before Monday's meeting?

8                   Okay. Seeing -- Bethany has --

9                   MEMBER BAHNKE: Madam Chairwoman?

10                  MEMBER BORROMEO: Let's go to Bethany, and  
11   then we'll hear Melanie.

12                  Bethany.

13                  MEMBER MARCUM: Thank you, Madam Chairman.

14                  I apologize. I was not able to unmute  
15   myself just now.

16                  And I also want -- just wanted to go on the  
17   record to clearly state that both my audio and my  
18   video were turned off by the meeting moderator during  
19   the public testimony in an effort to limit the  
20   possibility of Zoom bombing by non-participants, so I  
21   wanted to make sure that the public understood that  
22   was why (indiscernible) and why just now I was  
23   waving, because I didn't have the ability to turn off  
24   my own audio or also my video.

25                  Thank you.

1                   MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you, Bethany. We'll  
2     make a note of that.

3                   Just for purposes of catching you up, since  
4     you were not able to hear the testimony, we did have  
5     29 testifiers --

6                   MEMBER MARCUM: No, I could hear. My audio,  
7     I was not able to speak or be seen, to turn off my  
8     audio or video.

9                   MEMBER BORROMEO: Got it. Okay. So you  
10    heard everything; we just couldn't see or hear you?

11                  MEMBER MARCUM: Correct.

12                  MEMBER BORROMEO: Noted.

13                  Melanie.

14                  MEMBER BAHNKE: Thank you, Madam Chair.

15                  I'd like to comment on what Matt just said,  
16    in terms of a suggested process moving forward.

17                  My understanding is that we will be  
18    discussing that on Monday morning with all members  
19    present. Budd had suggested something, but he's not  
20    here.

21                  So I'd appreciate if we not talk about  
22    process really until Monday, because no decisions  
23    have been made by the board in terms of what the  
24    process going forward is going to be.

25                  So I'd like the public to be aware that

1 Monday morning is when we are scheduled to discuss  
2 the process going forward.

3 I also want to let you know that the people  
4 on Zoom weren't able to hear the first folks who  
5 testified. The first person that I was able to hear  
6 testify was Luke Hopkins.

7 So, Peter, if you could summarize in writing  
8 the people who testified before Luke quickly and  
9 e-mail that to me, I would appreciate it. Because I  
10 want to make sure that everybody was heard by me and  
11 that I have the public's input.

12 I want to thank the public for showing up in  
13 force today.

14 MR. TORKELSON: Yes, Madam Chairman. (Audio  
15 feedback.) That was my fault.

16 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay.

17 MR. TORKELSON: So two things. We are going  
18 to have this meeting transcribed by Pacific Rim  
19 transcribing, so we will have not just a summary but  
20 a full write-up of everything that was testified in  
21 writing, and we will get that as quick as they can  
22 get it to us, so we'll have everything in writing for  
23 anyone who's interested. And we'll, of course, post  
24 that to the Web site, as well.

25 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. Thank you.

1                   If there are no other comments from the  
2 board, I want to remind the public of our schedule  
3 going forward.

4                   The redistricting board will meet Monday at  
5 8 a.m., Tuesday at 10 a.m., Wednesday at 10 a.m.  
6 More meetings, I'm sure, will be scheduled after our  
7 Monday meeting, but that's when we're going to be, as  
8 Melanie was talking about, deciding on what our  
9 process is going forward.

10                  And I want to echo the sentiments of the  
11 board and our staff, that we do appreciate the  
12 public's participation, and we expect this to be a  
13 very engaged process as we get -- get the ball over  
14 the goal line, so to speak.

15                  I'm going to turn the chairing back over to  
16 John at this point as the chairman to close this out,  
17 if he's still on.

18                  Looks like John may be having some  
19 difficulty coming off of mute, so I'm going to go  
20 ahead on his behalf and adjourn the Alaska  
21 Redistricting Board meeting at 3:42.

22                  (Proceedings adjourned at 3:42 p.m.)

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15 Members Present:

16 John Binkley, Chair of the Board

17 Melanie Bahnke, Board Member

18 Nicole Borromeo, Board Member

19 Bethany Marcum, Board Member

20 Budd Simpson, Board Member

21 Peter Torkelson, Executive Director

22 Matt Singer, Legal Counsel

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BOARD MEETING

APRIL 4, 2022



1 P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 00:00:00

4 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. It's 8:00 on  
5 April 4th. We're going to call the meeting of the  
6 Alaska Redistricting Board to order.

7 Peter, could you please call the roll to  
8 establish that a quorum is present?

9 MR. TORKELSON: Yes, Mr. Chairman.  
10 Member Simpson?

11 MEMBER SIMPSON: Here.

12 MR. TORKELSON: Member Marcum?

13 MEMBER MARCUM: Here.

14 MR. TORKELSON: Ms. Borrromeo?

15 MEMBER BORROMEEO: Here.

16 MR. TORKELSON: Member Bahnke?

17 MEMBER BAHNKE: I'm here.

18 Peter, for consistency sake, can you go  
19 alphabetically next time, please?

20 MR. TORKELSON: Sure. Yeah. I just went  
21 opposite this time for a shakeup, but we can do that.

22 Mr. Chairman, all members -- oh,  
23 Mr. Binkley?

24 CHAIR BINKLEY: Here.

25 MR. TORKELSON: All members are present and

1     accounted for.

2                 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you.

3                 We have a draft agenda before us. And I  
4     realize that this may be a little bit of a dynamic  
5     meeting, and so I think if we need to make  
6     adjustments to the agenda once we get into it, we'll  
7     see where the discussions go and what the sense of  
8     the board is.

9                 We may need to make some adjustments, but,  
10    for now, there is a draft agenda out there. And I'd  
11    ask for any comments on that, or if there aren't,  
12    then we can have a motion to adopt it as it's  
13    presented, and then get started.

14                MEMBER BORROMEO: This is Nicole. I'll move  
15    the agenda as adopted -- I mean, as presented.

16                CHAIR BINKLEY: Melanie, I don't know -- I  
17    think -- you know, once -- if you hit mute, Melanie,  
18    I think it blocks you out. We all have to stay off  
19    of mute. If any of us hit mute it won't allow us  
20    back in.

21                So I think there's a procedure that Peter  
22    can use to get you back online. And we'll just pause  
23    while you get back connected.

24                MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay. Can -- Peter, can you  
25    please pull up the agenda so it's on the screen?

1 MR. TORKELSON: Oh, yeah. Yeah. Let me --

2 MEMBER SIMPSON: Yeah, I'd appreciate that,  
3 too.

4 MEMBER MARCUM: While he's pulling that up,  
5 I'll just say that the risk for having this off mute  
6 all the time is that when my dog starts barking, when  
7 somebody knocks on the door, you guys are going to be  
8 subject to all of that because I can't mute myself to  
9 not have that happen. So just be aware, I guess, if  
10 that's the way we're going to do this.

11 MEMBER BAHNKE: I'm in the same boat,  
12 Bethany. I've got dogs.

13 MR. TORKELSON: - It's less than ideal.

14 I just went through a couple of revisions.

15 MEMBER BAHNKE: I would have been there in  
16 person, but it's my board's strategic planning week.  
17 Every five years we do strategic planning. It's been  
18 put on hold for the last two years, so this is the  
19 week.

20 MR. TORKELSON: Do you guys see -- see the  
21 agenda here?

22 MEMBER BAHNKE: No. I see --

23 MR. SINGER: No. It's the online public  
24 notice page.

25 CHAIR BINKLEY: I can read it off. I've got

1 it here, I think, if that helps.

2 MR. TORKELSON: No. I'll have it here  
3 shortly.

4 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay.

5 MR. TORKELSON: So are you seeing --

6 MR. SINGER: We're seeing -- the online  
7 public notice web page, is what I'm seeing.

8 MR. TORKELSON: Okay.

9 MEMBER BAHNKE: Peter, while you're pulling  
10 that up, I'd also appreciate, after you're able to  
11 pull that up, if you could pull up the map I had  
12 proposed in November, not as part of the meeting, but  
13 have it handy.

14 MR. TORKELSON: Okay. So this is -- this is  
15 a slight modification, where I detailed out the  
16 discussion process. So I think that's what we're  
17 planning to do today. But as the chairman  
18 acknowledged, it can be a --

19 CHAIR BINKLEY: Can everybody see that okay?

20 MEMBER SIMPSON: Yes.

21 MEMBER BAHNKE: Yes. Thank you.

22 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. There is a motion  
23 before us. I'm not sure that we got a second on it,  
24 though, to adopt the agenda as drafted.

25 MEMBER SIMPSON: I'll second.

1 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Motion before us and  
2 seconded to adopt the draft agenda as presented.

3 Is there discussion on the motion? Is there  
4 any objection to the motion?

5 Hearing none, the agenda is adopted.

6 The first item on the agenda is public  
7 testimony. Is there anybody on the line or in the  
8 LIO office there locally that wishes to testify  
9 before the board this morning?

10 MR. TORKELSON: I'm just checking with folks  
11 in the room, and it does not appear there is anyone  
12 here that wishes to testify at this time.

13 Denaya (phonetic), is there anyone online?

14 MEMBER BORROMEO: There's no one on the line  
15 either, John.

16 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Great. Let's -- I'm  
17 just adjusting my screen. Let's move on to the  
18 discussion of the board on process on how we proceed  
19 from this point.

20 And I'll just open up the floor for  
21 discussions. So you can raise your hand or otherwise  
22 signal me, and then I'll call on you.

23 I see both Budd and Nicole have their hands  
24 up.

25 Budd, what are your thoughts on this?

1                   MEMBER SIMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

2                   I had sent a short memo around maybe, I  
3   don't know, a week or several days ago just  
4   suggesting process and kind of timing for this.  
5   That -- that would be my suggestion, that today I was  
6   hoping we would get some more public testimony, but  
7   we already have some on record. I'd like to get  
8   more. I would like an opportunity to hear from the  
9   public on possible alternative pairings and any other  
10  plan that someone wants to comment on.

11                  I'd like to have a couple of days for folks  
12  to do that, think about it, and then we could meet  
13  and hear public testimony on plans that are before --  
14  before the public.

15                  I know there's some sense on some members to  
16  kind of move things along, but there's -- I think  
17  there's one plan that's -- that's been put out there,  
18  and I would just like to see if there's any others.

19                  I personally do not have one at this point  
20  that I'm pushing or promoting, but I feel like just  
21  having one before us doesn't really fulfill our  
22  obligations to look at different options.

23                  So a couple of days to see if people come up  
24  with other suggestions, couple days to kind of soak  
25  those and meet again to hear comment on any other

1 suggestions that have been submitted, and then a  
2 couple days more to assimilate that, and then us  
3 meet, and then vote on it.

4           You know, we'll always have an issue with  
5 people's conflicting schedule things. For myself, I  
6 was tied up with other matters until now, but for the  
7 next couple of weeks I'm available except on the  
8 11th, because I have a hard unavailability that day.  
9 Otherwise, I'm available day or night.

10           And the main point being that the judge who  
11 now has control of this process has given us until  
12 the 15th to provide a status report. I -- I am  
13 hoping that that status report is, "Here's a new  
14 Senate pairing."

15           And as I also -- so I'm -- I'd like to move  
16 this along, but not in a way that I'm feeling rushed  
17 or like I don't have a chance to -- to think about  
18 these things, or that -- or that cuts anybody out who  
19 may want to testify or offer a different suggestion  
20 or whatever.

21           So my -- my goal would be to finish this  
22 process before the 15th so that we can provide a  
23 report to the Court on the 15th saying that, you  
24 know, "We're done. What do you think about this?"

25           So I haven't put specific dates in there,



1 subject to hearing what other people's scheduling and  
2 conflicts may be, but that's -- that's the thrust of  
3 what I would like to do and what I put in that memo  
4 last week.

5 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

6 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you, Budd.

7 Nicole?

8 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. I'm going to  
9 be a little bit more definitive when it comes to  
10 timelines here.

11 What I would like to see moving forward from  
12 the board is today we deal with Cantwell. I said  
13 back in December that I believe this whole process  
14 can be wrapped up in 15 minutes.

15 Respecting what Budd has said and asking for  
16 a few more days, though, I'm willing to deal with  
17 Cantwell today. I'm going to be at some point moving  
18 my last version of that map.

19 I would like to introduce alternative  
20 pairings for Anchorage today, have them sit out  
21 today, tomorrow, and have the board act on those  
22 final pairings on Wednesday.

23 I take a different position from Budd on how  
24 long the public has had to engage in this process.  
25 It's been a full five months since November. They've

1 had five months to consider the Senate pairings, to  
2 follow the redistricting litigation. They've been  
3 weighing in.

4 There was a slew of public testimony that  
5 came in over the weekend. There was even more here  
6 in the Anchorage office at the LIO and more on the  
7 line. The message has been a resounding, loud and  
8 clear, that they'd like to see the Bahnke pairings  
9 and they'd like to get this done as soon as possible  
10 from the board's position and not to delay the  
11 matters any more. Thank you.

12 MEMBER SIMPSON: Mr. Chair?

13 CHAIR BINKLEY: - Let's see. Go ahead, Budd.

14 MEMBER SIMPSON: Yeah. Just one thing. I  
15 certainly wouldn't object to trying to deal with the  
16 Cantwell appendage today. As I had said in my memo,  
17 I am hoping, I believe, that that won't be  
18 controversial. I think that was something that was  
19 not controversial at the time it was adopted, and we  
20 have a pretty clear directive from the court on that.  
21 So I -- you know, I don't object to moving that  
22 forward.

23 And that takes one thing off the list, very  
24 much narrows what we have to do with the -- the rest  
25 of our time.

1           I would object to simply scheduling a vote  
2   on Wednesday, before we've had a chance to let other  
3   people weigh in on possible other pairings. I  
4   understand that there was an alternative submitted  
5   way last November, but it isn't really the case that  
6   people have had five months to weigh in on it because  
7   that was not the one we adopted, and it wasn't known  
8   until a couple of weeks ago that that wouldn't be the  
9   one that would move forward.

10           So people really haven't had a full  
11   opportunity to comment on other options, besides  
12   that.

13           I -- I'm sympathetic to the desire to move  
14   forward. I'd like to do that, but under a little bit  
15   more controlled circumstances where people have a  
16   full and complete opportunity to weigh in on other  
17   specific plans which are not before us right now.

18           MEMBER BORROMEO: Follow-up?

19           CHAIR BINKLEY: Nicole?

20           MEMBER BAHNKE: John, I don't know if you  
21   can see, but my hand's been up for a while.

22           CHAIR BINKLEY: Oh, I'm sorry. I did not  
23   see it. I'm sorry, Melanie. Yep, I see it now. Go  
24   ahead, please.

25           MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay. First of all --

1                   MEMBER BORROMEO: Mr. Chair, I just have a  
2 follow-up, as Budd had a follow-up to me, and then  
3 I'll throw it to Melanie.

4                   MEMBER BAHNKE: That's fine.

5                   CHAIR BINKLEY: Yep, go ahead, Nicole.

6                   MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you very much. I  
7 appreciate that.

8                   I'm willing to push this out as far as  
9 Thursday. At that point, though, I don't see any  
10 benefit to dragging this out any longer.

11                   I would also respectfully request that if  
12 there's going to be alternative pairings from this  
13 board, that you put them on the record. I've already  
14 said that I'm going to support the Bahnke pairings,  
15 and that's going to be my position coming out of the  
16 meeting today. So I'd like to know what other  
17 options there are from the board, if you have any  
18 other options.

19                   And I know you were tied up this weekend  
20 unfortunately, Budd. I'm very sorry for your loss.  
21 But if you haven't had a chance to watch the hearing  
22 or read the testimony, that would be a good place to  
23 start.

24                   CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Melanie?

25                   MEMBER BAHNKE: Yes. Thank you,

1 Mr. Chairman.

2 Budd, first of all, my condolences to your  
3 family. I wish you had been at the meeting on  
4 Saturday, because we resoundingly heard that we must  
5 move quickly and not belabor this process any  
6 further. Overwhelmingly, written and verbal  
7 testimony was to adopt certain Senate pairings,  
8 actually pairings that you and I had worked on  
9 together in a side meeting when we were considering  
10 Senate pairings.

11 And although everybody keeps calling it the  
12 Bahnke pairings, it should really be called the  
13 Bahnke/Simpson pairings, because you and I did work  
14 on that together.

15 You're saying no? You don't remember going  
16 into that side room with me when we were trying to  
17 figure out what to pair with Anchorage?

18 MEMBER SIMPSON: We've had a lot of  
19 discussions. That's not what we voted on, so --

20 MEMBER BAHNKE: No, we didn't vote on that,  
21 but that's -- I had asked you to come and join me  
22 because you and I both don't live in Anchorage and I  
23 thought we would be impartial.

24 Reading the room, so to say, reading the  
25 state, overwhelmingly the public testimony is for us

1 not to delay. The Court's been very specific in its  
2 remand and instructed us to fix only two specific  
3 parts of our proclamation, the Cantwell House  
4 district and Senate District K.

5 And I don't see why we need to belabor this  
6 any further. I appreciate that you're wanting to  
7 have public testimony. Public testimony weighed in  
8 on Saturday. They said no more delays.

9 So I'm prepared to introduce Senate pairings  
10 today to at least get them on the record for people  
11 to consider. I'm not expecting a vote today, but I  
12 think we need to move this -- move this along.

13 We've had since November for the public to  
14 consider the two maps that were put on the record, so  
15 there has been at least one map that's been out there  
16 that wasn't voted on since November. December,  
17 January, February, March, April, five months now.

18 So I am prepared to at least get those on  
19 the record so that the public can start commenting on  
20 those today. And I would appreciate if you would  
21 (indiscernible) through that so they're formally on  
22 the record as being considered.

23 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. I see Matt has had  
24 his hand up. Matt, go ahead.

25 MR. SINGER: Yes, with regard to Cantwell as

1 a start, it sounds like Member Borromeo may have a  
2 map -- you know, a solution to put up and show the  
3 board.

4 I would encourage the board to follow the  
5 basic steps that are in Section 10 of the  
6 constitution.

7 So when you're talking about Cantwell, if --  
8 if the board -- if a board member has a proposal for  
9 what District 36 and District 30 should look like  
10 after correction, if the board could adopt that as a  
11 proposed or a considered solution today, and then  
12 post it to the website, just give the public an  
13 opportunity to comment on it, have a public hearing  
14 on that, and then return at your next meeting, as  
15 soon as you've shared it with the public, and adopt  
16 that solution at your final.

17 But I think that those steps -- and I know  
18 everybody's motivated to get this done, but those  
19 steps are important. There was litigation ten years  
20 ago when the board acted on remand and did not -- did  
21 not then have a hearing on its solutions, and the  
22 Superior Court said: No, you need to go back and  
23 have a hearing.

24 So just -- just to take, you know, sort of  
25 the dance steps here that we need to take. So I



1 would encourage -- Member Borrromeo, I agree, this is  
2 really a technical edit. I agree with the comments  
3 that it's very likely to be -- it's likely to be  
4 uncontroversial. But, you know, every now and again  
5 we make -- we miss a census block that we thought we  
6 clicked or we make another little error and  
7 somebody -- we benefit from public testimony. We  
8 benefit from hearing from people.

9 So I would encourage, again, see if there's  
10 an agreement to adopt a revised District 36 and  
11 District 30, post those to the website and invite  
12 comments -- specifically invite comments about them,  
13 and then after hearing testimony adopt a final  
14 solution to District 36 and 30.

15 And those are the same steps that I  
16 encourage for the Senate -- for you all to decide on  
17 your schedule. But those are the steps that -- that  
18 should come for addressing the Senate District K, as  
19 well.

20 That's all I had. Thank you.

21 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you.

22 Budd, and then Nicole.

23 MEMBER SIMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

24 Yeah, I -- I am on board with what Matt just said.

25 I -- I like the idea of going ahead and putting the

1 Cantwell -- Member Borrromeo's Cantwell solution, I  
2 would like to see that.

3 As I said, I don't think it's going to be  
4 controversial, but I think Matt is giving good advice  
5 that we could give it a couple of days before we vote  
6 and see if there is any public feedback on that.

7 Same with Member Bahnke's suggested Senate  
8 pairings. I have no objection whatsoever and would  
9 encourage her to put it on -- just, you know, move it  
10 today, and that simply extends the amount of time  
11 people will have to look at it. I know they've said  
12 it's been sort of on the table for a while, but I  
13 think moving it now would clarify for everybody  
14 exactly what those pairings are, so if they want to  
15 support or oppose them they know what they're talking  
16 about, so we're all on the same page.

17 So I would encourage that. Thank you.

18 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you, Budd.

19 Nicole?

20 MEMBER BORRROMEO: Peter's going to pull up  
21 my Cantwell from v4. And I'd like to move that the  
22 board adopt this solution for the remand from our  
23 court system.

24 It would be returning Cantwell to the Denali  
25 Borough. That's the motion I'm making. I'm not

1 expecting a vote today, Mr. Chairman. I want to be  
2 clear, but I would like that vote to come on  
3 Wednesday.

4 I'd also like special notice to go out to  
5 the Doyon Coalition so that they know, since they  
6 would have an interest in this, and that would help  
7 satisfy the public process, as well.

8 So to be clear, my motion is I would like my  
9 v4 with the Cantwell appendage removed. That  
10 community would be returned to the Denali Borough.  
11 The board would vote on this two days from now, on  
12 Wednesday, and special notice would go to the Doyon  
13 Coalition. Thank you.

14 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. I heard quite a bit.  
15 I don't know if that was a full motion, everything  
16 that you said in that, including a final decision on  
17 Wednesday. Was that your motion?

18 MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible) a final  
19 decision today, but it sounds like we -- we're going  
20 to drag this out. So if -- if the board is not  
21 willing to vote today, I want a time certain to vote.  
22 And my second option is going to be Wednesday. Thank  
23 you.

24 CHAIR BINKLEY: So the motion as I  
25 understand it is to adopt v4 version. And we need to

1 see what that means, because there was, I think, a  
2 lot of different things in v4, as I recall, but the  
3 v4 version, which I think was the same as v3 with  
4 regards to Cantwell and District 36 and the Denali  
5 Borough. So we'll need to be more specific on that  
6 probably.

7 And then the motion also says to make a  
8 final decision by Wednesday. So that's the motion,  
9 as I understand it, before us. And if that's not the  
10 motion, let me know, and then I'll see if there's a  
11 second to that motion.

12 MEMBER BAHNKE: Mr. Chair, I'd like to wait  
13 until Peter pulls up Nicole's proposed action in  
14 terms of it being on an actual map.

15 CHAIR BINKLEY: I think just technically --  
16 and I hate to be too technical here, but there's a  
17 motion made. And if there's going to be discussion  
18 on the motion we need to have a second for it to be  
19 actually on the board before us. Is there a second  
20 to the motion?

21 MEMBER MARCUM: That's my understanding of  
22 Robert's Rules.

23 MEMBER SIMPSON: Mr. Chair?

24 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah, Budd.

25 MEMBER SIMPSON: Yeah, I'll second it for

1 purposes of discussion.

2 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. There's a motion  
3 before us and seconded. Now discussion.

4 Peter, Melanie had asked to bring version 3  
5 and version 4 up to -- whichever version. They're  
6 both the same with regards to Cantwell. But if you  
7 could bring those up, please, and we can see what  
8 that looks like, that would be helpful for purposes  
9 of discussion.

10 MR. TORKELSON: Yeah. So I'm actually not  
11 in autoBound on the host computer. I have prepared  
12 for this with some screenshots to walk members  
13 through the differences, so we can shift gears to  
14 autoBound if we really want to drill into the block  
15 level. But as a starting point, if I may just walk  
16 through sort of the big picture, if that's okay,  
17 Mr. Chairman?

18 CHAIR BINKLEY: Sure, please.

19 MR. TORKELSON: Okay. So what you see here  
20 is -- thanks. The purple line is the plan that the  
21 board adopted. So you see the Cantwell carve -- the  
22 Cantwell sort of appendage towards the center of the  
23 screen here. I'll highlight that with my cursor, the  
24 purple.

25 And then the red is the District 25 boundary

1 just prior to us making that decision. You'll notice  
2 that it follows the highway up here, and then it --  
3 in the previous version, which Member Borrromeo is  
4 referring to as her before, District 25 northern  
5 boundary is bounded by the southern boundary of the  
6 Denali Borough and the northern boundary of the  
7 Mat-Su -- Susitna Borough.

8 And then as you move to the east side, the  
9 northern boundary of District 25 is bounded by the  
10 eastern boundary of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.  
11 You'll see that there's actually three districts  
12 (indiscernible). And I'll zoom in a little bit now  
13 and remove the red line so you can see this more  
14 clearly.

15 The dashed lines are in the borough  
16 boundary. To the north is the Denali Borough, the  
17 south is the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, and the line  
18 here is the -- and to the north is the  
19 Matanuska-Susitna Borough boundary.

20 So my understanding of before, what I found  
21 in autoBound would be to return that boundary to --  
22 25 would be -- as you see here in the color coding  
23 now, the light orange is to District 30, the southern  
24 yellow tone would be the new District 25. The  
25 purplish tone over here -- there's one with the

1 numbers. The purplish tone on the right would be the  
2 new 36.

3 So there's three district changes, using the  
4 borough boundary as a divider where 30 and 25 meet,  
5 and then using the Matanuska-Susitna Borough as a  
6 boundary where 25 and 36 (indiscernible).

7 MEMBER SIMPSON: Peter, can you show us  
8 where Cantwell is, just make a dot or put the cursor  
9 there?

10 MR. TORKELSON: Yeah. It's -- it's -- here,  
11 let me zoom in. Maybe it's here, but it's very  
12 small. So let's see. See Cantwell's label right  
13 there?

14 MEMBER SIMPSON: Okay.

15 MR. TORKELSON: Is that visible?

16 MEMBER SIMPSON: Yeah. I couldn't see it on  
17 the other version.

18 MR. TORKELSON: Yeah. It -- yeah, autoBound  
19 is printed so small, so Cantwell is in this sort  
20 of -- the tone is fairly similar, but it's a slightly  
21 grayer version just to the east of the highway. This  
22 is the Parks Highway to Fairbanks, and this area  
23 here --

24 MEMBER BAHNKE: Mr. Chair, this is Melanie.

25 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yes, Melanie. Go ahead.



1                   MEMBER BAHNKE: Can I -- Nicole said wait  
2   until Wednesday to have a vote on this motion. I  
3   don't know how that works in terms of other motions  
4   that are going to be coming forward, how we close out  
5   this motion if it's already on the table. Can you --  
6   with your vast experience in Robert's Rules of Order,  
7   how do we do this?

8                   CHAIR BINKLEY: Well, there's a legitimate  
9   motion on the table. We are on discussion now, and  
10   then we'll vote on two options.

11                  One, the maker of the motion could withdraw  
12   the motion or the maker of the motion could ask to  
13   amend the motion. There could be an amendment from  
14   another member to amend the motion, or a member could  
15   move to table the motion, which does not have any  
16   debate, and you immediately vote on tabling that  
17   motion. So those are kind of the options, as I see  
18   them.

19                  But, Matt, I see you've got your hand up, so  
20   a question to process on this?

21                  MEMBER BAHNKE: Just a follow-up to that  
22   real quickly, though. Could we vote on this today,  
23   and then if we hear kind of public input against what  
24   we did we could reconsider on Thursday?  
25   (Indiscernible) of this? Is that an option?

1                   CHAIR BINKLEY: Well, the motion was to have  
2   it finalized on Wednesday. We can -- you know,  
3   anytime we are in session we can change whatever the  
4   intent or the outcome of the motion was, so even  
5   later in the evening we could change our mind up  
6   there.

7                   Maybe I'll go to Matt to see if there was  
8   further clarification on that.

9                   MR. SINGER: I would really encourage the  
10   board to follow the process set forth in Section 10.  
11   So -- and that would involve today's motion being a  
12   motion to adopt this revision as a proposed  
13   correction to the proclamation plan. And so then the  
14   board could adopt a proposed correction to the -- and  
15   it could end up one or more proposed corrections.

16                  And then publish that to the public, and  
17   then come back and adopt a final proclamation plan, a  
18   final correction. So I -- I think that rather than  
19   adopt the correction -- or adopt a correction but  
20   vote on it Wednesday, take -- I would break it down.  
21   Adopt it as a proposed plan, publish it, adopt it as  
22   a final plan. That's the -- I encourage, that's the  
23   process contemplated under Section 10 generally.

24                  CHAIR BINKLEY: Bethany, I think you had  
25   your hand up for a while. Sorry.

1                   MEMBER MARCUM: I have had, yes. Thank you.

2                   So before we saw the map, I also worked on a  
3 Cantwell solution on the map. And I want to -- I'd  
4 like to -- I just would like to be able to compare in  
5 autoBound what I worked on with what is being  
6 proposed here today.

7                   So either we could take the time to do that  
8 today during the meeting or we could do that this  
9 evening. But one way or another, I want to have time  
10 to compare the solution that I've worked on to what  
11 has been proposed. I'm not prepared to vote on even  
12 adopting a proposed correction until I've had a  
13 chance to do that.

14                  It shouldn't take long. I just want to be  
15 able to compare the populations in the districts that  
16 I see after the corrections, make sure they match up  
17 with what has been proposed here. But I'm not  
18 prepared to vote unless I am able to have the chance  
19 to do that.

20                  CHAIR BINKLEY: I understand.

21                  Budd, and then Nicole.

22                  MEMBER SIMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

23                  I'm interested in seeing what Member Marcum  
24 has as an alternative, but in my mind that doesn't  
25 prevent us from adopting a proposed version that

1 Member Borrromeo has and then looking at it again on  
2 Wednesday.

3 By scheduling it for a vote on Wednesday, I  
4 don't see any real downside to that either. If we  
5 get between now and then another suggested solution  
6 from Member Marcum, we can look at that, as well. We  
7 can take into account any public testimony on the  
8 Cantwell issue between now and then.

9 And all of that just works toward better  
10 process, I think, and since process was an issue in  
11 the litigation, I -- I'm all in favor of trying to  
12 fix any problems we had with that for this round.

13 So I'm in favor of adopting Member  
14 Borrromeo's version to put it on the table. I'm in  
15 favor of anybody else that has a different idea,  
16 putting that on the table, and then getting comments  
17 and looking at it again on Wednesday. Even though we  
18 put it up for a vote on Wednesday to kind of move  
19 things along, I'm good with that, too.

20 But, you know, if we get a whole bunch of  
21 other alternatives that look like they might somehow  
22 be more elegant or in some way better, which I'm not  
23 really expecting, we don't have to vote for it. So  
24 I'm good with what's been suggested by counsel here.  
25 Thank you.

1 CHAIR BINKLEY: Just to clarify that, the  
2 motion as I heard it was to adopt it on Wednesday.  
3 But what you're suggesting, Budd, is that we vote on  
4 it on Wednesday? I think there's a little -- maybe  
5 it's a nuance, but I think there's a difference. The  
6 implication by the motion as I understand it is that  
7 we will be adopting it on Wednesday, not that we'll  
8 look at it on Wednesday and decide whether to adopt  
9 it. So I --

10 MEMBER SIMPSON: Mr. Chair, I -- I  
11 understood that we'd be voting on it on Wednesday,  
12 not that it's, like, automatically adopted today but  
13 not effective until Wednesday. So I thought we're  
14 going to take testimony and then decide on Wednesday.

15 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. So it would be --  
16 that would, I think, require a slight change in the  
17 motion to bring it before the board on Wednesday for  
18 potential final adoption. So maybe that's just a  
19 nuance that isn't too critical.

20 Okay. I've got Nicole, then Bethany, then  
21 Melanie.

22 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. I know it's  
23 early, and perhaps folks still haven't had their  
24 coffee, but this is getting way more complicated than  
25 it needs to be for the Cantwell carve-out.

1           My motion, again, is to return to v4 best  
2   for Cantwell. All of those deviations were in the  
3   constitutional limits. All of the lines met the big  
4   three that we talked about versus being compact.  
5   That is the proposed solution that I am suggesting  
6   today.

7           I would also like to amend my motion to  
8   potentially vote on that proposed solution today,  
9   because I don't believe it's controversial. We  
10   haven't received a single public comment regarding  
11   this deficiency since the Court ruling.

12           I understand, though, that it may appear as  
13   though we're rushing, unnecessarily so, but I do want  
14   a time certain date that we know as a board that  
15   we're going to wrap this up. I do not want it  
16   dragging out forever.

17           And I also want to second Bethany's request.  
18   If she needs ten minutes to look at deviations and  
19   draw, please, let's give that to her and stand at  
20   ease so she can do her mapping. Thank you.

21           CHAIR BINKLEY: Bethany, and then Melanie.

22           MEMBER MARCUM: Yes. Thank you,  
23   Mr. Chairman.

24           I've already done the mapping, so it should  
25   be very fast. And I think there's a 90 percent

1 chance that what Member Borrromeo and Peter worked on  
2 is the same, but because it wasn't presented in  
3 autoBound I can't be sure. So that's all I'm asking  
4 is to be able to compare the autoBound amount --  
5 autoBound populations that I have on my computer here  
6 with what was presented there, since I couldn't see  
7 that part of the thing.

8 So, you know, at the most, ten minutes. So,  
9 yes, that's all I'm asking.

10 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. And thank you,  
11 Bethany.

12 Melanie?

13 MEMBER BAHNKE: - I was just going to comment  
14 in support of allowing Bethany to have five or ten  
15 minutes that she needs to compare what Peter put up  
16 on the screen with her actual autoBound.

17 Knowing her mapping expertise, I'd like her  
18 to feel comfortable with her vote today. And if she  
19 needs to double-check, can we take a five-minute at  
20 ease before we vote on this motion, or ten minutes,  
21 however much time she needs to compare?

22 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah, we can certainly take  
23 an at ease to allow that to occur.

24 I'm just going to mention that my concern --  
25 I've been a little concerned. I was disappointed



1 with the Supreme Court's ruling that Cantwell should  
2 not be within the District 36. To me, there was  
3 overwhelming testimony. The only testimony we  
4 received was from those people affected in that area  
5 to be included in District 36.

6 I thought there was compelling testimony at  
7 the Supreme Court through the -- Calista, in talking  
8 about respecting ANCSA boundaries. That really was  
9 the purpose of why we looked at including Cantwell  
10 with District 36, so that we could respect the  
11 boundaries of Ahtna, which they had requested, which  
12 people from that district had requested.

13 People from the Denali Borough did not  
14 oppose this, moving -- allowing Ahtna to have their  
15 shareholders all in one district. People in Cantwell  
16 did not oppose it.

17 The only people that opposed it were the  
18 Mat-Su Borough and the City of Valdez, which really  
19 were not affected by this. And so it was upsetting  
20 to me. I thought the Superior Court got it right  
21 that the people in Cantwell deserved to be with  
22 people who they socioeconomically integrate with,  
23 even though they might be in a different borough, and  
24 I -- and I'm waiting. I'm hoping that the request by  
25 Calista that the courts make -- or give respect to

1 the ANCSA boundaries is important.

2 And I'm hopeful in the final ruling of the  
3 Supreme Court that they address that issue. They  
4 ignored it in their initial ruling.

5 And I don't know if there's a way -- maybe  
6 not. But the distribution -- I guess the Supreme  
7 Court ruling was pretty clear, but maybe a question  
8 for Matt.

9 Is there any way that -- I guess it would be  
10 difficult, but if we knew where Ahtna shareholders  
11 were in the Cantwell area, to be able to bifurcate  
12 that, put some of it back in the Denali Borough and  
13 apportion the -- so the Ahtna shareholders could be  
14 together?

15 MEMBER BAHNKE: Mr. Chair, I'm just going to  
16 interject here. As much as I appreciate your concern  
17 for ANCSA shareholders, the Court's been clear. They  
18 told us to fix the Cantwell cutout.

19 We can't bifurcate a community in itself and  
20 divide it into Native and non-Native or shareholders  
21 and non-shareholders. I think that will get  
22 litigated.

23 We have two tasks before us: fix Cantwell  
24 and fix Senate District K. And I don't care to  
25 entertain bifurcating Cantwell, because that's just

1 going to encourage and invite more litigation. We  
2 need to listen to what the Supreme Court said.

3 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you, Melanie. I  
4 appreciate your commentary on that.

5 Matt?

6 MR. SINGER: Mr. Chair, I think the Supreme  
7 Court's -- from the questioning at the oral argument,  
8 I think its thinking is that everyone within the  
9 Denali Borough is socioeconomically integrated as a  
10 matter of law, and so therefore you can't legally  
11 improve Cantwell socioeconomic integration by putting  
12 it with Ahtna communities.

13 And so the -- I think the clear direction of  
14 the court is that in that instance the board needs to  
15 honor the borough boundaries. And so I don't --  
16 well, I certainly appreciate and agree that there  
17 was, you know, the -- I would call this a -- to me,  
18 if the Court found an error, I would call it an error  
19 of enthusiasm.

20 I mean, the board was -- the board was  
21 seeking -- it's 200 people. The board heard  
22 compelling testimony. It was seeking a district that  
23 served the interests of the people who -- who you  
24 heard from. That's what you tried to do throughout  
25 the state.

1           So I -- but I think at this point there's  
2   not much room for creativity. The -- the -- you  
3   really should adopt a new District 36 and a new  
4   District 30 that do not have an appendage, a visual  
5   appendage, and that do not break into the -- either  
6   the Denali Borough, or we slightly broke into the  
7   Mat-Su Borough in that location near Cantwell, and we  
8   should avoid that, as well.

9           I just don't see any other solution that  
10   would be -- that I would -- in my guess would be  
11   palatable to the Court if there were a second round  
12   of challenge.

13           CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you. Okay. That  
14   answers my question on that.

15           Nicole?

16           MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. It's been a  
17   minute, but I for once did agree with Matt here, so  
18   I'm going to lower my hand and just second what he  
19   said, and also put in the queue that Bethany needs  
20   mapping time.

21           CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. That's it?

22           Budd, you had your hand up.

23           MEMBER SIMPSON: Yeah. Thank you,  
24   Mr. Chair.

25           I just wanted to thank you for articulating,

1     you know, some of what was on our mind at the -- at  
2     the time we did adopt that appendage for Cantwell. I  
3     put it in the category of no good turn goes  
4     unpunished. We were simply trying to accommodate  
5     what the people that live there had asked for, and I  
6     think at the time we knew that it made a strange  
7     appendage but decided to do it anyway.

8             But I -- I also agree with Melanie that the  
9     instructions from the Supreme Court are clear, and,  
10    you know, I don't think we have a lot of discretion  
11    on what to do about that at this point. I'm still  
12    interested to see if there is something from Bethany  
13    that, you know, is just a different approach. It  
14    sounds like there really won't be, so let's get  
15    Bethany her few minutes, and then look at any  
16    comparison there is.

17            And then I -- I would still support putting  
18    this on the agenda to vote on in a couple of days.  
19    Thank you.

20            CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah, Matt?

21            MR. SINGER: Just -- again, just to  
22    reiterate, I mean, I really -- just to take care with  
23    the process so we're not -- so there's not criticism  
24    about the process, I would strongly encourage the  
25    board to consider the motion to be we adopt this as

1 our -- as our proposed revised proclamation plan for  
2 Districts 36 and 30. So --

3 MEMBER MARCUM: And --

4 MR. SINGER: -- just adopt -- use the  
5 word --

6 MEMBER MARCUM: And 29, too, I believe,  
7 right? To be clear, there's three districts.

8 MR. SINGER: Yeah, and 29. So proposed --  
9 you know, proposed correction. Use those words in  
10 your motion. Publish it to the public and to your  
11 website as a proposed correction.

12 Then have public hearings on it. You can  
13 invite hearing even today, after you adopt, and then  
14 again whether we meet tomorrow or Wednesday, and then  
15 adopt it as your final.

16 I really strongly encourage the board to use  
17 the words that are contemplated in Section 10. So  
18 adopt or at least publish a proposed plan, and then  
19 hear from the public, and then adopt a final plan.

20 So I -- I don't get to make amendments to  
21 motions, but I would really strongly encourage the  
22 board to consider clarifying this motion to adopt a  
23 proposed plan.

24 And I would counsel you that it's -- in my  
25 view, we risk the Court saying we have violated

1 Section 10 if we don't adopt a proposed plan, tell  
2 the public this is our correction, and then adopt it  
3 as final. That's -- those -- that's the steps that  
4 the board needs to take. Thank you.

5 CHAIR BINKLEY: Nicole?

6 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. I'm going to  
7 withdraw my previous motion. I have a new motion.

8 I would like to propose a correction to  
9 Section 10 that would fix our Districts 36, 30, and  
10 29 by reverting to my last version of v4 best. In  
11 simple terms it would return Cantwell to the Denali  
12 Borough. It would remain within the constitutionally  
13 permitted deviations. All three districts would be  
14 more compact, and that's what I'm going to propose as  
15 a correction.

16 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. The second to the  
17 motion I believe was Budd?

18 MEMBER SIMPSON: It was. And I -- I concur  
19 with the withdrawal and the new motion, with the  
20 understanding that it -- it is published at this  
21 point, adopted as a proposed correction, and will be  
22 subject to a final vote on Wednesday.

23 CHAIR BINKLEY: And okay. I've got a quick  
24 question.

25 Peter, I know Nicole keeps referring to her



1 v4 best. Was there -- is that clear to you what  
2 she's talking about there? I know that we adopted --  
3 had a version that we had worked on. Is that the  
4 description of -- I think v3 was the same. I think  
5 the final -- I can't remember the sequencing, but I  
6 just want to make sure that you're clear in what it  
7 is that we're proposing here.

8 MR. TORKELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
9 Yeah, I believe I'm clear on it. It's clear to me  
10 what I think needs to be done, and I think by  
11 comparing it with Member Marcum's independent work on  
12 this matter, we'll have -- in a way check each other  
13 to be sure that we're on the same page and that the  
14 population statistics, the block counts and so forth,  
15 will help verify that.

16 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. If there's no  
17 objection then, that motion is before us. But we're  
18 going to take an at ease, say for -- let's see. Why  
19 don't we come back at 9:00 sharp. And that will  
20 give --

21 Bethany, will that give you enough time to  
22 go through in autoBound and make the clarifications  
23 or the verifications of what you're concerned about?

24 MEMBER MARCUM: Yeah. I'll just call Peter  
25 offline and we can do a population comparison. It

1     should be very fast.

2                   CHAIR BINKLEY:   Okay.

3                   MEMBER MARCUM:   I've already got it done,  
4     so --

5                   CHAIR BINKLEY:   Okay.   And, Melanie, go  
6     ahead.

7                   MEMBER BAHNKE:   Yeah.   Peter, while we're at  
8     the at ease, can you please have that map ready with  
9     the Senate pairings from November?   I intend to do  
10    the same thing with that, not rush for a vote today,  
11    but to introduce it as a proposed correction after we  
12    deal with this.

13                  So, Peter, have that ready to go, please.

14                  MR. TORKELSON:   Sure.   And, Member Bahnke,  
15    you're referring to the graphics that you and I have  
16    been working on, is that --

17                  MEMBER BAHNKE:   Yes.

18                  MR. TORKELSON:   (Indiscernible.)

19                  CHAIR BINKLEY:   Okay.   Peter, technically,  
20    could you tell us what we do here for the next ten  
21    minutes?   Do we all stay on, not talk?

22                  MR. TORKELSON:   Yes.   Yes, please stay on  
23    your Zoom call.   Don't disconnect in any way.   We're  
24    just simply going to pause the recording, and I'm  
25    going to ask Denaya to pause the LAA teleconference

1 audio, just so it's on pause, and then we'll break.  
2 And we'll just unpause and restart recording to start  
3 the meeting again at 9:00.

4 CHAIR BINKLEY: So we should not shut off  
5 our video or our audio during the next ten minutes?

6 MR. TORKELSON: No. If -- if you would like  
7 to mute yourself, you can, and I'll unmute you when  
8 we come back in. But do please leave your video on.  
9 Just put a sticky over your camera if you'd like some  
10 privacy.

11 CHAIR BINKLEY: We can mute the audio.  
12 We're going to stand at ease until 9:00. Thank you.

13 (Off record.)

14 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. It looks like we're  
15 back on. Matt and Bethany, it doesn't look like  
16 you're unmuted. I don't know what the window of  
17 opportunity is here to unmute. So you might --  
18 Bethany's unmuted.

19 Matt, you might give it a try to unmute.

20 MEMBER MARCUM: John, just so you know,  
21 Peter was having trouble with his computer, so we  
22 have not been able to complete the task yet. He's  
23 having to restart his computer in order to be able to  
24 get to the numbers for us to compare.

25 Can you hear me?

1 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yep, we can hear you.

2 MEMBER MARCUM: Okay.

3 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Let's -- that's why I  
4 see he's away from the desk right now, so let's give  
5 a moment for Peter to get back to the desk.

6 MR. TORKELSON: Mr. Chairman?

7 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. Go ahead, Peter.

8 MR. TORKELSON: Yeah. We -- the same laptop  
9 I drew this on is also doing the Zoom public desk,  
10 and apparently they don't play well together. So I  
11 had a couple of crashes, and we don't actually have  
12 the verification we were hoping to have. It  
13 shouldn't be very long, but Bethany didn't have a  
14 chance to -- we didn't have a chance to compare  
15 all -- everything we wanted to compare.

16 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. What are your  
17 thoughts, Peter? Is this something you think you can  
18 get fixed fairly quickly, or is this going to just be  
19 symptomatic of -- because of the fact you've got two  
20 different things going on on the computer?

21 MR. TORKELSON: Yeah. I -- I think it'll  
22 work. Perhaps if the board has additional  
23 conversations they'd like to continue on with, I can  
24 work, you know, in parallel to try to get this thing  
25 up and going and hopefully come back with some

1 resolution. I mean, if that's amiable to the board.

2 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Budd, I see you have  
3 your hand up, and then Nicole.

4 MEMBER SIMPSON: Did you say me, Mr. Chair?

5 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yes, Budd.

6 MEMBER SIMPSON: My -- my suggestion would  
7 be that we adopt this just for publication and as a  
8 proposed solution, and let Bethany and Peter get  
9 together, you know, after the meeting and look at it.

10 And if -- if Bethany has any issues before  
11 Wednesday, she can report on those. And if -- if  
12 not, she can tell us that, too, and we can move  
13 forward without further delay on that.

14 CHAIR BINKLEY: So if I'm understanding  
15 that -- and, Nicole, I'll grab you next.

16 So adopt it, and the language of Nicole's  
17 latest motion, proposed correction, but subject to  
18 verification of all the members comporting? Is that  
19 what you're saying?

20 MEMBER SIMPSON: That's right. And the  
21 reason we're putting it off until Wednesday anyway is  
22 in case there's any other public comment or, you  
23 know, observations, whatever. So it's -- it's  
24 open -- it's an open question until Wednesday anyway.

25 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. And, Nicole, I know

1     you've got your hand up next. And I just want to  
2     verify that Wednesday -- we really haven't settled on  
3     schedules yet, but I know you had said Wednesday or  
4     Thursday in your desire to move things along quickly  
5     with regard to this and the other Senate pairings,  
6     but I'm not sure if Wednesday was specific in your  
7     motion. And maybe at some point we need to talk  
8     about the schedules, whether it's Wednesday or  
9     Thursday that we come back.

10                 Go ahead, Nicole.

11                 MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible) just echo  
12     what Budd said, that we should move this forward as a  
13     proposed correction, just like my motion said, act on  
14     it Wednesday. That'll give Bethany sufficient time,  
15     as well as the public, to weigh in on other proposed  
16     corrections to District 36, 30, and 29. Thank you.

17                 CHAIR BINKLEY: I think that works, too. It  
18     is proposed, so we could come back. Even if there  
19     were some slight differences in some of the census  
20     blocks, we could come back on Wednesday, if that is  
21     the day that we decided to meet, and make the  
22     corrections at that time. And I would imagine they  
23     would be minor.

24                 So even though the district that we would  
25     have proposed today -- the public would have had time

1 to weigh in on that by Wednesday, presumably. And if  
2 we do decide to take action, we could make minor  
3 changes, and that probably would be just fine, I  
4 would imagine.

5 Okay. I don't know if Peter's back yet or  
6 with us, but, otherwise, is there further discussion  
7 on Nicole's motion?

8 MEMBER BAHNKE: I'd call for the question,  
9 Mr. Chairman.

10 Oh, I'll defer to Budd. He has his hand up.

11 MEMBER SIMPSON: I was only going to say I  
12 thought Matt had his hand up a minute ago, if he had  
13 something else to add. If not, I'm ready to go  
14 ahead.

15 MR. SINGER: Just I think board members have  
16 made the point that I was going to make, which is  
17 that adopting a proposed solution is -- you know, a  
18 board member taking time to study a proposed solution  
19 and look at the data is exactly why you make a  
20 proposed solution and publish it is you're going to  
21 be doing the same thing the public will be doing is  
22 scrutinizing is this the best -- is this the best  
23 solution? Did we make any inadvertent errors?

24 So you're not foreclosing Member Marcum from  
25 taking a really careful look, and I would encourage



1 taking a careful look.

2 So that was my point, is just you're on the  
3 right track.

4 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Well, Peter's not  
5 back, but I don't know that there's going to be any  
6 opposition to this motion. And if we don't need a  
7 roll call vote then we won't need Peter at the desk.

8 So at this point I'm going to close  
9 discussion and ask if there's any -- well, first make  
10 sure everybody understands the motion. If everybody  
11 understands the motion, is there any objection to the  
12 motion?

13 Hearing none, the motion carries.

14 Okay. So let's move on. We're still  
15 actually in the agenda. We're talking about process,  
16 but let's keep moving forward.

17 Nicole, you have your hand up.

18 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. I'd like to  
19 propose a correction to Senate District K. I would  
20 like to move the commonly termed Bahnke pairings,  
21 which are Districts 22 and 24, 20 and 21, 18 and  
22 19 --

23 CHAIR BINKLEY: Nicole --

24 MEMBER BORROMEO: -- 23 and 17, 16 and 14,  
25 13 and 12, 15 and 10, 11 and 9. These would be a

1 proposed correction to Section 10 in the order.

2 CHAIR BINKLEY: Say, Nicole, I wasn't quite  
3 quick enough to write all those down. Would you mind  
4 repeating that just a little bit slower so I can take  
5 notes on that?

6 MEMBER SIMPSON: And you were cutting out a  
7 little bit, too.

8 MEMBER BORROMEO: Sure, I'm happy to. Okay.  
9 I'm moving the so-called Bahnke pairings,  
10 House Districts 22 and 24, 20 and 21, 18 and 19, 23  
11 and 17, 16 and 14, 13 and 12, 15 and 10, 11 and 9.

12 MEMBER BAHNKE: And I seconded that motion.

13 CHAIR BINKLEY: - Okay. And just to make sure  
14 I understand the motion, it's in the -- it's  
15 consistent with the other motion that you had made,  
16 Nicole, adopting this as a proposed correction to the  
17 Senate pairings in Anchorage?

18 MEMBER BORROMEO: That is correct. This is  
19 a proposed correction. It will sit out in the public  
20 sphere for a few days for comment.

21 I would intend to move this Wednesday with  
22 the Cantwell carve-out proposed correction that we  
23 just talked about. Thank you.

24 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. So the motion is  
25 before us with those numbers as -- as read out by

1 Nicole. Let's have discussion on the motion.

2 Let's see. Peter, you've got a map up here  
3 for us. These are the underlying House districts.

4 MR. TORKELSON: Mr. Chairman, I just want  
5 to -- I want to confirm with the maker of the motion  
6 that this map graphically reflects the numerical  
7 numbers that she just gave us. I believe that it  
8 does.

9 So the numbers are here as she stated them,  
10 but then they're colored -- for example, 18 and 19  
11 here in a light tan color, 15 and 10 in orange, 11  
12 and 9 in pink, and so forth, to indicate which House  
13 districts would go together in this proposal.

14 So I would like the maker of the motion, if  
15 possible, (indiscernible).

16 MEMBER BORROMEO: That is accurate. I'm  
17 happy to speak to the pairing, too, under purposes of  
18 discussion as to why this makes the most logical  
19 sense and complies with our constitution.

20 Thank you, Peter.

21 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. I can't see members  
22 now. I can only see the map, so I don't know if  
23 people have their hands up or where we are on any of  
24 this. Maybe there's a split screen coming up now. I  
25 see one member on it. Oh, now I can see all the

1 members.

2 MEMBER BAHNKE: I was going to say,  
3 Mr. Chair, you can -- under your view, up on the top  
4 right, if you choose, there's a side by side when  
5 there's a map up or whatever, but now it's on  
6 gallery.

7 I'd also like to speak to the motion.

8 CHAIR BINKLEY: Melanie, was that you?

9 MEMBER BAHNKE: Yes.

10 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. Since it's the Bahnke  
11 plan, maybe we should have you lead off with  
12 explanation of your plan.

13 MEMBER BAHNKE: Well, I mean, you can call  
14 it that. How about we call it the plan for all  
15 Alaskans?

16 I introduced this map back in November.  
17 It's been out there. We received a lot of public  
18 testimony in favor of these Senate pairings as soon  
19 as a portal was open for public comment.

20 I didn't make these pairings lightly. I  
21 don't live in Anchorage. I don't have some kind of  
22 advantage to gain here. This was the Senate pairings  
23 that I felt most reflected what the constitution  
24 requires of us.

25 I know we don't have to apply the same

1 criteria to Senate pairings as we do when determining  
2 House boundaries, but I do feel like the pairings are  
3 socioeconomically integrated, they're compact,  
4 they're contiguous. They meet all of the  
5 constitutional criteria.

6 Since this map has been out since November,  
7 it's had a chance to undergo public scrutiny. And I  
8 would also ask that we vote on this on Wednesday,  
9 along with the Cantwell cutout, and move forward so  
10 that the state has some certainty under which maps  
11 that they will be voting for and that the maps are  
12 constitutional and fair.

13 Those are my comments.

14 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Other comments from  
15 board members? And I'm not certain that -- I think  
16 in the motion, and I'm not certain about this, but is  
17 it really consider this at our next meeting? I mean,  
18 I'm not certain we're -- it's going to actually be  
19 Wednesday. It could be Thursday. But our next  
20 meeting.

21 Bethany, you've got your hand up.

22 MEMBER MARCUM: Yes. Thank you,  
23 Mr. Chairman.

24 I just wanted to say I heard -- I heard  
25 Wednesday mentioned later, after the motion. So I

1 wanted to also get clarification what you were just  
2 mentioning as to whether or not Wednesday is part of  
3 the motion or if that is just a suggestion.

4 I wanted to personally say that I won't be  
5 prepared to vote on Wednesday. I'm happy to adopt  
6 this as a potential correction for the purpose of  
7 discussion, but I do want there to be an opportunity  
8 for more discussion.

9 I personally have heard from multiple  
10 members of the community asking about possible  
11 pairings and what can and can't be done, and so  
12 through those conversations I'm under the impression  
13 that others are also working on pairings, as have I  
14 been.

15 And so I would like to see what -- what  
16 members of the community come up with. I think it is  
17 incumbent upon us to allow the community  
18 opportunities -- multiple opportunities to give us  
19 their thoughts.

20 You know, this particular pairing was  
21 introduced last fall, but that was before the  
22 judiciary weighed in on several changes that they  
23 required. And so now that the judiciary has given  
24 that -- and just yesterday for the first time our  
25 attorney went on record to give the interpretation of

1     what that means. And so only since that  
2     interpretation was provided by counsel yesterday to  
3     the public has the public really been able to  
4     incorporate that into any pairings they might be  
5     working on.

6                 So I think it's important that we give the  
7     opportunity for the public to present alternative  
8     pairings and for us to consider adopting those in the  
9     coming days. I agree with what Member Simpson  
10    presented earlier in the meeting in terms of the  
11    timeline. I think it's important that we take the  
12    time to do this right, to hear from members of the  
13    public regarding potential pairings, as well as their  
14    input on pairings that we put on the record. Thank  
15    you.

16                CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you.  
17                Nicole, and then Melanie.

18                MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you very much.

19                Contrary to what Bethany just spoke to, the  
20    public has weighed in. We had roughly 30 Alaskans  
21    provide testimony before our Saturday meeting. We  
22    had roughly 30 Alaskans that were in the room or on  
23    the line that also provided testimony.

24                Every single Alaskan that has weighed in on  
25    this particular issue has said two things: One,



1 adopt the Senate pairings proposed by Member Bahnke;  
2 and, two, do it fast.

3 So the notion that the public has not  
4 weighed in or that they have not presented plans is  
5 just completely ludicrous. I'm sorry, but there's  
6 really no other word for it because it is  
7 black-and-white facts here.

8 Now, what I'm asking the board to do is put  
9 their plans forward. So, Bethany, if you have other  
10 plans, by all means, you had since November to be  
11 putting them together so we could roll them out  
12 today. Please put pen to paper, tell us what  
13 pairings you would like so we can debate them in an  
14 open forum. Thank you.

15 CHAIR BINKLEY: Melanie, and then Bethany.

16 MEMBER BAHNKE: Yeah. I appreciate that  
17 only yesterday our attorney gave the interpretation  
18 of the Supreme Court ruling. I'm not an attorney,  
19 but I didn't find it hard to understand. It's been  
20 out since March 25th. We could have met earlier, but  
21 we decided to abide by the publicly noticed meeting  
22 dates.

23 The Supreme Court ruled a week earlier than  
24 they had to so that Alaskans can move along and have  
25 an election and have some certainty about what maps

1     they're going to be voting under.

2                 So with all due respect, Bethany, if you've  
3     got other maps that you're cooking up, get them out  
4     there so we can debate them. My map's been out since  
5     November. Your map was deemed unconstitutional.

6                 I'd like us to dispose of all of this  
7     business this week.

8                 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Bethany?

9                 MEMBER MARCUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

10                I just wanted to correct a statement that  
11     was made by Member Borrromeo that every single Alaskan  
12     has said the same two things. I listened very  
13     closely and took notes of the public testimony that  
14     we had. I've read all of the written public  
15     testimony, and that is absolutely not the case.  
16     There have been some other ideas put forward. I  
17     respect that. And that's what I am going to be  
18     watching for is other ideas being put forward.

19                As I mentioned, I've had inquiries from  
20     folks who listened to counsel's explanation of the  
21     Supreme Court's remand to Judge Matthews, and Judge  
22     Matthews' remand to us. So those folks have asked  
23     for information about that, and I'm looking forward  
24     to seeing what members of the public have to say  
25     about this. I think it's important that we take that

1 into consideration.

2 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Nicole?

3 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. I also agree  
4 that it's important that we take it into  
5 consideration and not just pay lip service to what  
6 the public is asking us to do, but to actually act on  
7 it.

8 And I stand by my earlier observation that  
9 every Alaskan who has weighed in and put forward a  
10 plan, an actual plan, has supported the Bahnke  
11 pairings. Thank you.

12 MEMBER MARCUM: That's not true.

13 CHAIR BINKLEY: - Bethany?

14 MEMBER MARCUM: I was just saying that's not  
15 true. I'd be happy to bring up some examples in the  
16 public testimony record, but that's -- there's no  
17 point in doing that, but it's absolutely not true.  
18 I've got -- I've got the testimony of one in front of  
19 me.

20 MEMBER BAHNKE: Mr. Chair, point of order.

21 CHAIR BINKLEY: I think -- I think we need  
22 to stick to debating the motion that's in front of  
23 us. I think, you know, there's some nuances there,  
24 but certainly I would agree that overwhelmingly the  
25 testimony was very consistent, support the Bahnke

1 plan, do it quickly. I got that sense, although  
2 there were some other bits of testimony, and I would  
3 certainly concede that.

4 I think we'll look for any other discussion  
5 on the motion.

6 I might just comment on the motion. I think  
7 that with regard to the Supreme Court's ruling and  
8 remand back to the Superior Court, I think there are  
9 two things that I took away from the Superior  
10 Court -- Superior Court's instruction on remand back  
11 to the board.

12 Number one is don't act too quickly, and,  
13 number two, when you do have a plan, allow the public  
14 to engage and look at that plan.

15 I think the only date that we have from the  
16 Court is April 15th. And I appreciate the  
17 public's -- at least the overwhelming number of  
18 public testimony and the people that have testified  
19 so far want it done quickly, but I think we have to  
20 give deference to the Court.

21 The Court put a specific date, which is  
22 April 15th, to give a status update. They didn't say  
23 have a decision by April 15th. They said get back to  
24 us on April 15th and give us the status of where  
25 you're at with this.

1 I agree with many members of the public,  
2 also with Member Borrromeo and Member Bahnke, that we  
3 can do this by -- in relatively short order.

4 But I think we also have to be careful to  
5 listen to the Court, the Supreme Court and the  
6 Superior Court, in making sure that we don't rush  
7 this. That was our mistake and -- when we adopted  
8 the existing proclamation in November, I believe, and  
9 it was articulated by both courts, and I don't think  
10 we should make that same mistake.

11 So I don't think there's any problem in  
12 allowing the public to weigh in. More choices, more  
13 observations, more ideas about how we can do this  
14 better, and in fairness for Alaskans I think are a  
15 good thing for the process, and I think we should  
16 allow the time for the public to weigh in.

17 There's a lot that's been going on in the  
18 last two weeks since we got the ruling, or a little  
19 less than two weeks, from the Supreme Court. A  
20 tremendous amount on the political scene.

21 We're in the midst of a massive and very  
22 expensive and coordinated group of campaigns at the  
23 municipal level right now in the Municipality of  
24 Anchorage, where these Senate pairings are directly  
25 affected. I think the voters in Anchorage go to the

1 polls tomorrow, so I hate to say they've maybe been  
2 distracted but there's been a lot going on.

3 And certainly the statewide level, as well,  
4 with the passing of Congressman Young and all the  
5 attention that's been given to the special elections  
6 and how that's going to go forward. There's been a  
7 lot since that ruling, so it doesn't -- I think it --  
8 we're well served by allowing the public to weigh in,  
9 to look at different ideas on Senate pairings.

10 This was a lot, and these are eight  
11 different pairings in the Bahnke plan. And maybe  
12 there's a way to do it by narrowing down just closer  
13 to Senate District K and making as few changes as  
14 possible. I don't know.

15 But I'm inclined not to support this  
16 necessarily in terms of it being what our plan is,  
17 but I don't mind that this is a proposal that comes  
18 forward for us to -- us to consider, to put out there  
19 to the public so that they can actually see it, and  
20 it's an idea that's out there. The public can  
21 comment on it then, and it's specific. It's not just  
22 called the Bahnke -- the Bahnke proposal. It's  
23 definitive.

24 So I don't mind that at all. It's just that  
25 I don't think we should be limited to -- to this. So

1 those are my comments.

2 Melanie, I see you have your hand up, and  
3 then Nicole.

4 MEMBER BAHNKE: Yeah. The pairings that  
5 Nicole introduced on her motion actually preserve  
6 four of the Senate pairings under the Marcum map.  
7 They're minimal in terms of -- you know, we're not  
8 just totally coming up with a whole new map. We  
9 follow the Court's order. We fix Senate -- Senate  
10 District K.

11 And while I appreciate this notion that we  
12 have to get as much public testimony as possible, I  
13 don't want to use that as an excuse to drag this out.  
14 The Supreme Court ruled a week earlier than their own  
15 deadline. March 25th is when they came out with  
16 their ruling. And I don't see why we can't come up  
17 with a final proclamation corrected by the end of  
18 this week. I don't see the need to drag this out  
19 much further.

20 So I -- you know, this motion is to adopt a  
21 proposed correction. Give it a day or two for the  
22 public to weigh in. I'm not willing to, you know,  
23 get real creative and consider entirely new maps and  
24 what have been out there in November. I think that  
25 would be a disservice to the public, even if we gave



1     them a week compared to the five months that the map  
2     that I proposed has been out there for to undergo  
3     scrutiny, to undergo, you know, all kinds of  
4     criticisms, and yet testimony overwhelmingly is in  
5     support of that map.

6             So any tactics to delay here are going to be  
7     met by the public. We need to be careful about delay  
8     or -- you know, we just need to get this done with.  
9     I'm not sure what you guys are trying to accomplish  
10    by dragging this out. Overwhelmingly, the public has  
11    spoken.

12            The Superior Court chastised us basically  
13    for not listening to public testimony, and we're  
14    doing it again if we ignore the public testimony from  
15    this weekend by not moving quickly. We're doing the  
16    exact opposite of what the Superior Court told us to  
17    do, which is to take into consideration public  
18    testimony.

19            The vast majority of public testimony that  
20    we've received since we opened up the portal and gave  
21    the public an opportunity to comment is to move  
22    quickly, not to delay and to use them as an excuse to  
23    delay.

24            Let's vote on this motion and move forward.  
25    And I'd like us to come up with a final map this

1 week, if possible. This is ridiculous.

2 CHAIR BINKLEY: Nicole?

3 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. I have a  
4 question for the board. I put a proposed solution on  
5 the table, and I've heard from Bethany that she's not  
6 able today to put any of her proposed solutions on  
7 the table.

8 When -- when are those going to come? You  
9 know, because we have to have all the proposed  
10 corrections before we vote on them. So at some point  
11 there does have to be a cutoff for proposed  
12 corrections for the board to reconsider.

13 I continue to show up, do my homework, come  
14 prepared to these meetings. I would ask that of  
15 everybody so we can get this over the line.

16 Bethany, I'm seriously asking and hoping  
17 that you will have some proposed corrections ready to  
18 go tomorrow at 10 a.m., which is our next board  
19 meeting. You've got a lot of time invested in this.  
20 I know you have other options, but we can't spring it  
21 on the public at the last minute and then hold  
22 submitted public testimony.

23 Most of the public testimony, again, has  
24 been asking us to do two things: adopt the Bahnke  
25 pairings and move quickly. So nothing I'm hearing

1 right now is at least getting us to the move quickly  
2 part.

3 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Budd, I know you're  
4 next. Do you mind if Bethany just responds to that  
5 question from Nicole?

6 MEMBER SIMPSON: I don't mind.

7 CHAIR BINKLEY: Go ahead, Bethany.

8 MEMBER MARCUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

9 I have multiple plans that I have worked on.  
10 But based upon the guidance from the Court, I want to  
11 see what plans the public comes up with. I think  
12 it's more important for us to hear from and respond  
13 to the plans that the public presents than to be the  
14 almighty powerful that are presenting our own plans.  
15 I have mine, but I think it's important. That's part  
16 of what the Court said is that we need to give --  
17 give the public their due.

18 And so I want to have time to do that now  
19 that our counsel has given the information about what  
20 the Supreme Court ruling means. That's what I would  
21 like to -- that's how I would like to move forward.

22 I have no problem with perhaps choosing a  
23 future date and time by which plans have to be  
24 submitted, in the same way that we did that during  
25 the regular process, but I personally would like to

1 see what the public has as far as plans that they  
2 come forward with, as opposed to presenting mine and  
3 feeling like I'm the one that's in full power. Thank  
4 you.

5 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Budd, and then  
6 Nicole.

7 MEMBER BORROMEO: Just a quick follow-up,  
8 and then hopefully we can close this out.

9 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. She didn't really  
10 have a question, but go ahead, quickly.

11 MEMBER SIMPSON: Let her go ahead.

12 MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible) put her  
13 proposed correction on there. And also, this whole  
14 notion about the public, read the testimony. Listen  
15 to the Zoom again. They have offered what they want:  
16 the Bahnke pairings.

17 CHAIR BINKLEY: Just a clarification on  
18 that. The Bahnke pairings, I heard that over and  
19 over and over again: do it quickly, the Bahnke  
20 pairings, Bahnke pairings, Bahnke pairings.

21 What I'm just getting now, and I didn't  
22 realize that even writing these numbers down, that  
23 that's not the Bahnke pairings, that that's actually  
24 a part of what the board adopted and part of what the  
25 Bahnke pairings were.

1                   When I think of in my mind the Bahnke  
2   pairings, it was the full plan that Member Bahnke  
3   presented to us. But I -- I just got the impression  
4   a few minutes earlier that it's a hybrid between that  
5   and what we now have. So even that is just a  
6   revelation at this point to me.

7                   So we're going to go on to Budd, and then  
8   Melanie.

9                   MEMBER SIMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

10                  I -- I have the board proclamation map in  
11   front of me. And I just tried to go through the  
12   pairings that Ms. Bahnke read to us, and I -- it  
13   appears to me that they're all different from the  
14   existing one, which may -- maybe on reflection that's  
15   not right, but that's what it looked like to me, and  
16   just a reason why it may take some time to assimilate  
17   this.

18                  I object to and resent the implication that  
19   anybody is trying to slow roll anything. I am on  
20   record desiring this proceed expeditiously. There  
21   may be some difference of opinion on how expeditious  
22   is fast or not, but I refuse to be badgered into a  
23   decision made on partial information before I'm ready  
24   to do it.

25                  And so, you know, if there's -- if it takes

1 three votes to do something, I am in favor of having  
2 due deliberation before doing it. We got in trouble  
3 for kind of leaving something to the last minute on  
4 the last round. I don't want to be in the same  
5 trouble again. I want to meaningfully implement the  
6 findings of the Supreme Court and have enough time to  
7 assimilate that information and any other information  
8 that comes in.

9 The concept that 30 Alaskans have weighed in  
10 on this and so that's all we need to know is -- maybe  
11 it's silly. I don't -- I don't want to be offensive  
12 back to anybody, but that is honestly a ridiculous  
13 position to take. We have time here to hear from  
14 other people. I intend to do that, and I'm not  
15 voting on anything until we do.

16 Now, I favor putting the plan that was just  
17 moved -- in favor of publishing that, getting it on  
18 the record, letting people comment on it until such  
19 time as -- as we decide. I believe my suggestion had  
20 been Wednesday. That's -- to me, that's an adequate  
21 amount of time, if anybody else in the public has  
22 something else they want to suggest, whether it's  
23 Bethany or any other member or -- or a third party in  
24 the public.

25 But I do -- I agree, we should have a hard

1 deadline for that so this thing doesn't get strung  
2 out indefinitely, and I favor moving expeditiously  
3 but not precipitously.

4 Those are my comments, Mr. Chair.

5 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Matt, I know that you  
6 had your hand up, as well as Melanie. I don't know  
7 if it's a pertinent legal point you want to bring up  
8 in this?

9 MR. SINGER: I think there are two -- two  
10 legal process issues for the board to consider.

11 One is I think there may be some confusion  
12 about the motion. And so -- and there was some --  
13 and I think there's some different -- difference of  
14 opinion in the public testimony the board's received  
15 thus far as to whether public -- some members of the  
16 public seem to be advocating for the board to adopt  
17 eight new Senate districts in Anchorage.

18 And other members of the public were  
19 asking -- were suggesting specifically adoption of  
20 four of -- of the eight Senate districts that Member  
21 Bahnke had proposed back in November. And not -- it  
22 wasn't clear to me which of those alternatives was  
23 presented. I didn't write it down quickly enough. I  
24 apologize.

25 And then I -- I suffer from color blindness,



1 and so Peter's map wasn't informative to me, so --  
2 but I think there's just -- I would really encourage  
3 to make sure Member Borrromeo is clear with her motion  
4 as to how many districts she's proposing to change,  
5 and then make sure that that's consistent with what  
6 Member Bahnke intended when she seconded the motion.

7 And then the second suggestion I have is  
8 that the board consider picking a day on which no  
9 later than which both the members and -- both the  
10 board and the public will share any proposed plans  
11 they have, as you did previously, whether that's  
12 tomorrow or Wednesday. But just pick a day, and then  
13 any member who has alternatives will share those.

14 But put all the cards on the table. Put  
15 them on your website, you know, and let's do that  
16 whether that's tomorrow or the next day. I would  
17 encourage telling the public this is the day on which  
18 we're going to act, because, again, then nobody's  
19 going to come back and say: You moved so quickly I  
20 didn't get a chance to share my alternative with you.

21 So those are my two suggestions, just to  
22 clarify it, both the record as to what we just did  
23 and the record going forward. Thank you.

24 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you, Matt.

25 Melanie?

1           MEMBER BAHNKE: Matt, get a pen handy. I'm  
2 going to read the pairings again. Nicole and I  
3 didn't (indiscernible) something together.

4           But these are what she introduced, and they  
5 are consistent with what I mapped in November. 9 and  
6 11, 10 and 15, 12 and 13, 14 and 16, 18 and 19, 23  
7 and 17, 20 and 21, 22 and 24.

8           CHAIR BINKLEY: And just to make sure I'm  
9 clear, Melanie, that's the same proposals you made in  
10 November, then, at our board meeting?

11          MEMBER BAHNKE: Yes.

12          MR. SINGER: Okay. And so I'm not --

13          MEMBER BAHNKE: - (Indiscernible) just pulled  
14 up earlier.

15          MR. SINGER: And that's -- those would be  
16 eight different districts than are contained in the  
17 current proclamation plan?

18          MEMBER BAHNKE: I don't -- I haven't  
19 compared them against the illegal pairings, but if  
20 that's what you're asking.

21          MR. SINGER: There's what the Court has  
22 remanded to address Senate District K.

23          MEMBER BAHNKE: And this is my proposed fix  
24 to do that.

25          CHAIR BINKLEY: Does that -- does that

1 change all eight districts, Melanie?

2 MEMBER BAHNKE: I don't know. Like I said,  
3 I haven't gone back to look at the map that was  
4 tossed out.

5 CHAIR BINKLEY: You mean the map that the  
6 board adopted and --

7 MEMBER BAHNKE: Peter, do you want to do a  
8 side by side?

9 MR. TORKELSON: Let me think about the side  
10 by side. (Indiscernible) them into two -- I can  
11 certainly pull up the existing Anchorage, and then we  
12 can work through the number list.

13 I did write down your number list, Member  
14 Bahnke, and so if I pull up the Anchorage -- the  
15 existing Anchorage map with its --

16 MEMBER BAHNKE: It's not existing. It's  
17 dead. But pull it up.

18 CHAIR BINKLEY: Just a note, also, we've got  
19 a hard stop at 10. I know Member Bahnke has to catch  
20 a flight, and we're now 20 minutes until 10. And we  
21 would like to take public testimony, to be consistent  
22 with how we've operated our meetings.

23 So I might suggest that we wrap this up and  
24 be prepared to vote on a motion in the next five  
25 minutes, and that, at least, although it's short,

1 allows 15 minutes for the public testimony at the end  
2 of the meeting.

3 MEMBER SIMPSON: Mr. Chair?

4 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah, Budd.

5 MEMBER SIMPSON: This is Budd.

6 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah, Budd. Go ahead.

7 MEMBER SIMPSON: I don't think we need to do  
8 the side by side right now. When I just glanced at  
9 it quickly, it appeared to me they were all different  
10 from the proclamation one.

11 But the reason I'm suggesting that we take a  
12 couple of days is so people have time to look at it.  
13 And if they like that, they want to change the whole  
14 thing out, then that's something that we'll hear  
15 about.

16 I have a general preference to do a more  
17 surgical version of it and -- and, you know, fix the  
18 21/22-K problem. And that obviously implicates the  
19 surrounding districts as well, but to find a more  
20 concise, limited solution to that that also complies  
21 with the constitutional requirements, obviously.

22 So anyway, I don't think we need to take the  
23 time right now. If there are public -- well, I think  
24 we should vote on putting this on the table for  
25 public process right -- right now, with the

1 understanding that we're not voting to -- you know,  
2 as a final adoption of this version. It's just going  
3 out for review, and then let's do that.

4 And then as a separate question, let's look  
5 at a deadline for members and third parties to put in  
6 alternative versions, if -- if they have them. And  
7 I'm probably going to suggest Wednesday for that.

8 That's it.

9 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. We've got a motion  
10 before us. As -- as I --

11 Nicole, do you want to restate the motion  
12 just so we're clear on it, or -- I --

13 MEMBER BORROMEO: I'd be happy to.

14 CHAIR BINKLEY: That would be helpful, I  
15 think.

16 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. Thank you.

17 I move that we consider, for a proposed  
18 correction to Section 10 of the court order, the  
19 Bahnke pairings, which are Districts 22 and 24, Eagle  
20 River; 20 and 21, Muldoon; 18 and 19, which is  
21 Mountain View and Russian Jack; 23 and -- 23 and 17,  
22 which is JBER, Government Hill, and part of downtown;  
23 16 and 14, Turnagain and Spenard; 13 and 12, Midtown;  
24 15 and 10, which is the Blocks 11 and 9, Hillside.

25 Thank you.

1 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. I think that's -- I  
2 think I can certainly support that -- that motion.

3 And hopefully, I think, as Member Marcum,  
4 Member Simpson indicated that there will be more  
5 coming from the public, or other board members, as  
6 well, that we'll have an opportunity to consider.

7 Is there any further discussion on the  
8 motion? Is there any objection to the motion?

9 Hearing none, it's adopted.

10 Okay. I would suggest we quickly discuss  
11 the time and date of our next meeting, and then we'll  
12 go to public testimony.

13 Budd, I know you suggested Wednesday.

14 MEMBER SIMPSON: Mr. Chair, I suggested  
15 Wednesday as a deadline for any alternative plans. I  
16 didn't really address whether we should have a  
17 meeting tomorrow. I don't know if we need it.

18 The purpose of one tomorrow would just be to  
19 open -- open ourselves up for more public testimony,  
20 which I'm fine with. But by the same token, people  
21 can put in written submissions anytime they want, you  
22 know, without us having to make it a specific time.

23 So I am -- I don't really have an opinion  
24 about meeting tomorrow, but I would like to meet  
25 Wednesday and have that whatever -- whatever time the

1 meeting is be the deadline for submitting alternative  
2 pairings.

3 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. So as I understand  
4 it, by Wednesday, then, third parties would have an  
5 opportunity to submit and maybe present to the board  
6 what their ideas are for Senate pairings to comply  
7 with the Court order?

8 MEMBER SIMPSON: Correct. Third parties and  
9 board members, anybody with another idea for a  
10 pairing by board meeting time on Wednesday.

11 And I should point out that any that come  
12 in, like, right at that deadline, we won't have had  
13 an opportunity to review them or assimilate it, but  
14 it would be an opportunity to -- well, it's a  
15 deadline, so we move forward. And it's at least an  
16 opportunity for a first look.

17 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Melanie, and then  
18 Nicole.

19 MEMBER BAHNKE: I'd like to support Budd's  
20 suggestion of a Wednesday deadline for any  
21 alternative maps to what is now on the record as  
22 something that we're considering as a correction.

23 The one scheduling conflict I do have is  
24 Friday afternoon I can't meet at all. I'll be in the  
25 air returning to Nome.



1 I wonder if we shouldn't keep a Tuesday  
2 meeting just as a placeholder to allow for public  
3 comment. Some people don't necessarily have internet  
4 access or able to call in.

5 That way, since we're wanting to get as much  
6 public testimony and afford the public as much time  
7 as possible, even if we gavel in, nobody calls in,  
8 we'll have made an attempt.

9 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah, I think -- Matt, go  
10 ahead if you want to comment.

11 MR. SINGER: Under -- under Section 9, while  
12 you need three votes to take action, the board can  
13 hold a public hearing with fewer members. And so  
14 even if not everybody's available for a Tuesday  
15 hearing, but if some members want to, certainly the  
16 constitution would allow -- would allow that.

17 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. Nicole?

18 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. I was just  
19 going to raise that point. And I'm available  
20 tomorrow for that Tuesday public hearing. Thank you.

21 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. I think Budd had  
22 mentioned, of course, the written testimony, all we  
23 would really have before us in the public would be  
24 this proposal, the Bahnke proposal.

25 It may be more productive to wait until we

1 have -- who knows, maybe this is the only plan that  
2 comes forward, or maybe there's one other one, maybe  
3 there's a dozen others that come forward on  
4 Wednesday.

5 But it would at least give the public then,  
6 once they had seen those, an opportunity to make  
7 meaningful comment on the differences, why they might  
8 support one or may oppose another. Just a thought.

9 Nicole?

10 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. The board had  
11 been, I thought, on the right track earlier on when  
12 we had talked about having maximum public  
13 participation. So I don't favor removing a Tuesday  
14 hearing with less than almost 24 hours' notice. I  
15 think we should continue on with that Tuesday  
16 hearing.

17 I plan to be here at the LIO, even if it's  
18 just me to hear the testimony. It provides one more  
19 opportunity to get this right and open this up to  
20 definitely less criticism, hopefully.

21 CHAIR BINKLEY: Well, I appreciate that.  
22 And I think Member Marcum made that observation  
23 earlier, too. We should maximize the public's  
24 opportunity to comment on these various Senate  
25 pairings, and even the proposed House district

1 change, until we're required to get back to the  
2 Superior Court.

3 Budd?

4 MEMBER SIMPSON: Mr. Chair, I can attend by  
5 Zoom tomorrow. What -- can someone remind me what  
6 time it is tomorrow?

7 MEMBER BAHNKE: 10 a.m.

8 MEMBER MARCUM: 10 a.m.

9 CHAIR BINKLEY: 10 a.m., yeah.

10 MEMBER SIMPSON: Okay. So yeah, I can do  
11 that.

12 And I'm on board with just listening. If --  
13 if a bunch of people show up, we'll listen to them.  
14 And if -- if they don't, it'll be a short meeting.

15 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Yeah. And I'm fine  
16 with that, too. (Indiscernible.) We'll show up at  
17 9:00.

18 Let's now get -- we've only got ten minutes  
19 left, so I don't think there's any -- does anybody  
20 object to sticking with our schedule for public  
21 hearings tomorrow morning?

22 MEMBER BAHNKE: I don't, Mr. Chair. I was  
23 going to suggest that we actually stick to what we've  
24 publicly noticed, which is, I think, meetings Monday,  
25 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday of this week, isn't it?

1 CHAIR BINKLEY: I don't believe we've  
2 scheduled a meeting for Thursday.

3 MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay.

4 CHAIR BINKLEY: So let's --

5 MEMBER SIMPSON: So what time for Wednesday?

6 MEMBER MARCUM: 10 a.m.

7 MEMBER BAHNKE: (Indiscernible.)

8 CHAIR BINKLEY: The same -- same time,  
9 10:00.

10 MEMBER BAHNKE: Can we schedule one for  
11 Thursday, since we're kind of setting a deadline of  
12 Wednesday for maps to come forward? Let's go ahead  
13 and notice a meeting on Thursday, please.

14 CHAIR BINKLEY: I don't think we should. I  
15 think we should wait and give the public time to  
16 really absorb that and look at what the different  
17 proposals are.

18 And maybe Wednesday, who knows? Maybe we  
19 only have your proposal, the Bahnke plan, and  
20 everybody's in agreement. We can come back and adopt  
21 it.

22 So I think let's wait and see what we have  
23 on Wednesday, what comes forward, and then go from  
24 there.

25 MEMBER BAHNKE: I don't see how having a

1 hearing on Thursday is going to cause any harm.

2 There might be people who are willing to comment on

3 Thursday, so let's --

4 CHAIR BINKLEY: I appreciate that, but --

5 MEMBER BAHNKE: -- so let's (indiscernible)

6 participation, like you said, and schedule a meeting

7 for Thursday.

8 CHAIR BINKLEY: Well, we can schedule a

9 meeting every day between now and the 15th, if you'd

10 like. That would give maximum --

11 MEMBER MARCUM: Let's do one Friday. I'm

12 good for Friday, too, if we want to do one every day.

13 MEMBER BAHNKE: - (Indiscernible) take that

14 long to get it figured out.

15 CHAIR BINKLEY: Well, I think what we're

16 going to do -- we need to get to speaking of the

17 public, public participation.

18 MEMBER BORROMEO: John, can you hear us?

19 CHAIR BINKLEY: The public -- the public has

20 been waiting --

21 MEMBER BORROMEO: We lost audio at the LIO.

22 CHAIR BINKLEY: -- patiently, and we have a

23 hard deadline at 10:00.

24 MEMBER MARCUM: Hey, John. John. John, I

25 think we've lost audio at the LIO. So do you want

1 to -- I'd ask you to stop for a second.

2 MR. TORKELSON: We're back.

3 MEMBER MARCUM: Peter, can you confirm?

4 You're back now? Okay. Sorry.

5 They lost you for a few minutes there, John.

6 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Again, you know,  
7 speaking of public comment, we've got people who want  
8 to comment. We always set aside time at the ends of  
9 the meeting.

10 We've got a hard deadline of 10:00. And so  
11 I think we should stick with the schedule we've got  
12 for Tuesday and Wednesday, and then we can go from  
13 there on further -- scheduling further meetings. And  
14 we need to wrap up and get public comment. Okay.  
15 With that, we're going to move into public comment.

16 Peter, I can't tell if there's anybody in  
17 the office. I've got the redistricting board on  
18 line -- or no, one is LIO -- okay. I see the  
19 difference now.

20 So we've got one in-house in Anchorage, it  
21 looks like. If you could come forward to testify.  
22 It looks like Randy Ruedrich from AFFER is in the LIO  
23 office.

24 If you want to come forward and testify,  
25 Mr. Ruedrich, please. And we appreciate your

1     patience and those who have been waiting online, as  
2     well.

3                 And I apologize. If you could keep your  
4     testimony short, if you could try to keep it to two  
5     minutes, we would appreciate it. I know that's  
6     tight, but we're running out of time.

7                 MR. RUEDRICH: How many minutes, sir?

8                 CHAIR BINKLEY: Could you keep it to under  
9     two, please? That would be helpful. I see  
10    there's -- I show three people (indiscernible).

11                MR. RUEDRICH: (Indiscernible) minutes. I  
12    will return tomorrow to complete.

13                I will be offering an alternative Senate  
14    district pairing map. We are preserving three of the  
15    existing districts in the map that we're offering:  
16    Senate District F, 11 and 12; Senate District H,  
17    13 -- I'm sorry -- Senate District H, 15 and 16; and  
18    Senate District L, 23 and 24 will be preserved.

19                The major change that we're making is in  
20    Senate District E. We're combining Senate  
21    District E's components to House District 9 and 22,  
22    (indiscernible) are the uplands of the city of  
23    Anchorage. They are the lands of road service areas,  
24    snow management, and avalanches.

25                In the 2001 map, the population of this

1     portion of Anchorage was much smaller. It  
2     consist- -- it was put into the official final  
3     proclamation as House District 18. So this district  
4     is a highly compatible, previously existing district.

5             And if I have time, I'll talk about other  
6     things.

7             CHAIR BINKLEY: Maybe as -- as a suggestion,  
8     Mr. Ruedrich -- and, again, my apologies that we went  
9     so long without having public testimony. But if you  
10    are willing to come back tomorrow morning at 10,  
11    we're going to open with public testimony, and it  
12    will -- we will allow you to more fully provide the  
13    details of the proposal that you've got laid out.

14            MR. RUEDRICH: Okay. Obviously if you move  
15    one, you have to move several. I am definitely  
16    only -- I'm preserving three, and I'd like everybody  
17    to walk away today realizing that we're looking at a  
18    highlands district for Anchorage east side.

19            I'll be back tomorrow morning. Thank you.

20            CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you.

21            Next we have online Suzanne Fischetti [as  
22    spoken].

23            MS. FISCHETTI: Yes.

24            CHAIR BINKLEY: Suzanne, can you hear us  
25    okay?



1 MS. FISCHETTI: Yes, I can hear you fine.  
2 I'm trying to get my computer pulled up here.

3 CHAIR BINKLEY: No problem.

4 MS. FISCHETTI: I am Susan Fischetti, and I  
5 did listen and testify on Saturday, and I'm back  
6 again today learning more of what's going on.

7 I agree with Mr. Simpson, that the board  
8 should allow more time to do this right since the  
9 judge's decision was only a few weeks ago. I was on  
10 the call Saturday and remember hearing one person say  
11 that they urged to end the process quickly, which is  
12 not a resounding testimony to me. Maybe other people  
13 said it, but I only remember hearing Celeste  
14 Graham-Hodge [sic] say it.

15 On Saturday it became obvious to me that the  
16 so-called Bahnke pairings are partisan gerrymandering  
17 which erode public trust and should not be adopted.  
18 The one-sided testimony on Saturday makes it clear  
19 that the Bahnke pairings have been secretly  
20 orchestrated.

21 I've been a resident of Eagle River Valley  
22 for four years -- 40 years and testified prior that  
23 the pairing of Eagle River with East Anchorage, we  
24 had Senator Randy Phillips, should be approved  
25 because it has been done before.

1                   Now that the judge has taken that option off  
2   the table, in an effort to finalize a plan I strongly  
3   urge you to pair Eagle River Valley with South  
4   Hillside, like when we had Con Bunde and Cathy  
5   Giessel. Also been done previously.

6                   We share several socioeconomic profiles  
7   regarding local road service areas, wildfire and  
8   wildlife issues, avalanche and public safety  
9   concerns.

10                  Also, since you can't get to Chugiak/Eagle  
11   River without driving through JBER and many active  
12   duty military and veterans live in Chugiak/Eagle  
13   River, it only makes sense that they be paired  
14   together.

15                  I respectfully ask you to do the right thing  
16   for all Anchorage, Chugiak, Eagle River interests and  
17   not special interests. Thank you.

18                  CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you, Ms. Fischetti.

19                  I also have Jamie Allard. Are you online,  
20   Ms. Allard?

21                  MS. ALLARD: Yes, I am. Can you hear me  
22   okay?

23                  CHAIR BINKLEY: Yes, we can. Go ahead.

24                  MS. ALLARD: Thank you. My name is Jamie  
25   Allard. I'm a resident of Eagle River.

1           The Bahnke plan should not be adopted. The  
2   Bahnke plan is clearly partisan in its current form,  
3   is politically unbalanced, politically unfair, and  
4   does not accurately represent the people of Anchorage  
5   and Eagle River.

6           The board should reevaluate the time frame,  
7   incorporate enough time and public input to produce a  
8   plan that reflects the nonpartisan efforts that  
9   incorporates the constituent -- what constituents  
10   want, not what political parties want of the  
11   communities involved.

12           When rushing a political process driven by  
13   board members' political beliefs instead of community  
14   wants produces a sloppy product such as the Bahnke  
15   plan.

16           In order to (indiscernible) a fair and just  
17   plan, the process should slow its tempo so community  
18   involvement can be used in the development of a plan.  
19   By rushing the process, you are denying the rights of  
20   (indiscernible) and government. This process needs  
21   to be fair to all, not just a small group of  
22   individuals.

23           As a resident of Eagle River, our community  
24   deserves to be heard, our comments incorporated into  
25   the plan. There is no reason to rush this, with our

1 current elections. And everybody is voting tomorrow  
2 in person or by mail. This is time-consuming. This  
3 push is unfair and not equitable to the process.

4 The word needs to be put out, voting  
5 tomorrow, and the due process is very important.

6 I would also like to add that Saturday, 140  
7 individuals were not able to testify due to the  
8 emergency declaration in our state with the Hiland  
9 avalanche. Those individuals just got their  
10 utilities and phones and everything else turned on  
11 Friday and Thursday.

12 So to push this and not hear from over 140  
13 families is unreasonable. I beg of you to please  
14 slow the process down. It doesn't hurt anything.  
15 And by pushing this through for tomorrow in days,  
16 instead of pushing it out until after the election,  
17 it's clear gerrymandering.

18 Thank you, Chair. I appreciate you allowing  
19 me to testify.

20 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you. Next in the  
21 queue is David Dunsmore from Alaskans for Fair  
22 Redistricting. David?

23 MR. DUNSMORE: Hi. Good morning,  
24 Mr. Chairman, members of the board. For the record,  
25 I'm David Dunsmore with Alaskans for Fair

1     Redistricting.

2                 I was not planning on testifying today, but  
3     the conversation in the meeting so far, I just had a  
4     couple of things that I wanted to bring up and put on  
5     the record.

6                 One, in reviewing the Court decision, you  
7     know, the Court spoke -- obviously spoke to the level  
8     of process that was given on public testimony, but  
9     also to the public testimony that it received.

10                And I believe -- I don't have the decision  
11    in front of me, but I believe that the phrase the  
12    Court used with regards to the Bahnke pairing was  
13    loud and clear. The public testimony was loud and  
14    clear that Member Bahnke's pairings were the ones  
15    that had the loud and clear public support.

16                So I think the board needs to take that into  
17    consideration in that you've already heard from the  
18    public. You've heard it loud and clear. The Court  
19    has acknowledged that you heard it loud and clear,  
20    and we need to give finality to the public.

21                I would also just like on the record to  
22    discuss and thank (indiscernible), Assemblywoman  
23    Allard just called in.

24                Alaskans for Fair Redistricting also  
25    participated in the municipal election process. And

1 one of the -- the municipal redistricting process.

2 And one of the issues that came up was the fact that  
3 Chugiak/Eagle River did not have the population to  
4 meet a full ideal assembly district.

5 And in reviewing, we had actually put on the  
6 table a proposal that would have put portions of the  
7 Hillside into a district with Chugiak/Eagle River,  
8 but there was substantial pushback from the  
9 community.

10 And I believe Assemblywoman Allard was  
11 really passionate and really eloquent about how Eagle  
12 River/Chugiak had unique needs that had to remain  
13 within the same district. So I would just for the  
14 record, you know, thank Assemblywoman Allard for, you  
15 know, her advocacy for keeping her community whole  
16 and intact.

17 And, you know, there is a proposal that the  
18 board has just adopted as to proposed Senate pairings  
19 that does that not only at the municipal level, but  
20 at the State Senate level, and those are Member  
21 Bahnke's pairings.

22 Thank you for the opportunity to testify  
23 today.

24 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you, David.

25 The next one I see in the queue is Yarrow

1 Silver. Good morning, Yarrow.

2 MEMBER BAHNKE: Mr. Chair, I just want to  
3 bring to Budd's attention that his hand has been  
4 raised. I think he just forgot to put it down.

5 MEMBER SIMPSON: Thanks.

6 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Good morning, Yarrow.  
7 Apologize for the short time frame allowed here, but  
8 if you could try and hold it to two minutes, we'd  
9 appreciate it.

10 MS. SILVERS: I hadn't planned to speak  
11 today either, but I just needed to respond to a few  
12 things that I've heard. I will be back tomorrow with  
13 a proposal.

14 It is not gerrymandering to keep communities  
15 together. When you're splitting communities apart  
16 for political purposes, that is gerrymandering.

17 I wanted to encourage the board to have a  
18 look at the testimony for the recent reapportionment  
19 and have a look at what happened and all the  
20 testimony that came in when the municipality tried to  
21 pair Eagle River and South Anchorage.

22 Eagle River belongs together. It was spoken  
23 loud and clear when they tried to pair South  
24 Anchorage with Eagle River. And Jamie Allard  
25 herself, who called in a few minutes ago, stated that

1 on the record.

2 So I don't know what you guys are trying to  
3 do here, but you're making something political that  
4 should not be. We should be keeping communities  
5 together, not splitting them apart for political  
6 purposes. Thank you.

7 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you. Next one on the  
8 list is Denny Wells.

9 Good morning, Denny. I see you had signed  
10 up at 10:00, so that's probably the deadline to be  
11 our last participant, and then we'll adjourn and  
12 start with public testimony tomorrow morning at 10.  
13 Go ahead.

14 MR. WELLS: As with the -- my name's Denny  
15 Wells. I'm from Anchorage.

16 As with the previous couple of comments, I  
17 had not planned on speaking today, but I did want to  
18 specifically respond to a couple of things I have  
19 heard this morning, and also at the very end on  
20 Saturday.

21 And to reiterate what you just heard from --  
22 from Yarrow, that the Anchorage reapportionment  
23 process, we had substantial testimony from both  
24 Anchorage Hillside and also from Eagle River that a  
25 pairing between Anchorage Hillside and Eagle River



1 was not a good pairing. And keeping Eagle River and  
2 Chugiak together was the appropriate approach to take  
3 here locally.

4 And I did want to specifically respond to a  
5 comment that I heard on Saturday, that I believe was  
6 partially reiterated today, encouraging that Eagle  
7 River should have two senators.

8 And I would just like to point out that  
9 there -- there's no other place in the state where a  
10 single community whose size is only sufficient for  
11 two or fewer House seats also has two Senate seats.  
12 We have not given Juneau two Senate seats. We did  
13 not give Nome or Barrow two Senate seats, and it is  
14 irrational to split up Eagle River to give it two  
15 Senate seats, as well, rather than keeping Eagle  
16 River and Chugiak together. Thank you.

17 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you, Denny.

18 Okay. That's going to conclude our public  
19 testimony. The public will have an opportunity  
20 tomorrow morning at 10:00. We'll open the meeting  
21 with public testimony, and we invite people both  
22 online and in person in the LIO office to  
23 participate.

24 And with that, if there's not anything  
25 further from board members or from staff -- Peter, go

1 ahead.

2 MR. TORKELSON: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Thank  
3 you.

4 I just -- from time to time we have Zoom  
5 participants raise their hands. We're not taking  
6 public testimony through Zoom, but through dial-in.  
7 So the dial-in number in Anchorage is (907)563-9085.  
8 And we'll be convening tomorrow at 10 a.m., so if you  
9 missed today, we'll hear from you tomorrow.

10 CHAIR BINKLEY: Great. Thank you.

11 Is there a motion for adjournment?

12 MEMBER SIMPSON: So moved.

13 MEMBER BAHNKE: - Second (indiscernible).

14 MEMBER BORROMEO: I'll second that.

15 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. A motion made by Budd  
16 and seconded by Nicole for adjournment. Discussion  
17 on the motion? Is there any objection to the motion?

18 Hearing none, we are adjourned.

19 (Proceedings adjourned.)

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John Binkley, Chairman  
Melanie Bahnke, Board Member  
Bethany Marcum, Board Member  
Budd Simpson, Board Member  
Nicole Borromeo, Board Member  
Peter Torkelson, Executive Director

1 ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

2 TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022

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4 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Present.

5 MR. TORKELSON: Good morning, Mr. Chair. Yes.  
6 Member Bahnke.

7 MEMBER BAHNKE: Present.

8 MR. TORKELSON: Member Borrromeo.

9 MEMBER BORRROMEO: Present.

10 MR. TORKELSON: Member Simpson.

11 MEMBER SIMPSON: Here.

12 MR. TORKELSON: Member Marcum.

13 MEMBER MARCUM: Here.

14 MR. TORKELSON: Member Binkley.

15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Here.

16 MR. TORKELSON: Are all members present and  
17 accounted for, Mr. Chairman?

18 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you. I think --  
19 I'm not sure if we -- we actually did adjourn yesterday,  
20 didn't we, so we're back in order. I don't know if we  
21 have a formal agenda, but the purpose really is just to  
22 take public testimony. So did you send out an agenda for  
23 this, Peter?

24 MR. TORKELSON: Yes. We do have an agenda.  
25 It's -- I can bring it here up on the screen in just a

1 moment.

2 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay.

3 MR. TORKELSON: Go to that screen.

4 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Can you scroll down just a  
5 wee bit, please?

6 MR. TORKELSON: Yeah. I'm going to get the  
7 right agenda first. How's that?

8 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah. That would be helpful.  
9 That's yesterday's, it looks like.

10 MR. TORKELSON: (Indiscernible)

11 MEMBER BAHNKE: Peter's sound got really  
12 diminished for some reason here. I think you need to get  
13 closer to the mic or whatever you're using for sound.

14 MR. TORKELSON: All right. There you go.  
15 Here's the agenda for today, Tuesday, April 5th.

16 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. I see that there's  
17 item 4, possible adoption of proposed plan revision. My  
18 understanding of our discussion yesterday was that we were  
19 not going to be adopting proposed plans, but I'm open to  
20 discussion on that before we adopt the agenda. My  
21 understanding was we were just going to be taking public  
22 testimony today.

23 MEMBER MARCUM: That was my understanding as  
24 well, Mr. Chairman.

25 MEMBER BAHNKE: Mr. Chair, I think these draft

1 agendas were developed like last week or something and  
2 probably didn't get updated, is my guess. But Peter can  
3 talk to that maybe. But that is also my understanding, is  
4 that we wouldn't be adopting any plans today.

5 MR. TORKELSON: Yeah, that's correct. The  
6 agenda was published with the meeting notice.

7 MEMBER BAHNKE: Peter, you're barely audible.

8 MR. TORKELSON: Is this better?

9 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Not much.

10 MR. TORKELSON: The public notice was -- I may  
11 have to...

12 MS. BORROMEO: Can you guys hear him or is he  
13 just really faint?

14 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Really faint.

15 MR. SINGER: Yeah, poor quality.

16 MEMBER MARCUM: Faint and muffled. You're much  
17 more clear, Nicole.

18 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. I'll go ahead and speak  
19 for Peter then. Peter says the agenda was published last  
20 week in the interest of time, but we have since changed  
21 course and we're not going to be adopting a proposed plan  
22 revision today.

23 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. So we'd like for a  
24 motion to adopt agenda minus -- it's off of there now, but  
25 I think item 4.



1 MEMBER BAHNKE: Mr. Chair --

2 MEMBER BORROMEO: I'll make that motion,  
3 Mr. Chairman, to adopt the agenda as modified  
4 (indiscernible) 4.

5 MEMBER BAHNKE: Can we add board member comments  
6 following public testimony?

7 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Sure. You bet.

8 MEMBER BAHNKE: I'd like the opportunity to ask  
9 questions when they testify, if I have any, but also to  
10 offer up some comments if I feel the need to.

11 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: After each person testifies?

12 MEMBER BAHNKE: I might have some comments when  
13 they're testifying, clarification questions if they're  
14 advocating for something. But at the end I'd also like to  
15 make comment.

16 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Maybe just to make  
17 sure I'm clear, as each person testifies, why don't I, at  
18 the end of their testimony, ask if there are any board  
19 comments or questions?

20 MEMBER BAHNKE: That seemed to work really well  
21 previously, so yes, that would be great.

22 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah, that did work well. I  
23 know in Fairbanks, though, there was some concern about --  
24 you know, I guess directed at me -- about making comments  
25 or asking people who testified questions afterwards. So

1 we'll be cautious about that and -- but with that, we'll  
2 make that available to members after each person  
3 testifies.

4 So there's a motion before us made by Melanie --  
5 or excuse me -- Nicole, and I'm not sure if anybody  
6 seconded it. And I guess we have modified it a bit by  
7 adding item 4 back in, which is now board member comments.

8 MEMBER SIMPSON: I'll second it.

9 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. And Nicole, are you  
10 okay with that amendment of putting item 4, board member  
11 comments, in?

12 MEMBER BORROMEO: I am. Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. We have a motion  
14 before us and seconded to adopt the agenda as it's now  
15 showed on our screen with five items, and I'll ask for any  
16 discussion on the motion. Is there any objection to the  
17 motion? Hearing none, the agenda is adopted.

18 And that moves us right into public testimony.  
19 I --

20 MEMBER BAHNKE: Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair, before we  
21 do that, Bethany, I just thought I'd let you know your  
22 screen is partially obscured.

23 MEMBER MARCUM: Sorry. I'll move my -- is that  
24 better?

25 MEMBER BAHNKE: Yes.

1                   MEMBER MARCUM:   Okay.   Thanks.

2                   CHAIRMAN BINKLEY:   Okay.   We have -- let's see.  
3   I'm looking at my list, and I'm assuming that these are  
4   off net.   I'm not sure if these are ones that have called  
5   in, Peter, the ones that I'm looking at or people that are  
6   in the audience there.

7                   MR. TORKELSON:   Yeah.   You're looking at the  
8   call-in list.   I'm going to provide the in-audience list  
9   to the moderator right now.

10                  CHAIRMAN BINKLEY:   Why don't we -- why don't we  
11   start with on-line, and I want to make certain I've got  
12   this.   We have somebody from Juneau.   It says unavailable.  
13   Do you see the same list, Peter?   Oh, no.   This is not it.  
14   This can't be it.   Something is off here.   The list I'm  
15   looking at, Peter, must be different.   Let me -- let me  
16   log back in to this.   Okay.   Yeah, I was looking at the  
17   wrong thing.   Okay.   Stand by.   Bear with me.   Okay.   Here  
18   we have it.

19                  Okay.   Let's start on the phone with Carolyn  
20   Clift from Anchorage.

21                  Carolyn, are you on and can you hear us?

22                  MS. CLIFT:   Good morning.   Yes.   I'm  
23   representing myself.   I'm Carolyn, also known as  
24   Care Clift, and I live in the South Muldoon area that is  
25   now District -- House District 21.   And I want to thank

1     you for presenting the new map which links the North and  
2     South Muldoon area in one Senate district, District K.

3             As I pointed out before, there is no contiguous  
4     transportation between South Muldoon and Eagle River, and  
5     there is no socioeconomic link between South Muldoon and  
6     Eagle River. Many Eagle River folks probably travel  
7     through south Muldoon to get to their jobs that are in  
8     other districts, like the school district and the  
9     university district and the medical district, because, you  
10    know, they are close, but they're not part of our  
11    district. So -- and so there's no reason for them to even  
12    stop in our district.

13            But I also wanted to -- so I want to urge you to  
14    adopt the new map version that links us with our neighbors  
15    in North Muldoon. And that is all I wanted to say. I  
16    really appreciate you guys working on this today. And  
17    have a great snowy day.

18            CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you, Carolyn.  
19    Questions or comments from board members? Okay.

20            We'll move -- and now I can see both the  
21    Anchorage LIO participants and the off-net participants  
22    and there really has a time stamp on this, so I'm going to  
23    go just by the time that they signed up, at least  
24    according to my list.

25            Next is Barbara Tyndall from North Pole.

1                   Good morning, Barbara. Are you still on?

2                   MS. TYNDALL: Yes, I am. Yes, my name is  
3 Tyndall. I live in North Pole, Alaska. I actually am  
4 calling opposing the Senate's minority plan called the  
5 Bahnke ruling, and I said I think we need something of  
6 similar, more socioeconomic profile and equitable Senate  
7 seat alignment. It just seems that this is a -- seems to  
8 be a political move to change some senate seats, and I  
9 would be in opposition to that.

10                  CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you. Questions  
11 or comments from board members for Barbara?

12                  MEMBER BAHNKE: Mr. Chair, this is Melanie  
13 Bahnke.

14                  CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Go ahead, Melanie.

15                  MEMBER BAHNKE: What specific part about the map  
16 are you opposed to?

17                  MS. TYNDALL: I -- all I know about -- I've just  
18 learned about this and I haven't had time to research it  
19 entirely, but it's called the Bahnke plan, and it's the  
20 Senate minority plan, and that is what I'm opposing today.

21                  MEMBER BAHNKE: Is there a reason you're opposed  
22 to it?

23                  MS. TYNDALL: Yes. I feel like it's politically  
24 motivated, not -- not really pulling our state together  
25 the way it should be.

1                   CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you again,  
2   Barbara.

3                   Next in my cue shows Christopher Constant there  
4   in Anchorage. Assembly Member Constant, are you in the --  
5   oh, there you are. I see you there now. Good morning.

6                   MR. CONSTANT: Good morning. I submitted my  
7   comments to you in writing this morning. I hope that  
8   they've been communicated to you and are part of the  
9   record. My name is Christopher Constant, Anchorage  
10   Assembly. I recently chaired the reapportionment process  
11   for the Municipality of Anchorage.

12                  I submitted my comments in writing, so I won't  
13   go through it in -- verbatim, but the general point is  
14   thank you for your hard work in generating maps that are  
15   broadly acceptable to members of the communities across  
16   the state of Alaska, to the courts, to everybody, but that  
17   there are still some concerns with, for me at least, one  
18   pairing that I spoke about before, and that's the pairing  
19   of Districts 23 and 24, that, for me, where I live in that  
20   tiny pocket at the corner of the southwest of House  
21   District 23, in order to get to the main body of my  
22   district, I have to drive 25 to 30 miles and go through  
23   multiple communities, several House Districts, and that's  
24   the same for all of the couple of thousand people who are  
25   my neighbors.

1           (Indiscernible) wasn't found in the filings to  
2   the court probably should have been because I believe this  
3   (indiscernible) up in the north is not fair. But this  
4   unfairness can be rectified by pairing the District 23  
5   with District 17, because that unites us with our  
6   neighbors who literally live across the street, whose  
7   homes we can see from our front yards instead of having to  
8   drive some 30 miles.

9           I recognize that there's broad interest in  
10   opening up the maps and shifting the pairings across a  
11   number of domains, and I believe the fairest approach is  
12   the Bahnke map, but if that is not something that's  
13   acceptable, I understand, and I think that the board is  
14   bounded by two parameters in its decision-making that  
15   either they adopt the map previously presented or act as  
16   narrowly as possible in achieving fixing the  
17   constitutional problems of the Senate Pairings that the  
18   Court found.

19           (Indiscernible) order Judge Matthews maintains  
20   jurisdiction in this case and as a matter, because of  
21   that, all parties should exercise caution and restraint in  
22   the final stage of this process only making the minimal  
23   levels of changes necessary to achieve the constitutional  
24   goal, which means only changing these boundaries that are  
25   letting the District pairing that was found to be



1 unconstitutional to achieve the goal with as minimal  
2 changes as possible, because the public has in fact seen  
3 these maps.

4 I ask you to be the heroes in this process, to  
5 step up and make the difference to protecting my small  
6 neighborhood and finishing this process in a manner that  
7 is constitutional and supportable by a broad array of  
8 Alaskans.

9 Now I want to move briefly to talk about the  
10 Anchorage reapportionment process. The Municipality of  
11 Anchorage is a subdivision of the state of Alaska,  
12 organized the first class municipality and exercise home  
13 rule, the maximum level of self-government allowed. As  
14 such, the municipality began its charter required  
15 reapportionment mere days after the publication by this  
16 body of the state's final plan map on November 10th, 2021.

17 We ran a robust public process with more than 20  
18 opportunities for the public to be heard. We also had a  
19 public comment portal and received many e-mails  
20 (indiscernible) regular method of receiving public  
21 comment. We also hired a contractor who proposed several  
22 maps and opened the map-making process up to the public  
23 for whom we received several viable maps, and in fact, the  
24 final map adopted was one submitted by a member of the  
25 public.

1                   Our process was very open. One of the maps  
2   drafted by the contractor and an additional map submitted  
3   by a member of the public paired Chugiak and Eagle River  
4   with Hillside and South Anchorage. This pairing was a  
5   lightning rod, causing scores and scores of comments in  
6   opposition from the public. The comments came in through  
7   all channels: phone calls to members, e-mails through our  
8   regular e-mail system, comments posted to the portal, and  
9   substantial in-person testimony in opposition. The  
10   opposition was overwhelming that the pairing of  
11   Eagle River and Hillside is inappropriate and shouldn't be  
12   promulgated. The assembly listened. Now I hope you do.

13                  It is my hope that the Redistricting Board will  
14   incorporate the comments of members of the public and  
15   community councils newly submitted to a subdivision of the  
16   state of Alaska under a substantially similar and  
17   coordinated process by including a sample of comments  
18   received by e-mail, a near complete table of comments  
19   submitted by the portal, and the community council  
20   resolutions passed relating to the pairing of Eagle River  
21   and Hillside, the Redistricting Board will have  
22   substantive record of concerns and overwhelming  
23   oppositions from the public to an irrational pairing of  
24   Chugiak, Eagle River, and South Anchorage Hillside.

25                  Comments opposing the pairing are highlighted in

1 yellow in the records that I submitted to you, 81 pages of  
2 them, more than -- or roughly half of the comments that we  
3 received were in opposition to the Eagle River/South  
4 Anchorage pairing. The other half were on any number of  
5 different subjects. So a vast majority. And that's just  
6 the comments that came in there you the portal, not the  
7 comments we received by e-mail, not the comments we had  
8 from people in public (indiscernible).

9 I would like to point to one comment that stood  
10 out by e-mail in particular, somebody who has testified in  
11 the last two days twice before this body, just the  
12 opposite, on the 28th of February they stated, their own  
13 words, Chugiak/Eagle River is not contiguous with South  
14 Anchorage or Downtown Anchorage.

15 Please do not disenfranchise the 30,000  
16 residents that live and pay property taxes in Chugiak/  
17 Eagle River. Chugiak/Eagle River is separated from the  
18 other districts by the Chugach mountains and is ten miles  
19 from the nearest East Anchorage/JBER district.  
20 (Indiscernible) common sense that Chugiak/Eagle River is  
21 contiguous with East Anchorage -- not contiguous with East  
22 Anchorage. Also, the people from South Anchorage and  
23 Downtown don't have any interest in being involved in  
24 Chugiak/Eagle River issues.

25 Please listen to the people and do not

1 gerrymander Chugiak/Eagle River with South Anchorage or  
2 Downtown. And that comment was from Susan Fischetti  
3 entered into the municipality's record on February the  
4 28th.

5 And finally, I have community council  
6 resolutions from Northeast Community Council opposing the  
7 pairing. From HALO, which is a land-owning organization  
8 of the Upper Hillside asking for us to defend the  
9 reputation of the Hillside. From Hillside Community  
10 Council opposing the pairing of Eagle River and Chugiak to  
11 Hillside. And then the Huffman/O'Malley Community  
12 Council, a resolution supporting South Anchorage and  
13 Hillside community by opposing the pairing to Eagle River.  
14 And then finally, the Rabbit Creek Community Council has  
15 spoken by resolution (indiscernible) please do not pair us  
16 with Eagle River.

17 And so I have entered into your record public  
18 comments submitted to a subdivision of the State of Alaska  
19 in which the public has broadly stated, do not link Eagle  
20 River, Hillside, and South Anchorage.

21 Finally, you will hear from a number of members  
22 of the other side who have come up with a really broad  
23 array of creative maps. But compare the commentary from  
24 the person whose comments that I provided to you in  
25 writing to what they said yesterday and you'll know the

1 motivation by their proposal.

2 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you, Chris. I guess  
3 you are maybe submitting -- there you go.

4 MR. CONSTANT: Thank you. I'm handing my  
5 comments (indiscernible).

6 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Are you available for some  
7 questions or comments from board members?

8 MR. CONSTANT: (Nods head)

9 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Any questions or  
10 comments from board members? Just one question that I've  
11 got, Chris. And I appreciate that, the municipality going  
12 through the same process that we've been going through,  
13 and I think you can understand the difficulties and  
14 complexities of pulling this all together, not just for  
15 the Municipality of Anchorage but around the state. So I  
16 appreciate that you understand that. You know, and our  
17 task may be a little bit different than what the  
18 municipalities are, but I appreciate your testimony and  
19 your perspective on it.

20 One quick question. It seemed to me you had two  
21 things that might be weighed differently, one is to  
22 minimize the disruption, so to speak, or the amount of  
23 changes in the various Senate districts to narrow the  
24 decision down to Senate District K versus your concern  
25 about the specific districts -- I think it was 23 and 17,

1 combine 23 and 17. But it may be that there's a solution  
2 that requires less changes but doesn't affect 23 and 17.  
3 So in that case, which would you confer, which would you  
4 think would be fairer to make an additional change to  
5 people in 23 and 17 or go with minimal disruption just  
6 affecting K?

7 MR. CONSTANT: Thank you. So 23 is directly  
8 connected to the district that is under the order from the  
9 Court, which is the Muldoon district that directly  
10 connected it. So there is logic to solving both problems  
11 in one move. I don't think that there's a simpler way to  
12 do it than to simply correct this pairing with Eagle River  
13 and the Downtown and the Downtown which now is the North  
14 Anchorage District really because it spans from the north  
15 of Downtown, across JBER, and over to Muldoon. That's  
16 really now not Downtown anymore. It's the North Anchorage  
17 District. So that's literally contiguous with the Muldoon  
18 District.

19 So I would offer that it is one of the moves  
20 that really is required by this process to achieve the  
21 constitutional requirements. If there are other ways, I  
22 understand that the board will have to contemplate them.  
23 (indiscernible) harm is being done to a couple thousand  
24 people who are stranded from representation under  
25 (indiscernible).

1                   CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you. Any other  
2 questions?

3                   MR. CONSTANT: (Indiscernible) commend you.  
4 It's hard work you've done.

5                   CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you.

6                   Next person on the list that I show is -- came  
7 in at 10:00 a.m., Susan Fischetti from Eagle River.  
8 Susan, are you here this morning?

9                   MEMBER BAHNKE: Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair, before we  
10 let her go, can I just ask, Peter, did you receive the  
11 documents that Christopher said he submitted?

12                  MR. TORKELSON: I see them in the testimony  
13 e-mail box from this morning, so they'll be sent out with  
14 the next public testimony packet probably (indiscernible).

15                  MEMBER BAHNKE: When will they be sent out to  
16 us?

17                  MR. TORKELSON: I can send it to you any time  
18 you want, but we -- the practice is to collate all the  
19 testimony from the day and send it -- I sent it last time  
20 about 9:30. So I'll send -- I would send another packet  
21 again this evening, but I can forward it to you right now  
22 if you'd like it.

23                  MEMBER BAHNKE: That's fine. Send it when you  
24 normally send it. I just wanted to make sure it was  
25 received.

1                   CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you. We'll go  
2 on with Susan Fischetti. Good morning, Susan. Can you  
3 hear us okay?

4                   MS. FISCHETTI: Yes, I can. Thank you. I  
5 appreciate the opportunity to testify via teleconference.  
6 I had hoped to be there in person, but because of the  
7 weather today, I decided to call in again.

8                   I'd like to remind the board of some facts. The  
9 Court decision (indiscernible) March 25th, 2022, which was  
10 about ten days ago. So there is no rush to force a  
11 decision to adopt the Bahnke pairings or anything else at  
12 this moment. We've only had a few days to even realize  
13 what's happening.

14                  Because of the Court decision recently, my  
15 testimony has changed from February 28th. I hope that,  
16 you know, other people in the audience there can  
17 understand that, you know, we supported one plan and now  
18 the Judge has ruled unconstitutional, which I disagree  
19 with anyway, but -- so of course our testimony is going to  
20 change.

21                  It seems like some people are using this process  
22 to promote themselves and their special interests and make  
23 their mark on this process instead of allowing the people  
24 to have the time to review it and do what's best for our  
25 state.



1                   Since 1974 Chugiak/Eagle River has had the  
2    opportunity to be paired with the north of our district  
3    and the south. We've been paired with East Anchorage,  
4    we've been paired with the Valley, and we've been paired  
5    with the Hillside. So to insinuate that, you know, this  
6    is something new and out of the question is ridiculous.

7                   Chugiak/Eagle River has been represented by two  
8    members in the Senate since 1974. We had Ed Willis, a  
9    Democrat from Eagle River, and Brad Bradley from East  
10   Anchorage. We had Rick Halford and Tim Kelly from East  
11   Anchorage. We had Halford and Sam Cotton. We've had  
12   Con Bunde and Ogan, Giessel and Huggins, Fairclough and  
13   Dyson, Reinbold, and Hughes. We've had Bill Stoltz in  
14   there.

15                  I don't understand why we have to be, you know,  
16   railroaded at this point to come up with a plan in ten  
17   days. The Judge said Senate District K is what he wants  
18   to work on. The Bahnke plan I think changes every  
19   district in Anchorage. I don't think we need to go that  
20   far. But there are some boundaries that could be  
21   adjusted.

22                  So I just hope that we will take the time and  
23   not because somebody has called in 18 times to testify on  
24   the same message, that that holds more weight than the  
25   facts of the matter. Thank you.

1                   CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you, Susan. Questions  
2 for Susan for board members?

3                   Nicole, I see you've got your hand up.

4                   MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you very much. I've got  
5 three questions for the caller.

6                   You mentioned that certain people are using this  
7 process to promote themselves. Can you be more specific  
8 who is promoting themselves through the process?

9                   MS. FISCHETTI: I feel like there are -- I don't  
10 want to use names. My name was used. I don't really  
11 appreciate it. I'm not going to use other names. But  
12 there are some people on the board and there are some  
13 other so-called, you know, testifiers that have been on,  
14 and I just know that they're politically motivated, that  
15 this is a gerrymandering move, in my opinion.  
16 (Indiscernible) I can say.

17                  MEMBER BORROMEO: It would be helpful as a board  
18 member to know who on the board is promoting themselves so  
19 I can have a conversation with that person and ask them to  
20 get back to the best interests of the state and wrap up  
21 our constitutional duties. Perhaps you'll share those  
22 names in the future.

23                  Second question is, you said that the Bahnke  
24 plan has gone too far. What is your proposed solution  
25 then? Do you have a correction that the board can weigh?

1                   MS. FISCHETTI: I believe that since we've now  
2   been told that we can't be paired with East Anchorage,  
3   which we've done many times in the past, that the options  
4   are to pair the Eagle River Valley with the South Hillside  
5   area, pair Chugiak with JBER. Whatever has to be done to  
6   fix those lines and numbers, that's what we need to focus  
7   on. We don't need to, you know, reinvent the entire map.  
8   It's just those areas.

9                   MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. Thank you. Following  
10   up from your previous testimony -- and I realize that you  
11   have since changed your mind before you -- from the time  
12   that you weighed in in the municipality's apportionment  
13   process -- but I'm having a hard time understanding, and  
14   perhaps you can explain that, why you didn't feel Chugiak  
15   and Eagle River was contiguous with South Anchorage but  
16   now you're advocating for that position.

17                  MS. FISCHETTI: Okay. I've lived here for 40  
18   years. Some of the members on the board are not from  
19   Anchorage or Eagle River. So I do feel like I can speak a  
20   little bit more to the subject because I've actually been  
21   here, and I've been involved the entire time.

22                  When we were paired with Anchorage the few  
23   times, it was difficult for us to meet sometimes because  
24   you'd have to, you know, drive a distance or whatever, but  
25   at this point in time, you know, we don't have an option.

1 I don't see anything else that we can do. We do have a  
2 lot in common with them. We do have our own road service  
3 area. We do live across the mountain from one another.  
4 And we can communicate now with Zoom and teleconferences,  
5 which we really didn't do back then.

6 So I have no problem with it now, you know. My  
7 first choice would be something else, but I'm not left  
8 with anything else to choose from at this point.

9 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. One follow-up  
10 question and then I'll go to my final question --

11 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Let's see. You -- you  
12 had two. You've got some more, Nicole?

13 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yeah. Just -- just one more,  
14 Mr. Chairman.

15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay.

16 MEMBER BORROMEO: Your testimony also asked us  
17 to take the time. What is the time? Is there a date  
18 certain that you'd like to put on the record?

19 MS. FISCHETTI: I realize that, you know, timing  
20 is important because we do have an election year that  
21 we're dealing with. I really don't like to put a time  
22 limit on anything. I've had other issues go on in my life  
23 where somebody says, I'm going to get back to you on  
24 Sunday and never hear back from them. Going to get back  
25 to you on Monday, don't hear back. I don't want to put a

1 specific time, but it's been ten days. You know, if it's  
2 a 30-day period, something that, you know, is reasonable  
3 to give people a chance to understand.

4 Today everybody that I know is at work. They  
5 can't even call in or testify. They don't even realize  
6 what's happened. I know it's been in the news, but it's  
7 very difficult for the average working person to  
8 understand what you're even talking about unless they tune  
9 in every day and listen and get educated on it. So I  
10 don't know what the exact time is, but ten days or, you  
11 know, two weeks is really a short time frame, because I  
12 think it's your responsibility as a board to look at  
13 those -- that Senate District K and come up with a  
14 different solution. But the solution of the Bahnke plan  
15 is not the solution.

16 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Susan.  
17 Thank you, Nicole. Bethany, I see your hand up.

18 MEMBER MARCUM: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

19 I wanted to apologize to Ms. Fischetti. I feel  
20 like the comment that was made to you about changing your  
21 mind was a bit insulting and so I want to apologize. I  
22 understood your explanation, the fact that why your  
23 testimony had changed once the Court had ruled in a way  
24 that was not compatible with what your first options were,  
25 so I wanted to apologize for the fact that I felt like

1     that was insulting to you.

2                   But mostly I want to say thank you for the  
3     historical perspective that you provided regarding the  
4     different pairings that Eagle River has had in the past.  
5     That is very important and valuable information for us as  
6     a board. So I want to thank you for taking the time to  
7     share that today.

8                   MS. FISCHETTI: Thank you.

9                   CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: And I might add my thanks,  
10    too, Susan, because that was very interesting. I had an  
11    opportunity to serve in the Senate with some of these  
12    individuals back in the '80s, and it was interesting. You  
13    know, you don't even think about the specifics of their  
14    district when you're in the legislature, but it's  
15    facinating to hear that now. So thank you for that  
16    historical perspective as well.

17                  MEMBER BAHNKE: Mr. Chair?

18                  CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah, Melanie. Go ahead.

19                  MEMBER BAHNKE: I'd also like to comment since  
20    there seems to be speculation about the plan that is being  
21    called the Bahnke plan. For some historical perspective,  
22    I actually mentioned yesterday that I worked on this plan  
23    with Budd during a work session, and it's a plan that I  
24    listened to the advice of our VRA expert and our attorney,  
25    took their advice into consideration when I made that

1 plan. I did not work with Scott Kendall or Tom Begich or  
2 even Nicole on this map.

3 I asked the Chairman if I would have support for  
4 this map and was told yes, and that is why I was  
5 completely surprised when we adopted Bethany's map  
6 instead. I did not look at incumbent information and I  
7 did not have partisan, political motivations when I worked  
8 with Budd on this map.

9 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I just have to comment that  
10 I'm not sure what you're talking about, Melanie, but if  
11 you somehow thought that I supported your Senate pairings,  
12 you were completely mistaken. I did not --

13 MEMBER BAHNKE: That was the -- that was the  
14 impression I had. So we can disagree about that.

15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: We certainly can. Okay.  
16 Let's move on.

17 Let's see, the next one it looks like that's  
18 signed up is Patty Wisel for Fairbanks. Patty, are you  
19 still in the room?

20 MS. WISEL: Yes, I am. Can you hear me?

21 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yes, we can, Patty. Go  
22 ahead.

23 MS. WISEL: Okay. Thank you. Yes, this is  
24 Patty Wisel, along with my husband John, from Fairbanks,  
25 and we are calling to oppose the Senate minority plan

1 called the Bahnke plan and request the board to consider a  
2 plan more representative of similar socioeconomic profiles  
3 and equal Senate seat alignments. Again, we oppose the  
4 Bahnke plan from the Senate minority. And I am new to  
5 this, so I'm probably not going to be able to answer the  
6 questions, but we want to go on record as opposing this  
7 plan.

8 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you. Nicole, I  
9 see you have a question.

10 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you very much, Patty.  
11 And hello to your husband John as well. If you feel  
12 comfortable at this point, I would like to hear what you  
13 and John would propose for a correction to the Anchorage  
14 unconstitutional gerrymandering in Senate District K.

15 MS. WISEL: Yes. Like I said, we're -- we're  
16 new to this. I'm learn being this. But we just want to  
17 go on record as opposing this Bahnke plan.

18 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. Follow-up question.

19 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. A follow-up for  
20 Nicole. Go ahead, Nicole.

21 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. Patty and John,  
22 are you familiar with the Municipality of Anchorage, its  
23 neighborhoods, churches, schools, shopping centers,  
24 private industry?

25 MS. WISEL: Yes, we have property there. Just



1     don't live there.

2                   MEMBER BORROMEO:   Okay.   Fantastic.   I'm just  
3     trying to glean from you, if you will be so generous to  
4     share, what specific objections you have to the plan that  
5     is being termed the Bahnke pairings as it relates to  
6     gerrymandering.

7                   CHAIRMAN BINKLEY:   Just if I could interject  
8     here, I think -- I think that she indicated, Nicole, that  
9     she didn't know all the specifics.   She is just getting up  
10    to speed on this and probably couldn't answer specific  
11    questions about that.   So I think that was in your first  
12    question about why do you oppose the Bahnke plan.   And so  
13    I think she's already answered that question.

14                  MEMBER BORROMEO:   And that's fine, Mr. Chairman.  
15    I appreciate you interjecting on her behalf.   She did call  
16    in to testify today publicly, and I believe it's my duty  
17    as a board member to help understand what she's testifying  
18    to.   I don't understand a blanket statement that pairings  
19    are gerrymandered if they're not supported.   So thank you  
20    very much, Patty and John, for taking time out of your day  
21    to call in and provide testimony.

22                  MS. WISEL:   Yes, thank you.

23                  CHAIRMAN BINKLEY:   Thank you.   Bethany, you've  
24    got your hand up.

25                  MEMBER MARCUM:   Yes.   My question is not for the

1 caller. I just wanted to make an observation that,  
2 Chairman Binkley, whenever you made questions of the  
3 testifiers in Fairbanks, you were kind of called out for  
4 that, for kind of badgering the testifiers. You mentioned  
5 that earlier when we started this meeting, that, you know,  
6 there was insinuation that you shouldn't be able to ask  
7 these sorts of detailed questions of the testifiers.

8 And now the same thing is happening today with  
9 folks. And so, you know -- and I know that you felt like  
10 that was a fair thing to do, which I do as well. But I  
11 just wanted to point out that the others on the board seem  
12 to have taken a different view when you were asking  
13 questions of testifiers than when we're choosing to ask  
14 those same questions of testifiers today. So thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you. And thank  
16 you, Patty and John. And we're going to move on. Let's  
17 see. The next one signed up is in the Anchorage LAO.  
18 Robert Hockema. Robert, are you there? Good morning.

19 MR. HOCKEMA: Good morning. Can I be heard  
20 well?

21 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: It's a little weak. If you  
22 could speak right into the microphone, Robert, that would  
23 really help us. I hate to have my ear to my computer and  
24 my camera looking --

25 MR. HOCKEMA: (Indiscernible). Is this better?

1 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Say again.

2 Mr. Hockema: Am I close enough?

3 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: That's helpful. Yes, please  
4 proceed.

5 MR. HOCKEMA: May I begin?

6 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Please.

7 MR. HOCKEMA: This is Robert Hockema, and I am  
8 representing myself. I've been involved in the state-  
9 level redistricting process since the beginning and was  
10 heavily involved with the Anchorage reapportionment  
11 process. I even drew a couple of the maps and was heavily  
12 involved.

13 I'm here today to encourage the board to adopt  
14 Melanie Bahnke's proposed Senate pairings. These pairings  
15 connect communities of interest that would reasonably  
16 represent the interests of Alaskans, especially  
17 Anchorage. First and foremost, they connect North and  
18 South Muldoon in 20 and 21. This is the best contiguous  
19 pairing that's available. It's superior to the U-Med  
20 connect to the west, which is far less socially,  
21 economically connected, and superior to the alternative  
22 Abbott Loop District, which contains completely different  
23 sets of school districts, community councils, and  
24 community priorities.

25 I'd like to take a minute to say that just

1 because Muldoon has been compared with Eagle River in the  
2 past doesn't mean that those pairings were ever just or  
3 fair in the first place. Right? It keeps happening  
4 because Muldoon has been consistently steamrolled and  
5 disenfranchised by state and local official prophecies.  
6 Highly engaged, high-income, high-turnout communities like  
7 Eagle River and Chugiak will always have more sway than  
8 folks who live in the working-class communities who are  
9 too busy living paycheck-to-paycheck to come listen to  
10 folks justify why they deserve to get steamrolled again.

11 Second, I support the pairing because it keeps  
12 important communities together. These are communities  
13 that have repeatedly asked to stay together during both  
14 state and municipal reapportionment testimony. This  
15 includes Spenard and Turnagain being kept together in 14  
16 and 16. Airports Heights and Midtown in 18 and 19.  
17 Hillside and Southside in 9 and 11, as Christopher  
18 Constant mentioned earlier. And the Southport and Klatt  
19 communities in Oceanview in 10 and 15.

20 And lastly, (indiscernible) it shares JBER with  
21 Anchorage as opposed to handing it over to Eagle River by  
22 default, as other previous redistricting and  
23 reapportionment processes have done thus far.

24 The majority members of the board rushed through  
25 and unconstitutionally politically gerrymander and refuse

1 to consider these pairings that are on the table proposed  
2 right now. They make sense, they're defensible in court,  
3 they have broad support, and they deserve to be discussed  
4 by the board. Right now there is no discussion or  
5 proposals from any other board member but Melanie.

6 I think it's incumbent on the remaining board  
7 members, particularly those who are objecting to these  
8 proposed pairings without any stated grievance to stop  
9 holding their cards close to their chest and be honest  
10 about the pairings that they prefer. They need to be  
11 honest with Alaskans and stop waiting until the very last  
12 minute just to say that they oppose Melanie's pairings for  
13 X, Y, and Z stated reasons. There needs to be  
14 transparency, unlike the last set of processes, which is  
15 exactly why this pairing went to court.

16 I'd also like to use my time to advocate against  
17 stalling this process. The filing deadline is less than  
18 two months away for candidates. That's 60 days. Voters  
19 deserve to know who their incumbent representatives are  
20 and who they're going to be voting for. This election  
21 cycle will be crazier than usual with 59 legislative  
22 seats, multiple statewide seats, and a brand new set of  
23 special elections to (indiscernible) Don Young. Right?  
24 And the more clarity voters have, the better equipped we  
25 are to hold a fair, trusted, and credible election process

1     this year.

2                 I implore the board to consider these pairings  
3     and at the very least avoid trying to pair South Muldoon  
4     with an uncontiguous and unsocioeconomically connected  
5     district. I think the North and South Muldoon pairings  
6     are the baseline for what should be done to correct this  
7     process.

8                 Thank you guys for your time and thank you for  
9     your involvement in this process. It is a great service  
10    to the state and it's incredibly helpful. I'm very happy  
11    to be participating. Thank you.

12                CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you, Robert.

13                Questions or comments for Robert? Okay. Let's  
14    move on to Randy Ruedrich in Anchorage.

15                CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Good morning, Mr. Ruedrich.

16                MR. RUEDRICH: Good morning. I'm Randy Ruedrich  
17    with Alaskans for Fair and Equitable Redistricting. I  
18    made a brief presentation yesterday and to avoid  
19    confusion, I think the best thing for me to do is to  
20    assume those comments were not made and start over since  
21    they were boxed very tightly.

22                I appreciate the work of the board in assembling  
23    the proclamation which had defects, accomplishments, and  
24    generally a map that not everybody liked very well. That  
25    is a huge indication that it's pretty good. If you -- if

1 every -- if a few people liked it a lot and a few people  
2 disliked it a lot, the Court would have given us many more  
3 opportunities to fix things. There's been a map that has  
4 had 27 House Districts redrawn because it was just poorly  
5 done. So you're to be commended for getting close.

6 I'm going to focus this morning on the Anchorage  
7 Senate District 6. In looking at East Anchorage and its  
8 neighboring northern area Eagle River and Chugiak, they  
9 have been paired in various ways for various reasons  
10 primarily because it's a numbers game. And the numbers  
11 are different when you're looking at the House and two  
12 House seats for a Senate seat versus Anchorage assembly  
13 seats. So what someone would like to have for a House  
14 seat not only doesn't relate very well to what they want  
15 for an Anchorage assembly seat --

16 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Randy, I hate to interrupt.  
17 Is there -- is there any chance you could pull that  
18 microphone a little bit closer?

19 MR. RUEDRICH: I'm sorry. I thought I was close  
20 enough.

21 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Well, it's really the sound  
22 is fairly poor, and the closer you can get it, the more  
23 helpful it will be for us.

24 MR. RUEDRICH: Okay. In the last decade it took  
25 three Anchorage House seats to create an assembly seat.

1 Look at one set of testimonies versus another is comparing  
2 apples and grapefruits. We're here today to talk about  
3 House Districts that have been accepted, reassembling them  
4 to the extent necessary to create one repair as directed  
5 by the Court with a minimum impact on the map.

6 I appreciate the fact that some people believe  
7 they're running for office already and if we change their  
8 districts, their world gets truly turned upside down. In  
9 view of that consideration, I have presented a map which  
10 the board received yesterday about 4 o'clock, 3 o'clock,  
11 something like that, which represents the Anchorage eight  
12 Senate seats, three of which will be Senate seat F,  
13 Districts 11 and 12; South Anchorage is not changed;  
14 Senate seat H in West Anchorage, Districts 15 and 16 is  
15 not changed; and Senate seat L, 23 and 24 the northern  
16 districts of the municipality are not changed. So that  
17 says we're working within a ten House seat remainder.

18 As I testified months ago, in November, South  
19 Eagle River could be paired with District 20, 21, or 9 in  
20 the current map. If you pair with 9, you're putting all  
21 the significant municipal uplands together. These are the  
22 road service areas, fire service areas that are in many  
23 cases mostly road service and snow removal issues are the  
24 common challenges in our uplands. This is not the first  
25 time this has been done.



1           It was done in 2001 by combining parts of this  
2   Senate district when the populations were lower in a  
3   single House seat while everything in Anchorage, the  
4   municipality, is socioeconomically integrated. Folks like  
5   to talk about better than, which I don't think exists, but  
6   House District in 2001 survived unchallenged after being  
7   redrawn post-court action. So we have the Eagle River  
8   Valley and related area combined with South Anchorage now  
9   in a Senate seat since they've grown big enough to each be  
10   a House seat.

11           This area will serve us well. And you make this  
12   change, House District 10 and 13 in South Anchorage forms  
13   Senate District G. This is the area that would be  
14   bifurcated essentially by Dimond Boulevard and is a  
15   (indiscernible) recapture of the Senate seat that exists  
16   today. At least 70 percent are the same folks.

17           MEMBER BORROMEO: Would you clarify which  
18   district you're talking about again? I'm sorry. Which  
19   district are you talking about there again?

20           MR. RUEDRICH: I was -- District 10, Oceanview,  
21   and District 13, Taku/Campbell for the most part. Okay?

22           MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. Thank you.

23           MR. RUEDRICH: If we go immediately north of  
24   there, since we've taken 13, we cannot pair with 14 any  
25   longer, Senate District I pairs 14 with 17 in Central

1 Anchorage. These two districts were the historical  
2 residential development of the City of Anchorage and  
3 redevelopment has been a major recent consideration.  
4 There have been a number of new homes built on lots within  
5 hundreds of yards of my house replacing 70-year-old homes.  
6 So redevelopment is a key part of what we live with, and  
7 there is the benefit of sharing a senator with Spenard and  
8 if it goes over, into Midtown with the now north of --  
9 south and north of Chester Creek up into the South  
10 Addition.

11 We then get to a district that, as you put it  
12 together, has a very unique situation. Many of us have  
13 talked about 18 as the U-Med district and has always  
14 ignored the fact that 19 is also a Med district. 19 is  
15 the home of the entire Regional Hospital complex. 18 is  
16 the Alaska Native Hospital and Providence. So we create  
17 Senate District J, 18 and 19, as an enhanced medical  
18 community with a lot of folks living around it that work  
19 for it and many people that live there have moved there to  
20 be closer to those health care facilities.

21 And finally, we have proposed to put House  
22 District 20 and 21 that lie along either side of Muldoon  
23 Road into Senate K. Already site Anchorage district  
24 combined the North Muldoon/Northeast Community Council  
25 area with area south of it.

1           I urge you to look at this. This only impacts  
2   five senators, not eight, and allows us to fix the problem  
3   that the Supreme Court has raised. I thank you for your  
4   time.

5           MEMBER BAHNKE: John, you're muted. You're  
6   still muted, Mr. Chairman. We can't hear you.

7           MR. SINGER: John, you're muted. Mr. Binkley.

8           MEMBER MARCUM: Peter probably has to unmute  
9   him.

10          CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Don't know how that happened.  
11   Apologies. Okay. Melanie and then Nicole.

12          MEMBER BAHNKE: Thank you, Randy, for your  
13   testimony. I do have a question. One of the things that  
14   I read in the Court's decision was as far as Senate  
15   District K goes, the problem was with cracking  
16   Eagle River, and I don't know that your map solves that --  
17   solution.

18          My question to you --

19          MR. RUEDRICH: I'm sorry. You're -- I'm sorry,  
20   Melanie. I cannot understand you. You're speaking a  
21   little bit too fast for the quality of transmission.

22          MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay. I'll try to slow it down.  
23   I was thanking you for offering your public testimony.  
24   One of the things I noted in the Court's ruling was the  
25   problem with District K, part of the problem is the

1 cracking of Eagle River, and I don't know how your map  
2 addresses that. I don't -- I don't want an explanation  
3 from you right now, but that's one issue I see.

4 The question I have for you is, what is the  
5 opposition to pairing Eagle River with Eagle River from  
6 your perspective? Why is that not a good pairing?

7 MR. RUEDRICH: I view the primary situation here  
8 to pair 23 with 24 to keep the historic Eagle River  
9 military significance, because without the military,  
10 Eagle River would never have existed. Eagle River was  
11 organized as a bedroom community for the military, for  
12 off-base housing, and the intertie I think is extremely  
13 important, and for that reason, I have not engaged in any  
14 change in the pairing of 23 and 24.

15 MEMBER BAHNKE: Do you -- Mr. Chairman, may I  
16 ask one more follow-up question?

17 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: You bet. Go ahead, Melanie.

18 MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay. I just wanted to ask you  
19 if you did read the Court's ruling that mentioned cracking  
20 of Eagle River being problematic and we have to correct  
21 that? Did you read that part of the ruling?

22 MR. RUEDRICH: Yes. And I didn't reach that  
23 same conclusion.

24 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Let's see. Nicole.

25 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. And thank you,

1 Randy, for continuing to stay engaged in the process. I  
2 learn something new every time you testify.

3 Can you repeat, to make sure that I'm tracking  
4 correctly, what suggestions that you are making? From my  
5 notes, you would like 22 with 9, 23 with 24, 18 with 19,  
6 and 20 with 21?

7 MR. RUEDRICH: Yes.

8 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. Well, I'm going to go  
9 out on a limb here and say I agree with you on at least  
10 half of (indiscernible). So progress is -- progress is  
11 being made.

12 MR. RUEDRICH: Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you, Nicole. And also  
14 the -- it came in a packet last night, both the map that  
15 Randy was referring to, as well as the text as well laying  
16 out what the districts are, which was helpful. Thank you.  
17 I guess that's it, Randy. Thank you.

18 Next is Yarrow Silvers from there in the  
19 Anchorage LAO office.

20 MEMBER BAHNKE: Mr. Chair, can I just bring to  
21 Nicole's attention her hand is still raised.

22 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thanks, Melanie.

24 Good morning, Yarrow. Welcome back.

25 MS. SILVER: Good morning. Thank you.

1           Hi. My name is Yarrow Silvers. I am speaking  
2   for myself. However, the proposal that I am introducing  
3   is on behalf of the East Anchorage plaintiffs.

4           The Bahnke pairings respect communities and  
5   socioeconomic integration. They are not based on partisan  
6   data and they are informed by public testimony, as  
7   evidenced by their compact shapes, large areas of  
8   continuity, and robust, thoughtful public support they  
9   received, all of which have not been seen in the more  
10   partisan proposals which have relied on tiny sections of  
11   continuity, weird shapes, illogical or no justification,  
12   weak or one-sided socioeconomic considerations, and which  
13   have ignited strong, detailed public opposition from the  
14   people harmed by these pairings.

15           It is unfortunate that the Bahnke pairings were  
16   not chosen initially and that the board chose to ignore  
17   public testimony and rational logic to gerrymander the map  
18   instead. However, at this juncture, the Supreme Court has  
19   ordered that the board correct the constitutional errors  
20   and make other revisions to the proclaiming plan  
21   resulting from or related to those changes.

22           In order to most closely follow the direction of  
23   the Court, I, along with the other East Anchorage  
24   plaintiffs, propose the following maximum preservation  
25   pairings which include four of the original pairings

1 adopted by Bethany Marcum as well as four (indiscernible)  
2 initially proposed by Melanie Bahnke in order to fix the  
3 constitutional errors.

4 Here is the maximum preservation proposal.  
5 Senate District B will be the board-adopted Marcum  
6 pairing, House District 9 and 10. Senate District F,  
7 board-adopted Marcum pairing, which would be Lower  
8 Hillside, District 11 and Far North Bicentennial Park,  
9 House District 12. Senate District G would be the  
10 original Marcum pairing, pairing 13 and 14, Gambell and  
11 Spenard. Senate District H would be the Marcum pairing,  
12 which would combine House District 15 and 16, Sand Lake,  
13 Campbell Lake, and the Anchorage Airport.

14 The pairings that would need to be adjusted in  
15 order to fix the constitutional errors that came from  
16 splitting Eagle River, from splitting Muldoon would be as  
17 follows. Senate District I, the Bahnke proposed pairing,  
18 which pairs House District 17 and House District 23.  
19 Senate District J, which would be the Bahnke-proposed  
20 pairing, which would combine House District 18 and 19,  
21 Mountain View, Airport Heights, and U-Med. Senate  
22 District K, which would pair House District 20 and 21 with  
23 North and South Muldoon. Senate District L, which would  
24 pair House District 22 and 24, Eagle River Valley and  
25 North Eagle River/Chugiak.

1           Thank you for considering this proposed plan  
2   which contains the minimum changes necessary to fix the  
3   constitutional errors and are logical, respect  
4   communities, and use changes which were introduced during  
5   the initial Senate Pairing process, enjoying broad public  
6   support. I sent this proposal with additional details in  
7   an e-mail on behalf of the East Anchorage plaintiffs.  
8   Thank you again for your consideration.

9           CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yarrow. Bethany, you had  
10   your hand up. And then Nicole.

11           MEMBER MARCUM: Yes. Thank you, Chairman.

12           I just would like to ask the public and others  
13   not to refer to the plans as the Marcum pairings or the  
14   Marcum plan. I put them out as proposals. They were  
15   voted on by a majority of the board. They're certainly  
16   not mine. I don't have any ownership of them any more  
17   than anyone else who supported those. So I would just ask  
18   that my name not be associated with those because  
19   they're -- as you remember, I had five different  
20   possible -- possibilities. So thank you.

21           CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you, Bethany. Nicole.

22           MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. Yarrow, again I  
23   appreciate you, just like Randy, for staying engaged in  
24   the entire process. I have read your letter of April 1  
25   from your law firm, Birch, Horton, Bittner, with great



1 interest. And is it your position that the board does not  
2 have any authority beyond what you're suggesting as the  
3 maximum preservation plan?

4 MS. SILVERS: It -- I think it's a really  
5 slippery slope. I think if we go in and start trying to  
6 change too much, that, yes, I think that it does exceed  
7 the authority.

8 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Any -- let's see. One  
9 quick question, Yarrow. Just -- we had the presentation  
10 from Mr. Ruedrich and AFFER that actually pairs North and  
11 South Muldoon, House District 20 and 21 into one Senate  
12 District. Is that -- I know that that was really the --  
13 seemed to be the crux of the complaint that was filed on  
14 your behalf and others by Attorney Holly Wells. Does that  
15 seem to satisfy that aspect of it?

16 MS. SILVERS: District 17 includes 2,000  
17 residents of North Muldoon. It includes some of the  
18 lowest income and highest diversity census blocs in  
19 Anchorage, and I believe that, in looking at Muldoon, that  
20 pairing that section of Muldoon with Chugiak/North Eagle  
21 River, I -- I don't think it makes any sense, and I think  
22 it's harmful to the people that live there.

23 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I guess I'm confused, because  
24 I thought North Muldoon was District 20. Does that not  
25 encompass all of North Muldoon?

1 MS. SILVERS: No. There is the section right  
2 there --

3 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I see. So --

4 MS. SILVERS: -- and that's (indiscernible) --

5 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: -- you would suggest --

6 MS. SILVERS: -- in Anchorage. It has some of  
7 the highest diversity. And then you also have, you know,  
8 Downtown and Government Hill.

9 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: But I was thinking specific  
10 to your litigation. But you're not suggesting we change  
11 the House underlying plan to accommodate that portion of  
12 Muldoon that's now in 23 with --

13 MS. SILVERS: No.

14 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: -- House District 20?

15 MS. SILVERS: I believe what the Court was quite  
16 clear that the House Districts are constitutional.

17 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. So just to make -- so  
18 I'm clear, if the House Districts 20 and 21 were combined  
19 into one Senate District, that satisfies your concern  
20 about North and South Muldoon, given the -- you know,  
21 where we're at with the underlying House Districts?

22 MS. SILVERS: That would satisfy the concern  
23 about Districts 20 and 21. It would not satisfy the  
24 concern about Districts 22 and 24, Eagle River, which also  
25 needs to be combined as one.

1                   CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. I think I get it, but  
2 I thought the litigation was specific to 20 and 21. But I  
3 see what you're saying. It wasn't -- it also included 23  
4 and 22, that -- those two areas. Okay.

5                   Melanie, go ahead.

6                   MEMBER BAHNKE: Yes, I was going to follow along  
7 the same line of your question, Mr. Binkley, was in terms  
8 of the crux of the litigation, if we simply pair Muldoon  
9 with Muldoon, do you think that satisfies it, or do you  
10 feel like there was -- I think it was in the Court order  
11 that cracking of Muldoon was part of the (indiscernible)  
12 Senate District K. But I wanted to hear if you had  
13 any issues with cracking Muldoon.

14                  MS. SILVERS: Well, Muldoon was cracked --

15                  MEMBER BAHNKE: I mean cracking Eagle River.  
16 I'm sorry.

17                  MS. SILVERS: Oh. Yes. I think that cracking  
18 Eagle River was a part of the issue, and the cracking of  
19 Eagle River, that was done to give Eagle River more  
20 representation. That was stated during the process. So  
21 when you're cracking a community to give it more  
22 representation, then it stands to reason that the  
23 communities that you're pairing it with are going to have  
24 less representation, and what we are going for here is  
25 equal representation. We're going for one-person,

1 one-vote principles.

2 And when you're cracking communities and you're  
3 gerrymandering and you're pairing them in a way that  
4 increases the representation of one community, that is not  
5 one-person, one-vote principles.

6 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Bethany.

7 MEMBER MARCUM: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I  
8 would just like to point out that the testifier has  
9 implied intent and she was directing that to me, and so I  
10 appreciate the opportunity to respond to that. That may  
11 have been the result that Eagle River would have had --  
12 would have had two senators, but what has been left unsaid  
13 by many testifiers and by even folks on the board is that  
14 the same result that came about from the previous map  
15 would have allowed Eagle River to possibly have two  
16 senators would have allowed Muldoon to have possibly three  
17 senators.

18 As was just pointed out by the testifier on the  
19 map, Muldoon encompasses three separate districts, and the  
20 configurations of the Senate pairings would have allowed  
21 Muldoon to have three senators. Three voices in the  
22 senate as opposed to Eagle River having two. So I think  
23 that it's important to keep in mind a difference between  
24 intent and results. Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you. Nicole.

1                   MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you very much. Question  
2 to Yarrow that comes about really from Bethany's  
3 observation that Muldoon will potentially have three  
4 senators. Does Muldoon want three senators or does  
5 Muldoon want one senator and could be united into one  
6 Senate District?

7                   MS. SILVERS: Muldoon wants one senator that can  
8 work for Muldoon, not three senators whose interests lie  
9 elsewhere.

10                  CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Just to make sure I'm  
11 clear, Yarrow. Part of Muldoon is in District 23, so  
12 regardless of -- it's not going to be -- if it's not  
13 combined -- if 20 and 21 are combined, then part of  
14 Muldoon is going to be in another district by virtue of  
15 the underlying House districts. Do I have that right?

16                  MS. SILVERS: Sorry. I didn't hear you.

17                  CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah.

18                  MS. SILVERS: I don't know if it's possible to  
19 turn that up, because I'm having a hard time hearing the  
20 comments.

21                  CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah. Looking at -- if we  
22 combine 20 and 21 into one Senate District, because of the  
23 underlying House districts, all of Muldoon is not going to  
24 be together in the same Senate District; is that correct?

25                  MS. SILVERS: That's correct. It splits it into

1 two rather than three. However, it is -- would be well  
2 represented in a North Anchorage District.

3 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Okay. Any other  
4 questions or comments by board members? Let's move on.  
5 And next is Tanner Amdur-Clark.

6 Tanner, good morning. Are you still with us?

7 MR. AMDUR-CLARK: Mr. Chairman, members of the  
8 board, can you -- can you guys all hear me?

9 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: We can. Thank you.

10 MR. AMDUR-CLARK: Excellent. This is Tanner  
11 Amdur-Clark on behalf of the coalition of Doyon v. Alaska,  
12 Ahtna, Fairbanks Native Association, and the Tanana Chiefs  
13 Conference. And I want to be brief today.

14 First, I would just like to thank you all for  
15 your continued diligence and the hard work that you've put  
16 forward. Mr. Ruedrich, I think, said something very  
17 neutral on an historical sense. When you compare what  
18 this board has done with past -- past experiences, the  
19 fact that you were able to put together a House map that  
20 was -- that held as constitutional by the Court with one  
21 small and, from our perspective, unfortunate detail in  
22 Cantwell is really a testament to work that you did as a  
23 board and I really want to thank you for that.

24 There's been some talk about the proposal for,  
25 you know, fixing or changing and putting Cantwell into

1 District 30 instead of into District 36. We've had a  
2 chance to review the proposal that was put forward at the  
3 last meeting, and that proposal is fine from our  
4 perspective, just putting the district borders back along  
5 the -- contiguous with the borough boundaries  
6 (indiscernible) just fine.

7 We would urge you to make, especially on the  
8 House side, to make the minimal changes necessary to  
9 comply with the Court. The Court's decision, any  
10 additional changes made outside of that very small mapping  
11 task would open the board up to additional litigation, and  
12 you all have just experienced what that's like and I'd  
13 just urge the board not to go down that path.

14 So thank you very much. Happy to answer any  
15 questions that you might have.

16 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you, Tanner. Any  
17 questions, Melanie?

18 MEMBER BAHNKE: Not a question for Tanner, but I  
19 recall that we had wanted to give Bethany a chance to  
20 compare her Cantwell solution to what we developed, and I  
21 have a question for Bethany.

22 Have you been able to compare that?

23 MEMBER MARCUM: Yes. So I'm not sure if Peter  
24 is on the line or not, but we worked together yesterday  
25 and what I had put together was identical in terms of the

1 actual borders and boundaries. Peter's deviations and  
2 populations were not correct because his matrix was not  
3 working. So we got that fixed. And once we did, the  
4 populations and deviations on the map that I had made  
5 changes to matched up with what Peter had done. And so  
6 that -- what you saw was the -- what resulted was the map  
7 that Peter sent to you last night that he and I had both  
8 put together and worked on to show those.

9 MEMBER BAHNKE: All right. Thank you. I just  
10 wanted to make sure you'd had an opportunity to do that,  
11 and thanks for your due diligence.

12 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Any questions for Tanner  
13 Amdur-Clark?

14 Tanner, thank you very much, and again, our  
15 thanks to you and to your coalition for your involvement.  
16 Much appreciated. I think it was tremendous work, helpful  
17 to the board, and we appreciate your commentary that,  
18 despite a couple of adjustments we need to make, overall,  
19 I couldn't be more proud of this board and what we were  
20 able to accomplish as well. And it's a shame it gets kind  
21 of lost in some of the acrimony of what are really a  
22 couple of small changes in the overall perspective of what  
23 we were able to accomplish, particularly from me  
24 personally being able to respect the ANCSA boundaries.  
25 That's, I think, something that there's going to be a



1     hallmark in the long run of this board, what we were able  
2     to do. And again, I thank you and all your coalition  
3     members for your participation in the process.

4             Nicole, I see your hand up. Did you have a  
5     question for Tanner?

6             MEMBER BORROMEO: Just a -- just a short  
7     follow-up if I could, and I -- I agree with John's  
8     comments on your participation in the process on behalf of  
9     your clients.

10            Does the Doyon coalition have a position on  
11     splitting the two House districts from Eagle River into  
12     two Senates -- two separate Senate Pairings, or is it your  
13     position that 22 should be united with 24?

14            MR. AMDUR-CLARK: Our coalition has not -- not  
15     taken a position on the Senate -- on how to fix the --  
16     what the Court has decided on the Senate side. And we  
17     didn't intervene in that case. I think we are -- we are  
18     staying out of any commentary on the Senate side of  
19     (indiscernible).

20            MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you.

21            CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you.

22            MR. AMDUR-CLARK: Thank you.

23            CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Let's go on there in  
24     Anchorage to Celeste Hodge Growden.

25            MS. HODGE GROWDEN: Good morning.

1                   CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Good morning, Celeste.

2                   MS. HODGE GROWDEN: So unfortunately, I'm going  
3 to have to rush and not be available for questions. I am  
4 late for a meeting. I did not think it would take over an  
5 hour to provide testimony. But yes, I'm Celeste Hodge  
6 Growden, president and CEO of the Alaska Black Caucus, an  
7 organization that champions the lives of Black people in  
8 the BIPOC community in the areas of health, economics,  
9 education, and justice.

10                  I'm also here today representing the NAACP, the  
11 largest and oldest civil rights organization in the world,  
12 as the former president and now current vice president of  
13 this organization. Unfortunately, yes, I'm having to  
14 testify yet again.

15                  First let me say I totally agree with the  
16 observation made earlier of badgering testifiers. I'm not  
17 sure what that's about, but it really needs to stop. We  
18 call in to get our comments on the record. To have to  
19 hear the debates between the board or debating callers  
20 isn't right, and it causes callers to have to wait.

21                  Today I'm calling to support the pairing of  
22 House Districts 20 and House District 21 in Senate  
23 District K. I'm not even sure how this current pairing  
24 occurred, but one thing I am sure of, it's been far too  
25 long where there has been a history of federal, state, and

1 local officials using the redistricting process as a  
2 mechanism for excluding voters of color.

3 We saw this unjust pairing happen with the late  
4 Senator Bettye Davis. It was incredibly challenging to  
5 manage for many reasons. It was wrong then and it's wrong  
6 now. These schemes most often occur when legislative  
7 bodies or redistricting commissions believe they can  
8 ignore the interests of voters of color when communities  
9 of color and the groups that represent them are not  
10 involved in the redistricting process.

11 Unfortunately, as an earlier caller shared, for  
12 many reasons groups of color, they aren't able to testify  
13 at 10:00 a.m. on a weekday because they can't take time  
14 off from work. They can't break away on a Saturday  
15 because they must attend to the needs of their families.  
16 However, I'm a different story. Retired and spend my time  
17 standing in the gap, utilizing my voice for our BIPOC  
18 community.

19 I urge you today to do the right thing. Correct  
20 the error of Senate Pairing for District K by pairing  
21 House Districts 20 and 21. Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you, Celeste.  
23 Questions or comments? Okay.

24 Moving to George Martinez. Are you still with  
25 us, George?

1                   MR. MARTINEZ: Yes. Yes, good morning. Good  
2   afternoon.

3                   CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Good morning.

4                   MR. MARTINEZ: Almost. All right. My name is  
5   George Martinez. I am one of the East Anchorage  
6   plaintiffs and speaking on behalf of myself, and I want to  
7   acknowledge the written proposal that was submitted for  
8   maximum preservation and straightforward remedy.

9                   But today I wanted to speak -- and I highlight  
10   that in my previous testimony I offered calls for  
11   expediency, fairness, and responsiveness to the Court's  
12   decision in favor of doing the right thing. But I forgot  
13   to offer my congratulations as well. We made history.

14                  Now, people offered a historical perspective,  
15   and I also have heard many references to fixing the error  
16   that was identified by the Supreme Court. But that error  
17   is significant and it's historic. That error is the  
18   result of partisan gerrymandering, political  
19   gerrymandering that is already happening for what I  
20   believe has been the first time in Alaskan history that  
21   the Supreme Court found unconstitutional political  
22   gerrymandering, a direct violation of equal protection,  
23   the principle of one-person, one-vote, the right to  
24   political representation under the law for East Anchorage  
25   residents.

1           The Court further ruled that that violation was  
2   intentional to dilute East Anchorage representation in  
3   favor of disproportionately increasing representation for  
4   Eagle River. This was the categorization of the Superior  
5   Court. So despite the characterizations of a remedy being  
6   political gerrymandering, the gerrymander has happened and  
7   now we're here to fix that violation and unconstitutional  
8   action.

9           So moving forward, I want to be real clear, we  
10   will continue to be here, because that violation of the  
11   equal protection of our rights under the Alaska  
12   Constitution is a historic ruling. Your remedy should be  
13   aligned to those values first. I want to hear first how  
14   do we remedy the equal protection violation for the  
15   minority majority district of East Anchorage?

16           I've listened to discussions and I haven't heard  
17   that clarity come out from the majority on the board and  
18   even from counsel. Ample time has been given to talk  
19   about the public participation, the secret nature of the  
20   process that was also identified. But those things  
21   related to due process and the public meetings  
22   requirements were part of the design to dilute the  
23   representation. So the equal representation of East  
24   Anchorage is what is most important to my family, to my  
25   neighbors, and to our community.

1                   So I just want to leave with this. It was an  
2   unambiguous ruling to fix plain and simply the violations  
3   for East Anchorage and then the necessary additional  
4   things that need to happen to make that core change  
5   happen. So as a nonpartisan in this process, I remind,  
6   political gerrymandering was already found. The time for  
7   the gerrymandering has to stop now and let's do the right  
8   thing for East Anchorage.

9                   I support what we submitted in writing, but  
10   I'm -- verbally will say 20 and 21 makes sense what -- for  
11   Anchorage and for East Anchorage. Muldoon deserves  
12   representation, equal representation, and let's get back  
13   to the business, let's move forward, and let's keep the  
14   limited scope of what the -- of what the constitution  
15   requires as identified by the Supreme Court as the remedy  
16   to fix the equal protection violation of a minority  
17   majority vision. Thank you.

18                  CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you. Questions  
19   for George? Okay.

20                  Next is Michael Ryan from North Pole.

21                  MR. RYAN: Hi. This is Mike Ryan. Can you hear  
22   me okay?

23                  CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yes, we can, Mike. Go ahead.

24                  MR. RYAN: Yeah. I just wanted to go on record  
25   that I oppose the Senate minority plan for the Bahnke map.

1 I just believe that it's politically motivated and would  
2 lose two Senate seats because of it. Thank you so much  
3 for your time.

4 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you, Mike.

5 Questions for Mike? Nicole, it looks like  
6 you've got a question.

7 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. Mike, which two  
8 Senate seats are going to be lost under the Bahnke  
9 pairings? Is he still on, Yolanda (ph)?

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He may have dropped off.

11 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: It looks like he's dropped  
12 off, Nicole.

13 Let's go on to Senator Begich in Anchorage.

14 MR. BEGICH: Hello and --

15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Good morning, Senator.

16 MR. BEGICH: Good morning. How are you?

17 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I'll well. Thanks.

18 MR. BEGICH: I want to thank the board for the  
19 opportunity to testify, and also thank you for addressing  
20 these issues in a timely manner.

21 I want to first correct what I keep hearing, and  
22 I want to point out that, based on some of the comments  
23 that have been made, there's some relationship being made  
24 probably in the kind of a mass e-mail or something to that  
25 nature that is equating the Senate minority map, which was

1 a map that the board approved and adopted and no -- and  
2 then didn't really provide much more consideration to, and  
3 the final map that's been referred to as the Bahnke map.  
4 These maps are not connected. They have underlying  
5 differences in House.

6 And I want to be really clear with you,  
7 Mr. Chairman and members of the board, I've had no  
8 communication directly with Member Bahnke throughout this  
9 process, in particular not about her map, despite  
10 assertions to the contrary. I personally resent it. The  
11 map that I developed with members of not just the Senate  
12 minority but the Senate majority was the map that we hoped  
13 would have further consideration and didn't, nor am I  
14 asking for its consideration now.

15 I want to get right to the point of the matter,  
16 which is what the Court found, which is that the Hickel  
17 process and other processes were designed to prevent  
18 gerrymandering, but as George Martinez just mentioned, the  
19 fact of the matter is, the Court -- the Court recognizes  
20 that in fact there is a standard for political  
21 gerrymandering now, and that that standard should be  
22 adhered to in the least -- and you should repair the maps  
23 in the least disruptive way possible.

24 I just want to quote a little bit from the  
25 Superior Court's decision, but the Supreme Court has



1 remanded to the Superior Court, and I think it's important  
2 for you as a board to look at the Superior Court's  
3 decision. They have upheld the -- the Supreme Court has  
4 upheld that decision and that's what you should be focused  
5 on. The Supreme Court, at page 65, indicated that  
6 overwhelming public testimony was against splitting and  
7 combining Eagle River and Muldoon. Itself cites that.

8 Further, it is clear that the -- to the Court  
9 that the vast majority of public comments were in favor of  
10 keeping Eagle River and Muldoon, both communities of  
11 interest, together in their own respective Senate seats.  
12 I think it's important for you to hear that. Because that  
13 implies that 22 and 24, the two Eagle River-located House  
14 districts, regardless of the comment of Mr. Ruedrich  
15 earlier and an additional map that's been provided, those  
16 two House seats should be combined in a Senate seat, and  
17 the two Muldoon seats should be combined in a Senate seat.  
18 Those two corrections to the map will complete your work  
19 in terms of what the Supreme Court has seen and reverse  
20 the clear political gerrymandering that has occurred in  
21 this process.

22 Now, Mr. Chairman, just -- and members of the  
23 board, I would cite also the Superior Court point -- I'd  
24 point at page 70 where they say the Court finds that the  
25 board intentionally discriminated against residents of

1 East Anchorage in favor of Eagle River further  
2 acknowledging the two separate entities that must be  
3 combined as to remedy this issue.

4 So with that, Mr. Chairman, I'm available to  
5 answer questions. I'm a little ill today, so unable to be  
6 perhaps as clear as I'd like to be. But happy to answer  
7 questions. I certainly would ask that you all take into  
8 consideration any more verbal or written comments that  
9 start with the same identical phrase that somehow the  
10 Senate minority and the Bahnke map are the same thing.  
11 They are not. And if you're hearing that, likely that is  
12 political processes going forward and you should be  
13 wary of them given the direction that the Court has  
14 provided you.

15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Senator  
16 Begich.

17 Questions from board members? Just a quick  
18 comment, Senator Begich. It may be that -- and I agree  
19 with you. A lot of these comments I think on both sides  
20 are, you know, typically blasted out to a large audience,  
21 and sometimes they're taken -- copied and pasted and put  
22 in messages, and it's hard to distinguish which are  
23 thoughtful and come by the process or otherwise. But  
24 they're all important to us, and I think we have to treat  
25 them as such, even if they say the same thing over and

1 over again on whichever side of the issue it is. So from  
2 my perspective, I still pay attention to those.

3 And the confusion may have come -- I know you're  
4 aware that during the discovery process in court, text  
5 messages that went between yourself and Member Borrromeo  
6 during our deliberations when you were suggesting Senate  
7 pairings may be the genesis for the confusion between the  
8 minority -- Senate minority plan, in quotes, and the  
9 Bahnke plan. So that's just speculation, but that may be  
10 where it came from.

11 MR. BEGICH: Well, Mr. Chairman, thank you  
12 for giving me the opportunity to address that as well by  
13 bringing it up.

14 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: (Indiscernible)

15 MR. BEGICH: Let me be clear about one thing.  
16 The suggestions and in the text messages that were  
17 presented in court are quite clear that the suggestions I  
18 made for planning -- for various types of pairings were  
19 actually rejected by Ms. Bahnke and -- I assume Ms. Bahnke  
20 and Ms. Borrromeo. They were not actually accepted, nor  
21 were virtually any recommendations I ever made in any of  
22 those text messages.

23 Unlike other members of the board, I was  
24 appreciative that Ms. Borrromeo maintained her text  
25 messages so that they could be reviewed. My first contact

1 with Ms. Borrromeo outside of public testimony in this  
2 process occurred after publicly testifying in late  
3 October. So any assertions to the contrary are false.

4 And I would just call your attention to the  
5 both-siderism, Mr. Chairman, of saying that comments  
6 about -- that Saturday by comparing the Senate minority  
7 map with the Bahnke map when, A, in the court record  
8 itself it shows that those suggestions made by the Senate  
9 minority were rejected eventually in whatever form the  
10 Bahnke map took; and B, that are false on their face,  
11 should be ignored by this board because they are in fact  
12 false comments. So I'm -- I would encourage you -- and I  
13 may sound a bit passionate about this because I frankly --  
14 I despise being abused by this process. So thank you,  
15 Mr. Chairman.

16 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you, Senator Begich.  
17 We appreciate your participation throughout this. And  
18 it's going to have the opportunity to clear the air on  
19 that sort of thing, so I'm glad you gave us that  
20 perspective.

21 Melanie, you've got your hand up.

22 MEMBER BAHNKE: Yeah. I have a request. This  
23 is the second time that I can recall that this is  
24 happening where somehow Nicole and I are being  
25 interchanged or considered one in the same. I don't see

1    how text messages that were directed to Nicole have  
2    anything to do with me.  There was another time previously  
3    during the meeting where a comment that Nicole had made  
4    was attributed to me, and although we're both Alaska  
5    Native and undeclared, we're not one in the same.  We're  
6    board members in our own right.  So please don't infer  
7    any -- don't try to lump us together, Mr. Chair.

8                   CHAIRMAN BINKLEY:  Well, no, I appreciate that,  
9    Melanie.  And I certainly wasn't.  I think Senator Begich  
10   was referring to other people who were testifying that  
11   were combining the Senate minority or confusing the Senate  
12   minority plan with the Bahnke plan.  So that's all that I  
13   was referring to.  But I certainly don't -- I know you're  
14   two intelligent, bright, and articulate women and separate  
15   in your thought processes and where you come down on  
16   issues.  So I respect that, and I appreciate that.

17                   Okay.  Next person is Ann Brown.  Oh, it says  
18   unavailable now.  I don't know if they've dropped offline.  
19   Would that be the indication, I guess, Peter?  It looks  
20   like the next two are dropped off line.

21                   The next one I see that is still on is Mike  
22   Robbins.  Mike, are you still with us?

23                   MR. ROBBINS:  I am, sir.  Thank you,  
24   Mr. Chairman and distinguished members of the board.  My  
25   name is Mike Robbins and I'm representing myself this

1 morning. I would like to testify in support of a revised  
2 redistricting plan that supports districts with similar  
3 socioeconomic profiles, bringing together neighborhoods  
4 that share the most common values and demographics. Under  
5 the plan I ask you to consider these items.

6 First of all, District 10 and 13, Bayshore and  
7 Taku, should be aligned into a single Senate District  
8 which is very similar to the way the area is aligned now.  
9 Districts 11 and 12, O'Malley and Abbott Loop, should be  
10 combined, as was declared by the board in November.  
11 Districts 14 and 17, Midtown, Spenard, and Downtown,  
12 should be combined, as they are similar in their business  
13 characteristics with restaurants and offices and the  
14 evidence -- the residents of the area that support those.  
15 Districts 15 and 18, Sand Lake and Airport, should be  
16 combined. This was declared by the board in November as  
17 well and it should be kept.

18 Districts 18 and 19, Mountain View and Airport  
19 Heights, should be paired as the areas are shared  
20 diversity and socioeconomic linkages. I'd also like to  
21 recommend for Districts 20 and 21, North and South  
22 Muldoon, they're aligned on the same roadway. They share  
23 common byway, neighborhoods, dynamics, and they should be  
24 combined into one Senate seat.

25 Districts 22 and 9, Eagle River and South

1 Hillside, they've previously been combined to make a  
2 single senate seat. These two areas share similar voter  
3 demographics and should also be combined. For Districts  
4 23 and 24, JBER and Chugiak, being combined because of the  
5 high number of military members who choose to live along  
6 the Glenn Highway closer to the bases and North Anchorage,  
7 creating a strong socioeconomic relationship within the  
8 district.

9 In closing, I just want to say that I request  
10 that the board not adopt the Bahnke plan. It's not  
11 balanced and fair but blatantly partisan by design. I ask  
12 that you take my recommendations and create a redirecting  
13 plan that establishes a fair Senate pairing for Anchorage.  
14 Thank you for your time and listening to my testimony.

15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you, Mike. I  
16 appreciate that. I missed one. I was taking notes on  
17 your pairings. After House District 15 being paired 6 --  
18 with 18, excuse me, what was the next one that you had  
19 mentioned?

20 MR. ROBBINS: I had mentioned 15 and 16 being  
21 paired.

22 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: 15 and 16.

23 MEMBER MARCUM: That's what I had.

24 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: And what was the next one?

25 MR. ROBBINS: Sand Lake and Airport. Districts

1 18 and 19, Mountain View and Airport Heights.

2 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Got that. And then 20  
3 and 21?

4 MR. ROBBINS: 20/21; 22 and 9; and 23 and 24.

5 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Got it. Okay.

6 Questions, comments from board members?

7 Nicole, you've got your hand up.

8 MEMBER BORROMEO: I do. Thank you. And Mike,  
9 thanks for calling in. Your justification for pairing  
10 District 22 and 29 is similar voter demographics. Can you  
11 elaborate on that, please?

12 MR. ROBBINS: 22 and 29? I don't believe I  
13 said --

14 MEMBER BORROMEO: 22 and 9. 22 and 9 you said  
15 have similar voter demographics.

16 MR. ROBBINS: Sure. I can elaborate by saying  
17 that the voters in those districts have similar income  
18 levels, similar employment levels, similar family sizes,  
19 and so their interests and the things that their families  
20 do and the things that they care about are very similar in  
21 nature. It would be wrong to pair people who have five  
22 members in their family with single people. So I think  
23 that the demographics of those two areas mirror each other  
24 and that they should be combined.

25 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you.



1 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you.

2 Alex Baker.

3 MR. BAKER: Can you hear me okay?

4 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yep, we can hear you, Alex.

5 Go ahead, please.

6 MR. BAKER: All right. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

7 Alex Baker. I'm calling in from Anchorage. I'm a

8 resident of Downtown (indiscernible). I'm calling in

9 support of the pairing between District (indiscernible) --

10 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Alex, I hate to interrupt

11 you, but I'm having a difficult time hearing you. If you

12 could speak up a bit, that would be helpful.

13 MR. BAKER: Is this better?

14 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yes, much better. Thank you.

15 MR. BAKER: I'll start from the beginning real

16 quick. I'm a resident of Downtown. That's new House

17 District 17. I'm calling in support of the Senate Pairing

18 between House District 17 and House District 23.

19 Government Hill and Downtown share the same Anchorage

20 assembly member, soon to be two members. As a resident of

21 Downtown, I go to Government Hill a couple times a week,

22 usually for the Anchorage Curling Club. Quick plug there.

23 When I'm there, I curl and drink beer. Some

24 people come from base all the time. Sometimes they'll

25 stop and pick up some food from one of the businesses in

1 Downtown, Government Hill -- and I'll run into people from  
2 base -- those neighborhoods are pretty integrated. A lot  
3 of people come from base over the bridge into Downtown.

4 So I would just urge you to think of 23 and 17  
5 as really a continuation of the same neighborhood. You  
6 know, when you look at the border between 17 and 23 in  
7 Downtown, it is somewhat arbitrary to split Downtown in  
8 such a way to send 49th State Brewing all the way up to  
9 Chugiak if you were to pair the other way. So to  
10 summarize, 17 and 23 make the most sense, in my eyes.

11 I also want to testify on one process concern,  
12 and that is the frequency of updates to written testimony.  
13 I went to go check what my neighbors and fellow community  
14 members were putting on the written record, and it hasn't  
15 been updated, it looked like, since April 2nd. To your  
16 credit, you have done a lot of good work in the last  
17 couple days. But the public testimony, you know, hasn't  
18 been updated in a few days, so, you know, there is not  
19 that transparency for myself and others to see what's out  
20 there.

21 I know you're considering a few things in  
22 Eagle River and South Anchorage, and, you know, I think it  
23 is in the public interest to know what is out there on the  
24 public record. So I would just urge you all -- I know  
25 Mr. Torkelson is doing the work of multiple people -- put

1 the updates at the end of every day so that, as you move  
2 forward in this process, everyone knows what's out there  
3 and the public is in a position where they can call and  
4 testify in an up-to-date manner. Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Alex. And  
6 just to that, with your last point, Peter just put up on  
7 the screen, it looks like the website has the testimony  
8 received through last evening, April 4, on the website. I  
9 don't know if you can see this since you're on Zoom. But  
10 it shows April 3rd testimony and then April 4th testimony,  
11 I believe. Is that what's showing on the screen, Peter?

12 MR. TORKELOSON: Yeah. Just so we have a meeting  
13 info tab on the website, and that does get updated as I  
14 can get to it. But the public notice system has the  
15 packet for the coming down, and that's going to have the  
16 most pertinent information that meeting -- about that  
17 meeting. So there's more information on the public notice  
18 system faster, but we will try and keep that public -- the  
19 (indiscernible) website is usually about a day behind you.

20 MR. BAKER: Okay. Thank you very much. I  
21 appreciate all the work you're doing, Mr. Torkelson. I  
22 know you're doing the work of a few people. So thank you.

23 MR. TORKELOSON: No problem. Yeah, it's out  
24 there. Thanks.

25 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: And Melanie, go ahead.

1 You've got a question?

2 MEMBER BAHNKE: Not a question for the  
3 testifier, but for you, Mr. Chairman. How many more  
4 testifiers do we have to go? I'm wondering if we can take  
5 a short break if we have a lot more left.

6 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: We don't. We have -- I see  
7 one, two, three, four, five, six, seven. So I think we  
8 should power through and try and get it done if you can to  
9 hold off for a few minutes.

10 MEMBER BAHNKE: Yep.

11 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. And just -- I thank  
12 you Alex for that plug on curling, too, as a Fairbanksan  
13 and my wife's family, Persingers, and they're involved in  
14 curling in Fairbanks as well. So I understand your  
15 comments.

16 Fred Brown from Anchorage. Fred, are you  
17 online?

18 MR. BROWN: Yeah. This is Fred Brown,  
19 Mr. Chairman. Can you hear me all right?

20 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yes, we can. Go ahead, Fred.

21 MR. BROWN: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, since  
22 moving to Anchorage about four years ago, I have been  
23 elected the chair of my local homeowners association in  
24 Far View Place in South Anchorage in District 9, and I'll  
25 focus my comments today specifically to the far east side

1 of Anchorage, the pairing of Districts 22 and 9, and this  
2 is in part to follow up on some of the questions that were  
3 discussed earlier.

4 First, however, I want to congratulate you all  
5 again for such a high level of success in getting so much  
6 of your regional work adopted. And if there are tweaks  
7 that need to be accomplished, I would recommend that  
8 pairing of 22 and 9 be adopted. Additional reasons that  
9 could be provided beyond those that were earlier cited are  
10 the fact that we do supply and support our own road  
11 service areas throughout that far east side of Anchorage  
12 up in the foothills and the slopes of the Chugach  
13 mountain.

14 Additionally, we share in common the risk of  
15 fire and the need for fire protection. And I say this  
16 because, even in my neighborhood, although I'm speaking as  
17 a personal representative and not on behalf of the  
18 homeowners association, our homeowners association has  
19 been concerned about the fact that we have one access  
20 road, ingress and egress into our area, and the area  
21 continues to grow. There are 28 more lots being  
22 subdivided. So we will have at least 100 or so lots using  
23 that one road for access, and so, again, we share not only  
24 a concern about road maintenance but also the concern  
25 about fire protection during fire season.

1                   So with that, Mr. Chairman, I'll just conclude  
2   by remarking that, from our point of view, the maps that  
3   were described by Mr. Ruedrich would satisfy our concerns  
4   to the fullest extent there are options available.

5                   Thank you for allowing me to testify.

6                   CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you, Fred. Questions  
7   from board members? Okay.

8                   Next is Jamie Rodriguez? Sorry. I don't --

9                   MEMBER BORROMEO: I have my hand up. So I --

10                  CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I didn't see it for some  
11   reason. Go ahead, Nicole.

12                  MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. Fred, you  
13   mentioned you both have your own road service areas, and I  
14   appreciate that commonality. Is there an actual road that  
15   connects Districts 22 and 9?

16                  MR. BROWN: From my area there is not. Again, I  
17   moved down from Fairbanks about four years ago, but to my  
18   knowledge, there is not a road directly connecting the  
19   two, but what we do have in common is the need to maintain  
20   our own roads and again, maintain our roads through our  
21   service areas and also maintain our fire protection  
22   capabilities.

23                  MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you.

24                  CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you. Bethany.

25                  MEMBER MARCUM: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

1 I wanted to ask about the -- I've heard quite a few people  
2 reference the having to pass through or is there a direct  
3 road through, and I guess I'm a little confused about that  
4 argument. It's not particularly compelling to me, and so  
5 I wanted to ask Mr. Brown about, when you need to contact  
6 your legislator, you know, do you feel like most members  
7 of the public know how to get ahold of their legislator?  
8 Do they feel like they need to drive to another district  
9 to get to their Senator or how do you go about contacting  
10 your legislators?

11 MR. BROWN: Through the Chair, in this post-  
12 COVID era in which we've all learned to use Zoom and  
13 engage in Teams meetings more often than not, as you all  
14 know, not only do we use telephones, we also are able to  
15 contact through videoconferencing, and we all have a long  
16 experience of contacting our legislators while they're in  
17 Juneau. So to your point, I believe it's not difficult to  
18 contact our legislator, or they don't come (indiscernible)  
19 an office very long.

20 MEMBER MARCUM: Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you. Nicole,  
22 your hand is still up.

23 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. Just for the  
24 purpose of correcting the record, my question was relating  
25 to if they shared a common road since road service was a

1 primary justification for linking the two. Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you. Moving along.

3 Jamie Rodriguez.

4 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Good morning. Can you hear me?

5 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yes, we can, Jamie. Go  
6 ahead.

7 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Thank you. Just real  
8 quick before I start, there is no road between 9 and 22,  
9 other than the main roads, and lots of us are dying to get  
10 out and meet.

11 So anyway, I am calling to say no to 9 and 22  
12 pairing. Number one, under obvious -- under Alaska law  
13 there are requirements that districts be continuous --  
14 contiguous, I mean, connect relatively socially,  
15 economically integrated, and as near as possible to the  
16 ideal possible, unquote.

17 The Northeast Anchorage pairing was rejected by  
18 the courts as being a wild overreach. Of those  
19 requirements the board then listened to a proposed  
20 replacement later in the day yesterday, which, if adopted,  
21 would repeat the very same overreach, only worse  
22 (indiscernible) members. The replacement proposal which  
23 would attach Southeast Anchorage's House District 9 to  
24 Eagle River's House District 22, essentially accomplishing  
25 that same goal of capturing also politically -- it makes



1 it political during (indiscernible) capturing another  
2 Senate seat for Eagle River to replace the Northeast  
3 Anchorage plan. Egregious? Yes. But even more so.

4 And it's ridiculous. And here's why. Let's  
5 talk numbers as they affect the two districts. The  
6 driving distance between Eagle River and Southeast  
7 Anchorage is 27 miles. This is -- this is approximate but  
8 very close. I rounded up or down as needed. It's very  
9 close. The driving distance between Eagle River and House  
10 District 9's Girdwood is 67 miles. The driving distant  
11 between Eagle River and House District 9's Portage is 78  
12 miles, an insanely long distance to get to the other end.

13 (Indiscernible) urban House District? Yes, yes.  
14 The driving distance between Eagle River and House  
15 District 9's Whittier is 87 miles. That includes  
16 scheduling one's time to get through the terminal.  
17 87 miles. Let that sink in for a moment. That will be a  
18 record. We're an urban area. Even down to Girdwood we're  
19 urban. And that is ridiculous. We can understand it up  
20 on the North Slope all over the place where people live  
21 far apart and so forth, but not in town.

22 So depending on the route taken, also one must  
23 cross through five to six unrelated House Districts to get  
24 from Eagle River to Southeast Anchorage, and that's again  
25 depending on the road taken. If the pairing in Northeast

1 Anchorage was found to be unfair and in violation of the  
2 state redistricting rules, which have been thrown out,  
3 which got that thrown out -- the Court threw it out -- in  
4 how it would -- and then how it would be fair to pair  
5 Eagle River with Southeast Anchorage with even greater  
6 driving distances, in this case through busy city traffic  
7 streets, it's not fair.

8 This is a brazen assault to the people of both  
9 House District 22 and House District 9. This is not --  
10 somebody said it yesterday. This is not about politics --  
11 the politics of those testifying. This is about fairness  
12 in a fight against gerrymandering and a potential  
13 disenfranchisement of people who get caught in that.

14 This is a demand to respect election law.  
15 Alaskan's election laws are respected as amongst the most  
16 fair in the country. So they should not be under assault.  
17 I urge the Redistricting Board to do its job fairly and  
18 correctly as outlined by law and fairly for all of the  
19 people of Alaska, no matter what or if they have a  
20 political affiliation.

21 Please, please, please, you guys being fair can  
22 stop this horrible stuff that's happening in a wonderful,  
23 beautiful state where, up until a few years ago, everybody  
24 got along. And this has to stop. And you know what?  
25 Right now it's in your hands, and it's an opportunity for

1 you guys to stop it. And there may be just a little give  
2 and take in all of that. You're not going to get the  
3 exact map you want, but we need to make it fair and then  
4 it will be really close. So it should be equally fair, no  
5 matter what district you're living in and no matter what  
6 party affiliation you are. So please --

7 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you, Jamie. I think  
8 you'll find unanimous consent on the board members on  
9 that.

10 Questions for Jamie?

11 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. We're going to move on  
12 to Dan Saddler. Dan, are you still on the line?

13 MR. SADDLER: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I am. I assume  
14 you can hear me okay.

15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: We can. Go ahead.

16 MR. SADDLER: Very good. This is Dan Saddler,  
17 resident of Eagle River, and I want to comment  
18 specifically on the Eagle River Senate District Pairings.

19 And Mr. Chairman, first I guess it's important  
20 to state that I strongly oppose the so-called Bahnke plan.  
21 The reason is, to adopt this plan in a hurried process  
22 that gives the public only a very limited ability to  
23 review it, analyze it, and comment on it would frankly be  
24 an abuse of the redistricting process.

25 The law establishes a five-member board and

1 charges you collectively with the task of drawing a map  
2 that balances the multitude of big factors. It's a big  
3 job, but it's also conducted in public view, and the  
4 majority rules. By contrast, this so-called Bahnke plan  
5 seems to be the product of planning by a subset of the  
6 five-member board in a process that's largely been hidden  
7 from public view.

8 I've been watching the process the last couple  
9 of days. We've seen what appears to be a coordinated  
10 effort to ramrod this plan through by virtue of the sheer  
11 weight of public comments, sometimes the same person  
12 commenting a dozen or more times. That in itself is a  
13 perversion of the one-person, one-vote standard that  
14 should be at the heart of a fair redistricting process.

15 I'll note that the Supreme Court found the  
16 board's plan, the first proclamation, to be correct,  
17 appropriate, and defensible in all but two specific  
18 instances. And the Court's finding of that issue with the  
19 Eagle River pairings does not in any way provide carte  
20 blanche to redraw the lines of other districts that,  
21 again, the Supreme Court found proper in all regards.

22 Okay. That said, I do want to offer my support  
23 for a simple fix to address the Eagle River pairings  
24 issue, and that would be to adopt the revised district map  
25 that links House District 9 with House District 22 that's

1 offered by the Alaskans for a Fair and Equitable  
2 Redistricting.

3 And briefly, here's why. Residents of these  
4 districts of -- their lives are characterized by their  
5 life on the foothills and the upper slopes of the Chugach  
6 mountains. That means they share a lot of common  
7 interests. While lots of the rest of Anchorage residents  
8 rely on local or state road maintenance, people in these  
9 districts rely on their local road service boards to  
10 provide for maintenance of their roads.

11 I guess it's necessary here to note that one of  
12 the reasons for maintaining roads in a LRSA, or anywhere,  
13 is to link you to other roads outside your district. It's  
14 not -- you know, roads are not point-to-point like a  
15 railroad track in the fact that there's not a single  
16 point-to-point connection between two elements of a  
17 district does not obviate the likelihood of that being  
18 good. You drive on one road to get to other roads.

19 I guess its also necessary to note that the  
20 distance between different sections of a district is also  
21 irrelevant within a single municipality. I'll note that  
22 rural districts, there may be hundreds of miles between  
23 pockets of residents within the same district which have  
24 been found perfectly appropriate.

25 You know, residents of District 9 and 22 face a

1 lot of similar living conditions and hazards. They live  
2 on the urban one at the interface. It means they face the  
3 risk of wildfires and of bears getting into their houses  
4 and threatening their household and their families. They  
5 face the challenge of less reliable utility service,  
6 extremes of weather, wind, and snow, as the recent  
7 avalanche on the Hiland Road dramatically demonstrates.

8 Again, it should go without saying these two  
9 districts are socially, economically integrated simply by  
10 virtue of being within the Municipality of Anchorage. And  
11 they are also contiguous. And they are joined in the  
12 uplands of the Chugach mountains.

13 And I'd note that this is a standard that has  
14 already been found valid in earlier maps approved by  
15 previous districts that link an Eagle River Valley House  
16 District across the Chugach mountains to an adjoining  
17 House District to the south. So that argument holds no  
18 water because the law has already allowed for it.

19 I think my time has probably run out. So in  
20 summary, please reject this so-called Bahnke plan and  
21 approve a commonsense district map that links Districts 9  
22 and 22 in a single Senate District. Thank you,  
23 Mr. Chairman.

24 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you, Dan. Questions or  
25 comments? Okay.

1                   We'll move on to -- let's see. I'm just looking  
2   at the time stamps here. Gretchen Stoddard in Anchorage.  
3   And after that we'll go to Brian Hope (ph), Robin  
4   O'Donoghue, and then we'll go back online.

5                   MS. STODDARD: So please let me know if I'm  
6   talking too loudly or if you can't hear me. My name is  
7   Gretchen Stoddard. I live in what's soon to be  
8   District 9, South Anchorage, the set of subdivisions  
9   Turnagain View, Turnagain View Estates, Turnagain View  
10   Heritage Estates, or whatever it is. I live in a  
11   subdivision on the Lower hillside.

12                  I haven't really been involved in this state  
13   process, but I was following the municipal process  
14   closely. And testified -- I'm only testifying for myself,  
15   even though I volunteer in some areas. I realize you have  
16   a court case and hopefully those problems can be solved.  
17   I don't understand all that. I live in District 9. I  
18   understand District 9 and 10 going together. I can stand  
19   at Bell's Nursery, there's a crosswalk going over the  
20   Seward Highway.

21                  9, 10, they link together well. We share Rabbit  
22   Creek Elementary. We share Goldenvue Middle School. We  
23   share South High. I just want to say if we're going to be  
24   put with somebody else, I -- I don't think that this has  
25   already been decided and gone out for public testimony and

1 decided. You know, 9 and 10 I get.

2 Basically if you put us in with somebody else,  
3 please put the maps clearly online so we can comment on  
4 them and have time, because I don't think that any other  
5 pairing of my district -- I get 9 and 10. I'm happy to  
6 sit back and let it go and you guys figure out everything  
7 else.

8 But anything else I haven't had really time to  
9 look at it. I haven't had time to go talk to my --  
10 basically when I talked to my friends, that's what we were  
11 talking about, 9 and 10. It's like, okay, let it go  
12 through. If you're going to do anything else, there are  
13 differences. You know, I can talk to them. But  
14 basically, 9/10 I get.

15 Other than that, I need more time to understand  
16 this and why we really need it, and one of those things  
17 would be I go online, we go under maps, we see what is on  
18 the table. So sorry I don't really have --

19 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: That's okay.

20 MS. STODDARD: -- a written set of comments or  
21 something super well prepared. I'm just saying, if it's  
22 not 9 and 10, I don't feel like we've already commented  
23 and it's done.

24 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you. You did a  
25 good job, Gretchen.



1 And Nicole, you've got a question?

2 MEMBER BORROMEO: I do. Just a quick one,  
3 Gretchen. Thank you so much for waiting today. I know  
4 you've been in the room a long time. I hear you very loud  
5 and clear on 9 and 10. If it's not 9 and 10, would your  
6 preference be with an Eagle River district or an Anchorage  
7 district?

8 MS. STODDARD: I don't like the idea of the  
9 Eagle River district, but I'll listen to it. I just need  
10 to hear why, you know, be able to go online and -- is  
11 there any other option that works.

12 But no, you know, I don't like the idea. I live  
13 Lower Hillside. My house is exactly like Oceanview,  
14 across -- well, it's not, but Turnagain View and  
15 Oceanview, you can sit there, you can (indiscernible) and  
16 go -- I was kind of getting used to doing that. I know  
17 the community council, she and I don't always agree, but  
18 we share part of Huffman. We're concerned about Sonic  
19 Burger traffic. And, you know, I work with her pretty  
20 regularly.

21 And when (indiscernible) parents get together  
22 or, you know, the moms of empty nesters, we have people  
23 from Oceanview, we have people from that little  
24 area -- anyway, all I'm saying is I (indiscernible) not  
25 everybody gets to be happy. I'm okay not being fully

1 happy, but move outside of 9 and 10, and just show us  
2 online really clearly what the maps are and give us some  
3 time.

4 And I will say we went through the municipal  
5 process and there was a rush, and I get that. But we had  
6 the decision at the municipality. I want to say that's  
7 the end of March. And now I think we're talking about an  
8 election in the municipality the end of June. So, you  
9 know, we need to take the time to do this well, which  
10 we're going to live with it for ten years, and I look at  
11 that municipal process and see how long it is from a  
12 decision to that Downtown election. I think it's two  
13 months from the time of the decision to the time of the  
14 election. So I don't -- I don't really understand why we  
15 need to rush this for a November election or even an  
16 August primary.

17 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you. Let's go  
18 back up the list. I see Ann Brown is back online.

19 Ann, are you with us?

20 MS. BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just  
21 wanted to -- I heard Representative -- Former  
22 Representative Saddler's comments, and I want to echo what  
23 he said. I oppose the Bahnke plan. I am a resident of  
24 District 9. I speak only for myself. And I support the  
25 pairing of District 9 and District 22. I have been a

1 consistent (indiscernible) map supporter, and I understand  
2 that it's part of their plan. So that would be my  
3 testimony. Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: And thank you, Ann.  
5 Nicole, did you have your hand up still?

6 MEMBER BORROMEO: I apologize. I forgot to put  
7 it down.

8 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. No problem. We'll go  
9 back to Anchorage. Let's see. We've got Brian Hope (ph).  
10 Good afternoon, Brian.

11 MR. HOPE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. How am I  
12 coming through?

13 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Pretty good. As close as you  
14 can get and as loud as you can speak is helpful to us,  
15 particularly those of us that are a little hard of  
16 hearing.

17 MR. HOPE: Yeah. The sound issue seems to be  
18 going both ways here. So we have some difficulty with you  
19 guys as well.

20 So the last time I was here, I think the last  
21 testimony I gave was in support of pairing 15 and 16. Of  
22 course a lot has happened since then. We've gone through  
23 a court process now. They've identified a deficiency.  
24 And I'm not sure how that deficiency has anything to do  
25 with 15 and 16. But now somehow 15 and 16 have been

1 separated because of that evidently.

2 So -- and I do want to be sensitive to Member  
3 Bahnke and her proposal. I think -- you know, I've been a  
4 part of these processes before, and you have to start  
5 somewhere. And so if Bahnke V1 -- that's kind of how I  
6 view this, is, you know, a starting point.

7 As I look at this map, though, I see pairings  
8 that confuse me. And not the least of which, of course,  
9 is 15 and 16. But going -- excuse me -- 14 and 16. If we  
10 look at this, what I'm looking at is the, again, the  
11 Bahnke V1. There are dashes here that correct the Senate  
12 Districts in addition to the color coordination. And  
13 we've got dashes that are diagonal. We've got dashes that  
14 are vertical. And we've got dashes that are horizontal.

15 One of the features that I notice on the  
16 Anchorage House Districts is that by and large they have  
17 long boundaries and short boundaries. The feature that I  
18 notice with respect to the map that Mr. Ruedrich has  
19 developed in terms of the pairings is that these districts  
20 by and large are connected on the long side, and so  
21 it's -- by and large, it's a north/south pairing. So  
22 you've got 15 and 16, you've got 14 and 17, 13 and 10, 12  
23 and 11, 18/19, 20/21. I think that makes a lot of sense,  
24 especially in consideration of how Anchorage is built out.

25 When you look at the transportation system, the

1 main road ways are north/south. Minnesota Expressway, the  
2 Seward Highway, those are north/south. You see how these  
3 districts are paired along those arteries.

4 So I'm going to, again, testify in favor of the  
5 15/16 pairing, and specifically, and then I'm marginally  
6 in favor of Mr. Ruedrich's approach with respect to the  
7 Senate Pairings across Anchorage. And the 16/14, you  
8 know, I've attended a lot of these meetings and I  
9 haven't -- you know, I could be mistaken, but I just  
10 haven't heard any testimony that puts 16 and 14 together.  
11 16 is largely residential. 14 you've got a pretty healthy  
12 mix. Conversely, 16 and 15, again, it seems like  
13 socioeconomically those are more in line.

14 If there's any questions, happy to address them.

15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Nicole.  
16 You've got your hand up.

17 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you, Brian. I don't  
18 have any questions for you, but I do want to correct the  
19 record so that residents of Turnagain don't feel as though  
20 we're overlooking their testimony. There has been a lot  
21 of testimony from Turnagain, including their community  
22 council asking to be paired with Spenard. Most of that  
23 testimony did come in in November. So I just wanted to,  
24 again, make sure that that's on the record so that, one,  
25 you know about it, and two, those residents don't feel

1     like we haven't seen it.  Thanks.

2                   CHAIRMAN BINKLEY:  Okay.  Folks here, we've just  
3     got three left at this point.  Just give you the order.  
4     Robin O'Donoghue.  Then we'll go to Kathy Hosford, and  
5     then Joanne Blackburn.

6                   Robin.  Good afternoon.  Welcome back.

7                   MR. O'DONOGHUE:  All right.  Good afternoon.  
8     Nice to see you all again.  For the record, my name is  
9     Robin O'Donoghue, and I'm speaking on behalf of the  
10    Alaskans for Fair Redistricting Coalition.  As you know,  
11    we've been participating and observing the process since  
12    the beginning with you guys, and given that the board is  
13    now considering additional Senate Pairings to adopt as  
14    proposal for public comment, we want to urge the board to  
15    only adopt constitutionally -- constitutional proposals  
16    that comply with the Court ruling and would pair the two  
17    Muldoon districts together and the two Eagle River  
18    districts together.

19                  Page 69 of the Court ruling we believe states  
20    that the Senate Pairings cannot give Eagle River extra  
21    representation, meaning that in order to correct the  
22    constitutional defects identified by the Superior Court,  
23    Muldoon must pair with Muldoon, and Eagle River must pair  
24    with Eagle River.  That would be 20 and 21, and 22 and 24.

25                  These pairings are also consistent with the

1 majority of public testimony received by the board, and  
2 they are the pairings that our coalition suggested to the  
3 board when the House map was finalized. So they're  
4 consistent with what our coalition believes to be the best  
5 option throughout the process. And the public has been  
6 made aware of these pairings for a while now -- or the  
7 suggestion of these pairings, I should say.

8 And I just want to thank the board members for  
9 their service to Alaskans, and the time commitment you all  
10 have made throughout this process. Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you, Robin, and to ASSR  
12 and to AKPIRG. We appreciate your participation.  
13 Alaskans for Fair -- AFR. Sorry. And all your  
14 participation and support during the long, long process  
15 that we went through. So thank you.

16 Okay. Let's see. Right in the home stretch  
17 here. Kathy Hosford. Good afternoon.

18 MS. HOSFORD: Hi there, everybody. Thank you  
19 for letting me participate briefly today. I know I'm not  
20 anywhere near the Anchorage issues. However, we had a  
21 similar issue down here in the Skagway/Dyea area with  
22 Municipality of Skagway wanting to pair with Downtown  
23 Juneau, which didn't make any sense at all to me.

24 And it feels like the plan that's being pushed  
25 right now, it feels like it's a partisan issue a lot like

1 it was down on this end, and I'm really hopeful that  
2 you'll take a while to really consider the redistricting,  
3 that it is fair to everybody and not to rush into  
4 anything. Because of the partisan issue down here in  
5 Skagway, it drove -- it widens the part from one another,  
6 and it was an organized partisan issue when they testified  
7 in front of the redistricting board.

8 I just want to bring to you guys today to thank  
9 you for all of your hard work and not be pushing so hard  
10 to push this plan through that feels like it's an  
11 organized, partisan group. And that's about all I have.  
12 I don't need any questions. It's just, take your time in  
13 making the decisions on this redistricting up there.  
14 Thank you very much. I hope everybody has a great day.

15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Kathy. A  
16 comment, Nicole?

17 MEMBER BORROMEO: Pardon me?

18 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Nicole, you've got your hand  
19 up.

20 MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible) testimony. I  
21 do. Thank you, Kathy, for your testimony. Two questions  
22 for you. You asked us to take a while. The June filing  
23 deadline is rapidly approaching. How long should the  
24 board take?

25 MS. HOSFORD: I'd like to get past the



1 elections, is what I'd like to see, because I just think  
2 pushing it through too quickly, people don't understand  
3 this process very much, and I don't either, but I do know  
4 how I feel when something gets pushed down on -- I don't  
5 want to be rude -- but people's throats and they don't  
6 know any different. I think with everything being so  
7 close to the elections, this is going to create total  
8 chaos.

9 MEMBER BORROMEIO: Thank you. Last question for  
10 you. If you said that this plan is partisan, what plan  
11 are you referring to and how is it partisan?

12 MS. HOSFORD: Well, it's -- how is it partisan?  
13 I'd rather not comment on that. You know exactly what I'm  
14 talking about. Okay? Thank you very much for your  
15 service.

16 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you, Kathy.  
17 Last person we have is Joanne Blackburn.  
18 Joanne, are you still with us?

19 MS. BLACKBURN: Yes.

20 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Please proceed. We can hear  
21 you fine. Go ahead.

22 MS. BLACKBURN: Thank you. I appreciate this  
23 opportunity at long last to comment on this redistricting  
24 process. I'm calling in regards to the end of the Portage  
25 area. The residential people there have very unique

1 experiences and even life styles and property care. We  
2 should not even be within the Municipality of Anchorage.  
3 Anchorage has to take care of concerns on 5th Avenue that  
4 are urban in nature. They don't understand things like  
5 high tides and low tides and how that affects egress.  
6 There are some people in Portage that I'm aware of that  
7 have -- have to move their vehicles around tide line  
8 times.

9               We are much more linked in type to the Kenai  
10 Borough, and we never wanted to be in Anchorage. We  
11 didn't know we were going to be in Anchorage in 1986. We  
12 receive nothing from Anchorage except for infernal and  
13 total and complete political planning which we are never a  
14 part of.

15              We have nothing to do with Girdwood. The state  
16 of Alaska, combined with Anchorage, spend a million  
17 dollars a year in naming every single mud puddle, water  
18 body in the neighborhood of Girdwood. Nothing is done in  
19 Portage. We are in the same ruined condition that we were  
20 in 1964. The most unsafe curve in -- that I'm aware of is  
21 Milepost 180 -- I believe it is 89. Excuse me. Yeah, I  
22 think it's 89. It's the right-hand turn. And people rent  
23 fifth-wheels, the radius of which was never designed for  
24 in 1959 when the Seward Highway was completed.

25              So mothers of five children -- and I hear them

1 on the CB radio -- are a little bit surprised when they  
2 find this curve that they've never seen anywhere else in  
3 the United States. We don't have a toilet for them. We  
4 in the Portage Valley Community Council do not meet  
5 because we have nowhere to meet. We are not concomitant,  
6 generally speaking, although we're civil with each other.

7 Girdwood. Girdwood's approach of endless play  
8 grounds and building up and building up and building up  
9 and building up and building up and giving awards is not  
10 what we do. We have other concerns. We -- you know, and  
11 they are not concerns that any of you have ever heard  
12 before possibly, and none of you actually care about.

13 We would rather be in Kenai where they have  
14 attorney generals opinions that are still intact regarding  
15 presumptions of the mean high tide and they have a lot of  
16 the same, you know, locations along the Seward Highway.  
17 We would prefer rather to be considered a rural village  
18 outside of Anchorage so that we can put in our requests  
19 and be meaningfully heard for hour actual, literal needs,  
20 and we'd like to do our own planning.

21 We -- as things currently stand, we are most  
22 best understood by the Eagle River people who are actually  
23 quite overworked anyway, and they are always willing to  
24 take one more call and they do -- they are aware to some  
25 slight extent of our problems.

1                   But we pay money in taxes and we get absolutely  
2 nothing but hostility and planning that doesn't include  
3 us. We would like to be relieved equitably of this  
4 unpleasant relationship with the Municipality of  
5 Anchorage, and if I was Anchorage, I would be very  
6 thankful to be rid of us, what with our bad curves, our  
7 safety corridor problems, the extension of police costs.

8                   We either belong in Whittier, where we share  
9 exactly the same horrible weather, or we belong in Kenai.  
10 And we should have the freedom to be identified as Portage  
11 and not be -- no one else can speak for us. Girdwood does  
12 not have our experiences. They may be aware of them, but  
13 they don't care about them --

14                  CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Understand --

15                  MS. BLACKBURN: -- in detail --

16                  CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah. Let's -- I think all  
17 valid points, Joanna. Just a quick question. Or Joanne.  
18 I'm sorry, Joanne. You mentioned having some  
19 commonalities with Eagle River. We've been discussing  
20 some of the pairings, the Senate Pairings between the  
21 House -- two House Districts, and there's been some  
22 discussion about pairing the -- District 9, which I  
23 believe encompasses Portage --

24                  MS. BLACKBURN: I have to apologize for not --  
25 not knowing any of the particulars of current debate,

1     because my computer, no matter what maps are put up, they  
2     tend not to include us --

3                 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I see.

4                 MS. BLACKBURN: And -- and also we only talk to  
5     them because they feel scorned by Anchorage proper. We  
6     have that in common. That's the commonality.

7                 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Eagle River you're referring  
8     to, Joanne?

9                 MS. BLACKBURN: Eagle River feels scorned --

10                CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Got it.

11                MS. BLACKBURN: -- by the -- by animus of the  
12     wealth of concern in Anchorage proper, the largest city in  
13     the state. Now, Portage does not even have toilets. We  
14     don't have electricity. Some of us don't have driveways.  
15     We have nice properties --

16                CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Joanne, are you able to  
17     see -- are you able to see the screen on your computer?

18                MS. BLACKBURN: No. No, I do not have -- my  
19     computers are rickety and slow and no matter what you put  
20     on them, I can only get like the first page.

21                CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I see.

22                MS. BLACKBURN: (Indiscernible) down doesn't  
23     happen for me.

24                CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: If you could -- if we had  
25     your e-mail address, I wonder if we sent you by e-mail a

1 PDF that showed District 9 including Portage and where  
2 that's located in the overall district, would that be  
3 helpful to you?

4 MS. BLACKBURN: Probably not, because I am  
5 begging that we be disengaged entirely from the municipal  
6 apparatus, the Municipality of Anchorage, so that we can  
7 compete with Tuntutuliak and other rural areas of Alaska  
8 and get our fair share of what we need --

9 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I get you, yeah.

10 MS. BLACKBURN: -- that we cannot get anything,  
11 including representation, from anyone who is mostly  
12 concerned with urban areas, and this needs to be fixed.  
13 It's very, very important because some of the biggest  
14 infrastructure problems that Anchorage -- not Anchorage --  
15 but Alaska has is the throughway, the highway, and as long  
16 as that's got to have a municipal filter --

17 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Say, Joanna --

18 MS. BLACKBURN: -- that's a problem.

19 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Say, Joanna, just a quick  
20 question and a clarification really. You know, that is  
21 way outside of our purview of this board, to be able to  
22 look at the municipality boundaries. I know they've had  
23 some recent redistricting within the municipality, but  
24 they don't allow us really to work on that or any of the  
25 other issues dealing with the municipality. So we

1 appreciate it. I think all the board empathizes with the  
2 concerns. And even though you're in the municipality, you  
3 feel like you're more rural area and not well represented,  
4 but it's really outside of the scope of what we can deal  
5 with as a board.

6 So I might just see if there's other board  
7 members that have comments --

8 MS. BLACKBURN: (Indiscernible) the opportunity.

9 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: You bet.

10 MS. BLACKBURN: That we have title problems the  
11 5th Avenue is not going to understand.

12 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah.

13 MS. BLACKBURN: The State of Alaska barely  
14 understands it, and we are, you know, along the chokehold  
15 between the mid -- or Southcentral and the rest of the  
16 state.

17 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: We get that. We get it, and  
18 if there was something the board could do about that, I'm  
19 sure we would address it, but it just, unfortunately, is  
20 not something that we're able to do or capable of.

21 So I'm going to reach out to the other members.  
22 If you want just a few seconds to wrap it up, Joanne.

23 MS. BLACKBURN: I would just say that, from 1986  
24 to present we have nothing to show for our being kidnapped  
25 into the Municipality of Anchorage. We have a completely

1 different set of needs that are completely misunderstood  
2 and, you know, within the largest urban setting, and we  
3 would like to compete with Tuntutuliak and other rural  
4 areas for our fair share or the state cannot grow and --

5 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Well, Joanne, we're  
6 going to make your testimony a part of the public record  
7 before this body, and to the extent that that's helpful,  
8 that will be shared by whoever else can take a look at it.

9 So I'm going to ask any members if you have any  
10 questions of Joanne or any comments. If not, we're going  
11 to move on.

12 And I believe that really concludes public  
13 testimony. I don't see anybody else online or in the  
14 Anchorage LIO who is signed up to participate.

15 And so we're going to move down the agenda. And  
16 we'd like to close the public hearing portion of the  
17 meeting and go, I believe, to member comments. I don't  
18 have the agenda in front of us, but I think that's the  
19 next item on the agenda. Peter.

20 MR. TORKELOSON: Yes, sir, that's correct. Okay.  
21 We're going to open it up for member comments. Nicole.

22 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you very much. And I  
23 want to extend a sincere appreciation to the public. I  
24 know this has been a long process. Waiting on the line  
25 for hours is not easy. But we do want to be cognizant of



1 the fact that we're working under short time frames here  
2 and we're going to continue to hold public hearings to  
3 take public testimony.

4 During the process the board will be asking  
5 questions, or at least I will be asking questions. And I  
6 understand if some of the questions are difficult for  
7 public testifiers to answer, and if you prefer not to,  
8 then that's okay as well. But I'm not going to succumb to  
9 criticism from my fellow colleagues that this is in any  
10 way badgering the public.

11 The chairman asked a lot of questions at the  
12 Fairbanks hearing, I understand. I wasn't there. I've  
13 never gone on record saying that he was badgering the  
14 public. In fact, this may be my only opportunity to ask  
15 questions. So if you're going to call in and testify to  
16 maps, which I encourage you to do, please stay on the line  
17 and answer our questions. It will help us get to the end  
18 of the line faster and ideally in a more constitutional  
19 way than we did last time. Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Bethany.

21 MEMBER MARCUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just  
22 wanted to say that I appreciated hearing some varying  
23 ideas in terms of ways that districts could be paired.  
24 It's given me some food for thought. I think there might  
25 be a way of taking some of the various proposals we've

1    seen and amalgamating them together into yet another  
2    option.  So I will be working on that.  But it has been  
3    very fruitful for me to hear the comments and the ideas  
4    about pairings and the rationale for those pairings today.  
5    So thank you.

6                   CHAIRMAN BINKLEY:  Thank you.  Further comment,  
7    Melanie or Budd?  Melanie.

8                   MEMBER BAHNKE:  I do.  Question for Matt.  As we  
9    move forward, are you going to be advising us about any  
10   problems you see with potential maps in terms of the Court  
11   rulings?  How can we get that advice from you?

12                  MR. SINGER:  I'm happy to --

13                  MEMBER BAHNKE:  How we can comply with the Court  
14   orders.

15                  MR. SINGER:  I think once the -- once the board  
16   has collected all of the ideas and shared its own ideas,  
17   then it would be appropriate, if you want me to answer  
18   questions on the record, I'm happy to do that.  I can --  
19   I'm also available to board members to provide legal  
20   advice so you can reach out to me directly with questions.

21                  The -- I think the preference of the board is  
22   not to hold executive sessions.  Just finish this work,  
23   try to finish this work in public, and so -- so I would  
24   make a list of your questions, and either feel free to  
25   call me directly or bring them to our meetings after the

1 options are on the table.

2 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you. Budd,  
3 any -- yep, Budd. Go ahead.

4 MEMBER SIMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just  
5 wanted to touch on kind of going forward what's happening  
6 next, and a little farther down the road. As I understand  
7 it, we've got a meeting tomorrow, same time as this one, I  
8 think. And it's the deadline for either members or third  
9 parties to put in alternative proposals for the correction  
10 of Senate District K and whatever flows from that. So  
11 just kind of putting that on the record. That's like a  
12 hard deadline tomorrow.

13 The other thing that's on our agenda still is  
14 the Cantwell correction. Mr. Torkelson mentioned that it  
15 would be good if we could get that done so that the metes  
16 and bounds description could be revised early on because  
17 that takes a few days, and if we're trying to do a report  
18 to the Court by the 15th, it would be good to get a head  
19 start on that. Given that and given that I don't believe  
20 we've heard any negative comments about the proposed fix  
21 for that, and we've all had at least a few days to look at  
22 it, I'd be willing to put that to a vote tomorrow  
23 during -- during that scheduled meeting. Get the Cantwell  
24 out of the way and that even further narrows the remaining  
25 work for us to do on Senate K.

1                   CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah. Matt.

2                   MR. SINGER: I would just encourage, if that's  
3 the -- if the board is indicating an interest in doing  
4 that, put on your agenda for tomorrow possible final vote  
5 on the correction of Cantwell appendage or correction of  
6 District 36 so that the public understands in advance that  
7 that's -- the board is intending to potentially make a  
8 final decision on that aspect of the proclamation plan.

9                   MEMBER SIMPSON: Yeah. I think that's a good  
10 idea. If anybody does have comments on that, that as a  
11 step forward, it would give one last chance to do it.  
12 And -- yeah, perhaps we'll get some comments that are  
13 relevant and make us change our mind or something. But I  
14 think we have pretty clear direction on that.

15                  CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Just a clarification, Matt.  
16 You mentioned yesterday that it's important to adopt a  
17 proposed plan and have it out there for the public to be  
18 able to spend some time to look at and then come back and  
19 hear testimony on that specific plan. So I'm wondering,  
20 when we say adopt a final plan tomorrow, if that truncates  
21 that somewhat or we should adopt -- I guess we did adopt a  
22 proposed plan, even though it wasn't completely vetted on  
23 Monday.

24                  MR. SINGER: I think that the board has  
25 satisfied -- Mr. Chair, I think that the board has

1 satisfied its constitutional obligation. So it adopted a  
2 proposed plan, it shared that with the public, we heard  
3 testimony about it today, not a lot of testimony, but I  
4 think Mr. Amdur-Clark did, and then the board discussed it  
5 as well at this public hearing. Then presumably there  
6 will be public testimony to start tomorrow's hearing. So  
7 a second opportunity for the public to testify.

8 And I think after -- after we share the proposed  
9 plan, we have two different hearings in which the public  
10 was invited and able to testify, we then told the public  
11 that we're about to make a final decision, it would then  
12 be appropriate for the board to make a final decision.

13 This is an expedited process, and I think it's  
14 important to be an expedited process. I like the board's  
15 goal of reporting back to the Superior Court on the 15th  
16 that our work is done. And so I think it's -- you've  
17 checked all the constitutional boxes appropriately and it  
18 would be constitutional to adopt a final solution to the  
19 House District 36 error tomorrow.

20 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. I might suggest, then,  
21 what we do, and maybe for the agenda tomorrow, is separate  
22 out and have at the beginning of the meeting the  
23 discussion on that Cantwell issue and have testimony  
24 specific to that, and then discuss, hopefully take action  
25 on that, and then go into a general public hearing as well

1 to listen to the public.

2 Presumably then on District K -- or Senate  
3 District K and those changes so that somebody -- we don't  
4 bury the people who are coming potentially to testify  
5 about Cantwell at the end of all of our general testimony  
6 before Senate District K. So that would just be my  
7 suggestion, but open to any other thoughts on how we  
8 should proceed tomorrow.

9 MEMBER SIMPSON: Good idea.

10 MEMBER BAHNKE: I like that, putting it at the  
11 end in case people that want to testify on it.

12 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Well, I was suggesting we do  
13 it at the beginning.

14 MEMBER MARCUM: The beginning, yeah.

15 MEMBER BAHNKE: Oh, I thought you said do it at  
16 the end in case people want to testify on it, like have it  
17 be one of the last things that we do.

18 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: No. My suggestion was to do  
19 it first, but I mean, that could make sense.

20 MEMBER MARCUM: I think you were saying to give  
21 testimony opportunity first, right?

22 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Exactly. Exactly. So that  
23 somebody who came maybe a little late to testify on  
24 Cantwell wasn't having to wait for all the people to  
25 testify about other things.

1                   MEMBER BAHNKE: I see. So it looks like, Peter,  
2   you're going to try to rough out a potential agenda.

3                   MR. TORKELSON: Yeah. So I just drafted up  
4   based on what you were suggesting. I just scratched up a  
5   few points that are on the screen now for everyone to see.

6                   CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: How does that look? So we  
7   would open with public testimony specific to District 36  
8   and then look for possible adoption of District 36 and  
9   associated plan revisions and then go into general public  
10   testimony, and then we would -- item 6, I don't know if  
11   we're going to adopt further plans or not. That's subject  
12   to the board's discretion there.

13                  MEMBER MARCUM: Mr. Chairman, I would just ask  
14   that we -- rather than stating just District 36, there are  
15   three districts there are -- that are affected by this,  
16   and I would like for the residents of those other  
17   districts to know how they will be affected. So if we  
18   could include Districts 29 and 30 in that District 36  
19   reference so that those residents also know how they might  
20   be affected.

21                  CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I think that's fair.  
22   Melanie.

23                  MEMBER BAHNKE: Yeah. I think we had noticed  
24   that we would be accepting possible maps for consideration  
25   through tomorrow. Is it 10:00 a.m.?

1                   CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah. We're scheduled to  
2 start at 10:00 a.m., and I think that's another good  
3 point. I think maybe in 6, after public testimony, we --  
4 I don't know what the right terminology for that would be,  
5 but accepting alternative maps.

6                   MEMBER BAHNKE: For consideration.

7                   CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah.

8                   MEMBER BAHNKE: To that I have one more  
9 question. We've had some people testify and give us  
10 really specific pairings. I don't know if they've also  
11 provided a map. If people have submitted specific  
12 pairings, are we going to consider those as part of the  
13 things that we consider?

14                  CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: That's a good question. I've  
15 taken notes and tried to write all those down, but Matt,  
16 what are your thoughts on that?

17                  MR. SINGER: I'm sorry. I was just making some  
18 notes. Can I get the question one more time?

19                  CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah. There have been a lot  
20 of pairings that have been presented during the testimony,  
21 and should we consider that as a formal presentation and  
22 have a map prepared that would show all those various  
23 pairings that people have suggested in their testimony?

24                  MR. SINGER: I think, to the degree you're able  
25 to, and maybe we could label them just options 1 through



1    whatever, if we're able to do that, try to consolidate.  
2    You know, it's easier when somebody writes a written  
3    proposal. We've had a couple of different parties that  
4    have provided specific written proposals and those would  
5    be easy for our staff to create in a visual map form.

6               For example, we heard the East Anchorage  
7    plaintiffs have four districts they've proposed be  
8    changed. I think Mr. Ruedrich today proposed five  
9    districts to be changed. So those would be easy to map,  
10   and I think you could call them options 1, 2, 3, and that  
11   would be -- that would make then something you could post  
12   on the website. People can then digest and offer you  
13   additional comment about them, and then the board also has  
14   an anchor or reference point. Maybe we can also get away  
15   from calling these by people's last names.

16              MEMBER MARCUM: Please.

17              MR. SINGER: And so since the board has adopted  
18   one proposed solution so far, that could become option 1  
19   or option A, and could just use sequential numbering or  
20   lettering to show the public additional proposed options.

21              MEMBER BAHNKE: I would appreciate that. I  
22   think the reason why people call it the Bahnke map was we  
23   didn't have time in November to label it like we did the  
24   other maps, Board V3, Board V4, things like that. So I  
25   would appreciate moving off of my last name from...

1                   CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: And people seeming to butcher  
2 the last pronunciation of your last name too.

3                   MEMBER BAHNKE: It rhymes with cranky, if that  
4 helps.

5                   CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Well, it would be helpful,  
6 Peter. I don't know what resources you have or what  
7 you're capable of getting done by tomorrow, but even as  
8 simple as just having the maps with a straight line drawn  
9 between them is -- doesn't have to be color-coded but just  
10 a line between them is helpful to distinguish the  
11 difference. And then in a side column, how many districts  
12 are affected by that plan.

13                  MR. TORKELSON: Okay. So I would just need some  
14 guidance on which of the several pairing suggestions  
15 brought forward that we would like to have as maps  
16 (indiscernible) creating them, I'm happy to do it, but I  
17 need some kind of guidance because --

18                  CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I would say all of them. I  
19 don't know if you were able to keep notes.

20                  MEMBER BAHNKE: I think the Ruedrich one is  
21 already up on the website, isn't it?

22                  CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah.

23                  MEMBER BAHNKE: It would have to be the East  
24 Anchorage. I don't know if there were any other ones that  
25 were comprehensive.

1                   CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I thought there were. There  
2 was Mike Robbins that had one that seemed to be different  
3 than all the others.

4                   MEMBER BAHNKE: Let me find it.

5                   CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I've got (indiscernible).

6                   MEMBER BAHNKE: What was the name?

7                   CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Mike Robbins.

8                   Budd, go ahead.

9                   MEMBER SIMPSON: Yeah. I just wanted to clarify  
10 a point, too, when I mentioned that tomorrow's meeting  
11 would be a hard deadline for getting additional plans in.  
12 My intention would be anybody that comes to the meeting  
13 with a plan that they want to offer, either through  
14 testimony or that has -- that sends it in at that time,  
15 those should be accepted. Not that like the beginning of  
16 the meeting is the deadline. That's all.

17                  MEMBER BAHNKE: Mr. Chairman, was Mike the one  
18 right before Yarrow? Because I did have some pairings  
19 written down. I didn't catch all of them, though. I  
20 think he's the one that you asked him to repeat.

21                  CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah. I've got them written  
22 down, and I can give those to Peter as I took them. It  
23 was just after Senator Begich, I believe, and before Alex  
24 Baker.

25                  MEMBER MARCUM: I've got them written down, too,

1 if we need to, at least I think I've got them right. I  
2 had them wrong until you asked that question. That was  
3 the question I was going to ask, too, Mr. Chairman.

4 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah. It was a complete --

5 MEMBER BAHNKE: Was it starting with 11 and 12?  
6 Is it the one starting with 11 and 12, 15 and 16?

7 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Mine shows 10 and 13, 11 and  
8 12, 14 and 17, 15 and 16, 18 and 19, 20/21, 22 and 9, and  
9 23 and 24. And I don't know how that relates to the other  
10 ones, but that's just what I wrote down. It was one of  
11 the few that was a complete plan other than referring to  
12 the names of some of the (indiscernible).

13 MEMBER SIMPSON: That's more names  
14 (indiscernible).

15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Specifically the one or two  
16 Senate Districts.

17 MEMBER SIMPSON: And then Yarrow Silvers had a  
18 complete plan, right?

19 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: That was for the plaintiffs,  
20 I believe.

21 MEMBER SIMPSON: Right.

22 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Holly Wells and I think --  
23 did she submit that, Peter? The attorney, Holly Wells.

24 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yeah. That was in our  
25 testimony packet from last night.

1                   MR. TORKELSON: Yeah. We received that plan  
2 already. It's just in textual form, and I can certainly  
3 make it into a graphical map. But if someone were to come  
4 on Wednesday at public testimony with a new set of  
5 pairings, they would not necessarily have a map like  
6 everyone else would.

7                   So I would just ask for a little bit of time if  
8 someone were to come Wednesday and meeting the deadline  
9 with new pairings, that I will be given the chance to make  
10 a map for them if desired so that they would be on even  
11 footing with everybody else's proposal. With just a  
12 little bit of time, I think we can pull it off.

13                  CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I think that's fair. You  
14 know, I don't sense that the board wants to make a final  
15 decision tomorrow, but to have all those maps that were  
16 received by the end of the day tomorrow out there in the  
17 public for them to be able to look at and, you know, weigh  
18 the differences between them.

19                  Budd, you've got your hand up.

20                  MEMBER SIMPSON: That was exactly my point,  
21 Mr. Chair, just that if we get every suggestion that we're  
22 going to get by tomorrow, put them out there and give  
23 people several days, give ourselves several days to  
24 assimilate that, think about it. The next time we come  
25 together, we can at least start trying to narrow it down,

1     decide what we can or can't do, possibly come to a final  
2     solution.

3             CHAIRMAN BINKLEY:   Matt.

4             MR. SINGER:   Is the board inclined then to  
5     schedule another hearing?  I think it would be good to  
6     telegraph to the public tomorrow is the deadline for  
7     presenting the options.  Then those will be posted to the  
8     website.  And let folks know when the board wants to hear  
9     public input on that.

10            I would encourage you to set one or two days  
11    before the 15th where the public gets the opportunity to  
12    testify about each of the options that are posted to the  
13    website and then the board debates and makes a decision,  
14    hopefully.

15            CHAIRMAN BINKLEY:   Okay.  Nicole.

16            MEMBER BORROMEO:   I think that the board should  
17    set a public hearing for April 7th, again from 10:00 until  
18    12:00.

19            CHAIRMAN BINKLEY:   I didn't catch the end of  
20    that.  Say again.  April 7th?

21            MEMBER BORROMEO:   Thursday, April 7th, same  
22    time, same place, 10:00 to noon.

23            MEMBER SIMPSON:   Just for a hearing?

24            MEMBER BORROMEO:   Just for a hearing.

25            CHAIRMAN BINKLEY:   Personally I think we need to

1 give the public some time to absorb that, let alone board  
2 members. We will have received those, I guess, close of  
3 business Wednesday. It seems a little early to take  
4 testimony on all those when it takes us a little bit of  
5 time to absorb those, look at the differences, and  
6 understand what those are. Nicole.

7 MEMBER BORROMEO: So Mr. Chairman, my sense is  
8 that if we don't continue with the public hearing process,  
9 it's going to be rushed and jammed at the end. This is  
10 all of the public testimony that I printed off that I've  
11 printed off just on the Senate Pairings. This is double-  
12 sided. So if you've not gone to the website and printed  
13 them off, you haven't been keeping up in regular time. I  
14 strongly urge the board to do so.

15 A lot of the themes are repetitive and common.  
16 It is not that complicated to see what the public is  
17 asking us to do. But I don't believe that we should be  
18 canceling public testimony. We should schedule it as  
19 frequent as necessary through Friday. Hopefully the board  
20 will be able to act on Friday and adopt a solution to the  
21 proposed correction for Senate District K. But I think  
22 we'll have a good idea of that come Thursday.

23 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah. I appreciate that,  
24 Nicole. Not everybody needs to print them out to read  
25 them. I read them on my computer or my phone, which is

1 perfectly adequate, and I'm typically able to keep up. So  
2 that's great that you print them out and read them that  
3 way, but a lot of us choose to read them a different way.

4 We don't have a meeting scheduled for  
5 tomorrow -- or for Thursday, so it would not be canceling  
6 a public hearing. And so I think we need time to absorb  
7 that, just my opinion.

8 Melanie, go ahead.

9 MEMBER BAHNKE: Can I suggest a compromise?  
10 Since we're encouraging as much opportunity for public  
11 testimony as possible, there might not be some who are  
12 ready to testify on Thursday who might want to testify on  
13 Saturday. There might be some who work on Thursday, who  
14 can't -- who need to testify on Saturday or vice versa,  
15 people who work Saturday and who didn't -- might need a  
16 chance on Thursday. So why don't we do both?

17 And then I apologize to the board, but Friday is  
18 the day that I'm not available to have a meeting. I'm  
19 traveling back on Friday. So I'm suggesting what we plan  
20 for tomorrow, but also it doesn't hurt to offer the public  
21 as much opportunity as we can between now and Saturday.

22 So I'm suggesting we compromise and have a  
23 hearing on Thursday. We might not get anybody call in.  
24 But look what happened this last Saturday, how many people  
25 we had call in. And then today was just for people to



1 call in, and there's robust public participation, and I'd  
2 rather offer more opportunities than fewer between now and  
3 the time frame that we have to abide by.

4 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Bethany and then Budd.

5 MEMBER MARCUM: Yes, Mr. Chairman. If we do go  
6 forward with a meeting on Thursday, I would just ask that  
7 it be at least a couple hours later, as I have a doctor's  
8 appointment conflict at the time that was proposed. Thank  
9 you.

10 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Budd.

11 MEMBER SIMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I've got  
12 a conflict and some travel going on Friday and over the  
13 weekend as well, but I'm willing to have a hearing meeting  
14 on Thursday. I think there's some value there just to  
15 kind of keep up with, like Nicole was suggesting, so we  
16 don't get a big backlog and then have to, you know, have  
17 it bunched up all of a sudden, and then doing that  
18 Thursday.

19 I would suggest then that we schedule back to  
20 back on Tuesday and Wednesday next week, 12th and 13th,  
21 and basically just go for as long as it takes to get any  
22 remaining testimony in and essentially work sessions to go  
23 through the rest of the decision-making.

24 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I'm not available on Tuesday.  
25 So I would suggest we do it on Wednesday and Thursday of

1 next week. Bethany.

2 MEMBER MARCUM: I'm sorry. I just didn't take  
3 my hand down. My apologies.

4 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Melanie.

5 MEMBER BAHNKE: I'm concerned about pushing it  
6 out so far close to the deadline. We talked about why we  
7 need to go ahead and give Peter a chance to work on  
8 Cantwell because there's the metes and bounds issue.

9 Budd, I thought you had said you were available  
10 through the 11th, that you blocked this time out. I'd  
11 rather not wait until as close to possible as the deadline  
12 for a status update to the Court if possible.

13 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Well, let's see, metes and  
14 bounds, Peter, is that going to be difficult for the  
15 Senate districts? Don't we just take the House districts  
16 and just combine them? You know, no metes and bounds  
17 involved?

18 MR. TORKELSON: Mr. Chairman, if the board were  
19 to take action on the District 29, 30, and 36 tomorrow,  
20 I'm confident we do have the metes and bounds done by end  
21 of business Friday. The metes and bounds are not involved  
22 with the Senate district.

23 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: And Matt, I know you -- in  
24 terms of getting a status report to the Court, is that  
25 a -- is that a long process in -- if we've completed our

1 work? Does that take you long to write that status  
2 report?

3 MR. SINGER: No. No, Mr. Chair, it does not.  
4 It's my great -- my optimism and hope is that I will be  
5 reporting that the board has adopted a final amended  
6 proclamation plan as of X date. So I need to write a  
7 sentence or two to make that report to the Court. So  
8 that's -- that's not -- my task should not be a concern to  
9 the board.

10 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. I would suggest then  
11 that we -- I would support having a public hearing then on  
12 Thursday, and then --

13 MEMBER MARCUM: As far as the time, can we  
14 clarify that?

15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah. What time works for  
16 you, Bethany?

17 MEMBER MARCUM: If it were noon, that would work  
18 for me best.

19 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Let's do it from noon  
20 to 2:00. Let's schedule that. If it has to go longer, it  
21 will go longer. But let's schedule noon to 2:00 on  
22 Thursday. And then I would suggest that we, for next  
23 week, we scheduled Wednesday and Thursday.

24 MEMBER BAHNKE: Mr. Chair.

25 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah. Go ahead, Melanie.

1                   MEMBER BAHNKE: I mean, in terms of people that  
2 work during the work week, why is Saturday out, or Sunday,  
3 to give people who can't take time off from work to also  
4 call in?

5                   CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Well, I think one of the  
6 members is tied up on Saturday. Budd I think indicated  
7 that he was not able to attend on Saturday.

8                   MEMBER SIMPSON: Mr. Chair, though, sorry to  
9 interrupt, but I made travel plans. I didn't have those  
10 before. I made those plans after we didn't schedule  
11 anything then. But if you wanted to have just a meeting  
12 to take testimony, I can always go back and read that off  
13 of the record if I miss something, or if any of us do on  
14 any particular day. If it's just a testimony meeting.

15                  CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay.

16                  MEMBER BAHNKE: I feel the same way for Friday  
17 then if it's just to take testimony, I don't want to hold  
18 you guys up, but if you wanted to schedule something for  
19 Friday -- Thursday, Friday, Saturday, I don't know -- I'm  
20 okay with that.

21                  MEMBER SIMPSON: I don't think you have to do it  
22 every day from now until then, but...

23                  MEMBER BAHNKE: I know. I'm just suggesting  
24 that we not push it towards the very end to the deadline.

25                  CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Let's -- I think

1 Saturday is legitimate in terms of doing it. Why don't we  
2 schedule Thursday noon till 2:00. And then Saturday,  
3 maybe the same, noon till 2:00. And then Wednesday I  
4 think we should probably get an earlier start, 10 o'clock  
5 till 2 o'clock. And then Thursday 10 o'clock till  
6 2 o'clock. How does that sound?

7 MEMBER BAHNKE: Mr. Chairman --

8 MEMBER BORROMEO: Mr. Chairman, can we  
9 (indiscernible)?

10 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Pardon?

11 MEMBER BORROMEO: Sorry. My hand has been  
12 raised for quite some time. I'd like to get in the cue to  
13 talk.

14 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Oh, sorry. I thought it was  
15 a smiley face or something. I see it now. Go ahead.

16 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. Well, yeah, the smiley  
17 face was up, but I don't know how that happened.

18 So I would really encourage the board not to go  
19 all the way up until the 15th as a deadline. If we want  
20 to open up this entire week for public testimony,  
21 including over the weekend, tomorrow is Wednesday,  
22 Thursday, Friday, Saturday. That's four more days of  
23 public testimony. Budd and Melanie have travel plans, but  
24 with technology, they can watch the Zoom later. Peter  
25 could also summarize technology. A good amount is coming

1 in over the e-mail, and as you observed, members are  
2 keeping up on the e-mail testimony in realtime.

3 So I -- I really want to start debating these  
4 plans and hopefully adopt one as soon as Monday. Or at  
5 least have something out there for the public to react to.  
6 I don't want last-minute surprises and not enough time for  
7 the board to debate these in an open and public forum.

8 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you. I think  
9 the problem about Monday and Tuesday, we've got members  
10 that can not attend on those two days, and if we're going  
11 to be debating the issue, we need to have all five of us  
12 there.

13 MEMBER BORROMEO: So who can't attend on Monday  
14 and Tuesday?

15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Budd can't attend on Monday.  
16 I can't attend on Tuesday.

17 MEMBER BAHNKE: I thought Budd was available the  
18 whole time. When are we going to debate the plans then?

19 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Wednesday and Thursday.

20 MEMBER BORROMEO: That's what I'm trying to  
21 figure out.

22 MEMBER BAHNKE: And also on Thursday we're going  
23 to supposedly vote on them and come up with a proclamation  
24 and all of that?

25 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Well, I think -- I don't

1 know. I think we set aside those two days. Maybe we can  
2 come to a conclusion and end on Wednesday, during those  
3 four hours. We would have had, you know, a week of public  
4 testimony and then it's time to debate and make a  
5 decision. So I don't have any problem in making a  
6 decision on Wednesday.

7 MEMBER BAHNKE: I just want to --

8 MEMBER BORROMEO: Why can't we make a decision  
9 on Saturday, the 9th?

10 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I don't think Budd can be  
11 there on Saturday the 9th, and I don't think it's a good  
12 idea. I think that's a little tight. I think we need to  
13 give a little more time for people to digest the plans  
14 that are going to be out there for them to look at and  
15 then make a decision on Wednesday, or possibly Thursday if  
16 we need it.

17 MEMBER SIMPSON: I'm not going to be ready by  
18 Saturday.

19 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Bethany, did you have your  
20 hand up?

21 MEMBER MARCUM: Yeah. I was just going to say,  
22 we heard from multiple testifiers today that they are not  
23 yet understanding the process. I want to make sure we  
24 give them time to learn the process, to see the plans, the  
25 proposals that we adopt tomorrow. Saturday would

1     certainly be too soon based upon what we've heard. The  
2     Anchorage municipal election is still going to be  
3     returning results during that time period. I think it's  
4     much safer to wait until next week. Thank you.

5                 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Melanie.

6                 MEMBER BAHNKE: I just really want to make sure  
7     that we have adequate time for discussion and debate on  
8     the public record about these maps to show that we have  
9     given a good, hard look at all of the options before us  
10    and that we put our reasoning on the record for whatever  
11    our final decision is, and that might include some healthy  
12    debate.

13                We're up against some hard timelines, and I  
14    appreciate your desire, Mr. Chairman, to give the public  
15    time to offer up plans, to give the public time to digest  
16    those plans, to give the public time to comment on those  
17    plans, but we also need to afford ourselves as a board to  
18    have adequate time so that we don't -- and discussion and  
19    debate abruptly just to meet the Court deadline. I'd like  
20    us to ensure that we've got adequate time to do that.

21                CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I agree completely.

22                Nicole and then Bethany.

23                MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. In the interest of  
24    time, I know that tomorrow is the deadline for proposals,  
25    but I'm just going to move the maximum participation plan



1 advanced by the East Anchorage plaintiffs into  
2 consideration. I'm also going to move the plan that has  
3 been proposed by Randy Ruedrich on behalf of ASFER -- or  
4 ASER -- I can't remember the acronym -- in for  
5 consideration. I want to get this process going. I'm  
6 observing what I consider to be delay tactics at this  
7 point. So I'd like those two considered.

8 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Bethany.

9 MEMBER MARCUM: Mr. Chairman, I believe -- was  
10 that actually a motion then, Nicole, or are you just  
11 asking that we adopt those --

12 MEMBER BORROMEO: It is a motion. It is a  
13 motion that we consider the maximum participation plan and  
14 Randy Ruedrich's plan for proposed corrections to the  
15 unconstitutional now standing Senate K.

16 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. So there is now a  
17 motion before us.

18 Peter, were you able to take that down verbatim?

19 MR. TORKELSON: Yes, I believe I understand the  
20 motion. I can restate it or the maker could restate it if  
21 she desires.

22 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. So is there a second  
23 to the motion?

24 MEMBER BAHNKE: I'll second that motion. But  
25 Nicole, just so you know, I think there was one more out

1     there, the one that John had mentioned he took notes on.

2     But I'll second the motion.

3             CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. There's a motion --

4             MEMBER BAHNKE: -- (indiscernible) record for  
5     consideration.

6             CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: There's a motion and seconded  
7     that -- second to adopt for the purposes of discussion two  
8     of the plans that were presented today.

9             And Peter, there was an acronym or some name of  
10    some plan, and again, I don't know that we should be  
11    naming the plans either after people or organizations. I  
12    think we should give them actual letters or numbers or  
13    something so that it doesn't devolve into a  
14    characterization of those plans by naming them.

15            So discussion on the motion now? Bethany, I see  
16    your hand is up.

17            MEMBER MARCUM: That's for after this motion. I  
18    have another motion to make.

19            CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Let's see.

20            MEMBER MARCUM: It was up before I knew she was  
21    going to make a motion, so...

22            CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Nicole, do you still  
23    have your hand up?

24            MEMBER BORROMEO: I do. Thank you. I want to  
25    clarify that this is not an exhaustive list, but I do want

1 to get the process going. I've heard and read a lot of  
2 testimony supporting both of these plans, so I want to  
3 propose them for corrections. It's not going to be  
4 exhaustive, but I'd like to add them to the other one  
5 that's on the table for consideration.

6 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Budd and then Melanie.

7 MEMBER SIMPSON: Mr. Chair, I support the  
8 motion. I favor moving the process along.

9 I would point out that repetition by members  
10 that they consider something to be a delay tactic does not  
11 make it so. I specifically reject that allegation and  
12 favor moving this along and being done with this by the  
13 end of the meeting on the 14th that we've scheduled.  
14 There's nothing delay about that. And I wish, along with  
15 the many other wishes that have been expressed today, that  
16 people would stop saying that.

17 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Melanie and then  
18 Bethany.

19 MEMBER BAHNKE: Mr. Chair, I speak in favor of  
20 the motion. I just realized that what this will do is it  
21 will get those two proposed Senate Pairing maps on our  
22 website and notice to the subscribers so that they can  
23 start digesting that.

24 But I do think that there was another -- one  
25 more map that you had pointed out. So I don't know if you

1 want to deal with that as a separate motion, but I just  
2 wanted to point that out. So I speak in favor of this  
3 motion so we can start getting things in front of the  
4 public for them to view and digest earlier rather than  
5 later.

6 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Bethany, and then,  
7 Peter, I see you have your hand up.

8 MEMBER MARCUM: My hand is still up from when --  
9 before the motion. So I will lower it and plan to reopen  
10 it after the vote on this. I have no opposition to the  
11 motion, though.

12 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Did you want to move  
13 an amendment to the motion? I don't know what the nature  
14 of it's going to be, but that's another option. Okay.

15 MEMBER MARCUM: No, no.

16 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Peter.

17 MR. TORKELSON: Yes, Mr. Chairman. So the  
18 proposal brought forward by testifier Mike Robbins. So it  
19 is in my pad and I believe it is the same as the AFFER  
20 plan, and so it is covered by the original motion.

21 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I see. Okay.

22 MEMBER BAHNKE: Great.

23 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. I would speak in favor  
24 of the motion. Also I think the sooner we can get those  
25 out, the better. Doesn't preclude us from adopting more

1 plans at the end of the session tomorrow when we see what  
2 might come forward and the deadline that we've imposed on  
3 people formally getting us those plans. So I have no  
4 problem with that.

5 Is there further discussion on the motion? Is  
6 there any objection to the motion? Hearing none, that's  
7 adopted.

8 Bethany, I think you wanted to make a motion as  
9 well.

10 MEMBER MARCUM: Yes, Mr. Chairman, because we  
11 seem to be not making a lot of progress in terms of  
12 determining when our next meetings are going to be, I  
13 wanted to make a motion for the board to schedule meetings  
14 as follows: On Thursday, April 7th, at noon for two hours  
15 of public testimony. On Saturday, April 9th, at noon for  
16 two hours of public testimony. On Wednesday, April 3rd,  
17 at 10:00 a.m. --

18 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Just -- 13th you mean?

19 MEMBER MARCUM: I'm sorry. Wednesday,  
20 April 13th, at 10:00 a.m. And I would -- I'm purposely  
21 not putting an end time on there because I do think that  
22 it may be one of those ones that runs for a while,  
23 particularly if we decide to finish our business that day.  
24 And on Thursday, April 14th, at 10:00 a.m. Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. There's a motion for

1 us to adopt the schedule as outlined by Bethany. Is there  
2 a second to the motion?

3 MEMBER SIMPSON: I'll second it.

4 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. There's a motion  
5 before us to lay out a time frame as articulated by  
6 Bethany. Is there discussion of the motion?

7 MEMBER BAHNKE: Chair, I have a question.

8 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah. Go ahead, Melanie.

9 MEMBER BAHNKE: Who is unavailable to meet on  
10 12th?

11 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I'm unavailable to meet on  
12 the 12th.

13 MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay.

14 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Further discussion on  
15 the motion? Nicole?

16 MEMBER BORROMEO: So I also have all-day  
17 meetings the 13th and the 14th that are going to be hard  
18 to work around. In light of that, I'd like to ask that we  
19 schedule another opportunity for public testimony on  
20 Friday, the 8th, and those of us that can participate will  
21 from 10:00 until noon, and hopefully that will alleviate  
22 some of the pressure on the 13th and 14th.

23 MEMBER MARCUM: If you would like to offer that  
24 as a friendly amendment, I would be happy to accept that.

25 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Budd, are you okay

1 with that?

2 MEMBER SIMPSON: Yes. Again, it's something we  
3 can -- if we can't be there for it, we can go back and  
4 listen to it or read it later.

5 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Nicole, you've still got your  
6 hand up. I don't know if you've got another question on  
7 that. Okay. It looks like that was a friendly amendment  
8 offered by Nicole and accepted by the maker of the motion  
9 in the second to adjust that schedule to include another  
10 public hearing on the 8th, Friday, from 10 o'clock until  
11 noon.

12 Any further discussion on the motion? Is there  
13 any objection to the motion? Hearing none, the motion is  
14 adopted. We have our schedule going forward.

15 I believe -- Melanie, go ahead.

16 MEMBER BAHNKE: Yeah, I have a technical  
17 question for when we do end up with a final proclamation.  
18 Is everybody going to be in Anchorage to sign that or how  
19 are we going to do that?

20 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I'm hopeful we can do it  
21 electronically. Peter or Matt, is there any requirement  
22 that we do it in person?

23 MR. SINGER: No. I think we can either have --  
24 get electronic signatures or figure out a way to FedEx it  
25 around to people. So I think it's -- meeting remotely or

1 meeting by telephone is permitted under the Open Meetings  
2 Act, and we have mechanisms for gathering signatures that  
3 don't require travel.

4 So if folks are able to be in Anchorage,  
5 wonderful. I'll be back and will attend these meetings  
6 next week in person, but I wouldn't -- I wouldn't be  
7 concerned about that if someone is not able to gather in  
8 one particular place.

9 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Melanie, does that  
10 answer your question?

11 MEMBER BAHNKE: It does. And Peter, just a  
12 heads-up, I would like to be in Anchorage. The only  
13 reason I'm not there in person this week is because my  
14 board is having its five-year strategic planning and I've  
15 stepped out from that to do this. But I will be planning  
16 to go to Anchorage next week for those Wednesday, Thursday  
17 meetings. I can do my own travel and then just bill the  
18 state if that makes it easier on you.

19 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you. Melanie.  
20 Anything else to come before the board?

21 MEMBER SIMPSON: Mr. Chair, I might be able to  
22 be there live and in person, too, next week.

23 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Anything else? If  
24 not, we look for a motion to adjourn.

25 MEMBER SIMPSON: So moved.



1                   CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Is there a second?

2                   MEMBER BAHNKE: I'll second.

3                   CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. A motion before us and  
4 seconded to adjourn for the evening, and to reconvene  
5 tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, I believe we're scheduled  
6 for. Is there discussion on the motion? Any objection to  
7 the motion? Hearing none, we're adjourned.

8                   Thank you all very much. Thank you, Matt.

9 Thank you...

10                   (Proceedings concluded)

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15 **Members Present:**

16 **John Binkley, Chair of the Board**

17 **Melanie Bahnke, Board Member**

18 **Nicole Borromeo, Board Member**

19 **Bethany Marcum, Board Member**

20 **Budd Simpson, Board Member**

21 **Peter Torkelson, Executive Director**

22 **Matt Singer, Legal Counsel**

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Well, let's go ahead  
4 and get started.

5 Peter, if you could call us to order and  
6 establish a quorum is present, please.

7 MR. TORKELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
8 Member Bahnke?

9 MEMBER BAHNKE: I'm here.

10 MR. TORKELSON: Member Borrromeo?

11 MEMBER BORRROMEO: Here.

12 MR. TORKELSON: Member Marcum?

13 MEMBER MARCUM: Here.

14 MR. TORKELSON: Member Simpson?

15 MEMBER SIMPSON: Here.

16 MR. TORKELSON: Chair Binkley?

17 CHAIR BINKLEY: I'm here.

18 Okay. We have before us proposed -- we have  
19 all members present -- proposed agenda before us.

20 Peter, do you want to put that up on the  
21 screen, please?

22 As you can see, we're going to take public  
23 testimony first specific to Districts 29, 30, and 36,  
24 look at possible action on Districts 29, 30, and 36,  
25 general public testimony, and consider any



1 alternative pairings that third parties may be  
2 bringing or individuals may be bringing forward, and  
3 then adjournment.

4 Is there a motion to adopt the agenda as  
5 presented?

6 MEMBER BORROMEO: This is Nicole. So moved.

7 CHAIR BINKLEY: Is there a second on the  
8 motion?

9 MEMBER SIMPSON: I'll second.

10 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. A motion before us  
11 and seconded to adopt the agenda as presented.

12 Is there a discussion on the motion? Is  
13 there any objection to the motion?

14 Hearing none, the agenda is adopted.

15 First item on the agenda is public testimony  
16 specific to Districts 29, 30, and 36.

17 I see we have one, two, three people locally  
18 and two off-net. It looks like the first one to sign  
19 up was Frank McQueary, from Anchorage. Frank, good  
20 morning. If you could join us at the table and give  
21 us the benefit of your testimony this morning.

22 And next we'll go to Ray Craig in Anchorage,  
23 and then Christine Hinter, Elizabeth Roderick, and  
24 Randy Ruedrich.

25 MEMBER BORROMEO: John, the three people

1 here in Anchorage are here to talk about Senate  
2 District K, not Cantwell.

3 CHAIR BINKLEY: Oh, okay. Okay. Great.  
4 Thank you.

5 So let's look off-net -- online to Christine  
6 Hinter.

7 Good morning, Christine. Can you hear us  
8 okay?

9 MS. HINTER: Yes, I can.

10 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Do you have public  
11 testimony specific to Districts 29, 30, and 36?

12 MS. HINTER: Yes, I do. And what I wanted  
13 to put forth today is that we really would like to  
14 see the board considering a plan that's going to be  
15 more representative of the similar socioeconomic  
16 profiles and equitable Senate seat assignments.  
17 We're going to be living with these decisions for,  
18 obviously, ten years, so they're very impactful to  
19 all of us, and we're just looking for something  
20 that's going to be more representative of all of the  
21 people in these communities.

22 And that's really what I wanted to share  
23 today.

24 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Christine.  
25 Okay. Any questions or comments from board

1 members?

2 Let's move on to Elizabeth Roderick in  
3 Anchorage. Elizabeth, do you have testimony specific  
4 to District 29, 30, and 36?

5 MS. RODERICK: Yeah. My name is Elizabeth  
6 Roderick. I live in East Anchorage. It's 99508 zip  
7 code.

8 I just wanted to say I oppose pairing South  
9 Anchorage with Eagle River. That's -- I think that's  
10 an irresponsible pairing. And I encourage the board  
11 to support the East Anchorage proposal, most closely  
12 aligned with the Court ruling, that has the smallest  
13 amount of change to it.

14 That's really all -- all I have to say.

15 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Elizabeth.  
16 Questions or comments on Elizabeth's  
17 testimony?

18 Let's move down, excuse me, to Leon Jaimes.

19 MR. JAIMES: Hi. This is Leon Jaimes. I  
20 live in East Anchorage.

21 And I also wanted to voice my opposition to  
22 pairing Eagle River with South Anchorage, and also  
23 wanted to say that I support and encourage the board  
24 to work with the solution that was proposed by the  
25 plaintiffs from East Anchorage to pair -- or to make

1 the least amount of change and keep the Muldoon area  
2 together and Eagle district -- or Eagle River  
3 districts together.

4 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you. And I  
5 apologize for mispronouncing your last name.

6 MR. JAIMES: No problem. Thank you.

7 MEMBER MARCUM: John, could I just get  
8 clarification? Are we taking Senate pairings  
9 testimony now or just about the Cantwell appendage,  
10 Districts 29, 30, and 36? I'm a little confused.

11 CHAIR BINKLEY: It's -- on the agenda it's  
12 public testimony specific to District 29, 30, and 36,  
13 but I didn't really want to interrupt people that  
14 were here to testify. And I think the testimony's  
15 been pretty quick and to the point, so I just allowed  
16 that to go forward.

17 And it should be reflected in the record  
18 specific to those Senate pairings, not the House  
19 districts that were -- are before us.

20 MEMBER MARCUM: I just want to clarify, make  
21 sure we put that in the right pile.

22 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. Yeah, exactly.

23 MEMBER MARCUM: Thank you.

24 CHAIR BINKLEY: Let's see. Those are the  
25 only ones that I show here to testify this morning.

1                   Is there anybody else online or in the LIO  
2   office that wants to testify specifically to the  
3   changes in House Districts 29, 30, and 36 as a result  
4   of the remand from the Supreme Court to the Superior  
5   Court and the Superior Court's guidance to us?

6                   MEMBER BAHNKE: Mr. Chair, just to clarify  
7   to the public that the Cantwell -- what we've been  
8   referring to as the Cantwell cutout, I don't know  
9   that everybody has the House Districts memorized. So  
10  for those of you --

11                  MEMBER MARCUM: I agree.

12                  MEMBER BAHNKE: -- participating, that's  
13  what we're taking public testimony on right now.

14                  CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. Good point, Melanie.  
15  Thank you for pointing that out.

16                  Okay. I don't see anybody online or  
17  nobody's come forward in the LIO, so I would propose  
18  that we close public testimony as to changes on  
19  remand to what is commonly called the Cantwell  
20  carve-out, Districts -- and affects Districts 39 --  
21  excuse me, 29, 30, and 36. So with that we're going  
22  to close public --

23                  Nicole, did you have a question?

24                  MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman  
25  for closing public testimony.

1 I'd like to move my proposed correction to  
2 Districts 36, 29, and 30 that would return the  
3 community of Cantwell to the Denali Borough, in line  
4 with the Alaska Court directions to the board on  
5 remand.

6 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. The motion is made to  
7 adopt Nicole's changes to 36, 30, and 29.

8 Is there a second to that motion?

9 Budd, you've got your hand up.

10 MEMBER SIMPSON: Mr. Chair, can I just ask  
11 that we put up the map showing the corrections  
12 before -- before we proceed further?

13 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. If you could put that  
14 up, please, Peter, and then we're still waiting for a  
15 second on a motion. And then we can get into  
16 discussion if there is a second on the motion.

17 MEMBER SIMPSON: Mr. Chair, I'll second it  
18 once it's up, after I look at it, if it's the same  
19 one.

20 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay.

21 MR. TORKELSON: What should be showing on  
22 your screen now is a graphic of the proposed change  
23 in effect where the new boundary for 30 and 29 is  
24 defined by the line, the borough boundaries of the  
25 Mat-Su Borough and the Denali Borough, and then the

1 eastern boundary of District 29 is defined by the  
2 eastern boundary of the Matanuska --

3 MEMBER SIMPSON: Mr. Chair, I'll second that  
4 motion then.

5 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. There's a motion  
6 before us to adopt Nicole's version of Districts 36,  
7 30, and 29, and it's seconded.

8 Discussion on the motion?

9 MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible.)

10 CHAIR BINKLEY: I'm going to make a comment  
11 if there's no other discussion.

12 I'm going to speak in opposition to the  
13 motion. I was able to read clearly the -- the remand  
14 from the Supreme Court. I was -- disagree with it,  
15 and I believe that short of a full explanation and  
16 really addressing Calista's argument before the Court  
17 of addressing the legitimacy of ANCSA corporations as  
18 legitimate boundaries, I can't support it and I  
19 disagree with it. And I've been able to read the  
20 plain language of that, but I can't support it.

21 So that doesn't mean that I won't support  
22 the full and final proclamation, but for this one.  
23 I'm sorry, but I can't support it.

24 Peter -- Budd, did you have a further  
25 question or some discussion?



1                   MEMBER SIMPSON: In the nature of  
2   discussion, Mr. Chair, you know, we all voted in  
3   favor of the -- the Cantwell extension, or whatever,  
4   but my -- and we all thought it was a good idea. We  
5   were simply attempting to accommodate a number of  
6   comments from the residents of the area that -- as to  
7   how they preferred.

8                   I also certainly agree with you regarding  
9   the importance and significance of ANCSA corporation  
10  boundaries. I feel that that should be a  
11  consideration, maybe not a requirement but certainly  
12  a consideration, in terms of the -- the mapping of  
13  legislative districts.

14                  However, I think the order of our Supreme  
15  Court is clear on this point, and my vote is going to  
16  be in favor of this revision rather than, you know,  
17  continue to create heat over the issue. I think we  
18  should honor the Court's directive and then be able  
19  to move forward. Thank you.

20                  Any other discussion? Melanie?

21                  MEMBER BAHNKE: Yeah, Mr. Chair. I would  
22  just like to add that I am going to be voting in  
23  favor of this motion because I respect our State's  
24  highest court. The five-member Supreme Court ruled  
25  and we should abide by that, and that's why I will be

1 voting in favor of this motion.

2 And I'd also like to thank Nicole, and I  
3 know Bethany also verified, both of you came up with  
4 the solution. So thank you to the two of you for  
5 having come up with this solution.

6 CHAIR BINKLEY: Budd, I don't know if your  
7 hand is still up or that's from before.

8 MEMBER SIMPSON: It's from before. I tried  
9 to take it down. Here, did it go down?

10 CHAIR BINKLEY: It's gone.

11 Bethany?

12 MEMBER MARCUM: Yes. Thank you,  
13 Mr. Chairman.

14 I just wanted to note that I found it  
15 interesting that we had such overwhelming testimony  
16 in favor of the action that we took regarding  
17 Cantwell, and yet the Court determined that that  
18 testimony was not sufficient to support what we  
19 wanted to do. And yet the Court found that testimony  
20 in the other issue which they ruled was part of the  
21 rationale.

22 And so I found that there was a little bit  
23 of inconsistency regarding what role testimony is  
24 supposed to have in this process and what role we, as  
25 the board, are supposed to use to put that testimony

1 in context with what we do.

2 So I will be supporting the change, but I do  
3 just want to put on record that I think it would be  
4 helpful from the Court in the future for us to get  
5 some more clear guidance regarding the role that  
6 testimony is supposed to play in all this. Thank  
7 you.

8 CHAIR BINKLEY: Nicole, and then Budd.

9 MEMBER BORROMEO: For purposes of the  
10 record, the problem that the Court had with what we  
11 did in terms of Cantwell and the carve-out is that we  
12 upset the first two criteria, which was we destroyed  
13 compactness and contiguity. So that was the crux of  
14 it as it related to public testimony.

15 I'd like to renew my previous request to  
16 call the question and vote.

17 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Sorry, Budd. Nicole  
18 has called the question, so there's -- the question  
19 is called to stop debate and move to a vote.

20 Is there any objection to stopping debate?

21 MEMBER SIMPSON: Mr. Chair, I mean, I just  
22 wanted to make one more comment also addressing  
23 Ms. Marcum's observations, as well.

24 CHAIR BINKLEY: Well, the question has been  
25 called. I don't know if Nicole wants to amend that

1 or --

2 MEMBER BORROMEO: Withdrawn.

3 CHAIR BINKLEY: -- withdraw that, allow  
4 Mr. Simpson to further discuss the motion?

5 MEMBER SIMPSON: Mr. Chair, I'll just  
6 withdraw that. I was basically in agreement with  
7 what Ms. Borromeo said, so I'm fine. Let's just --

8 MEMBER BORROMEO: In that case, I withdraw  
9 and I'm happy to let Budd elaborate.

10 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Budd, you've been  
11 given the green light by Nicole.

12 MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible) back  
13 together.

14 MEMBER SIMPSON: Thank you. I'll try to  
15 make it concise.

16 My point was only that this -- the Cantwell  
17 cutout, as we were calling it, was one of those weird  
18 appendages and did -- and crossed borough lines and  
19 so forth, so it had some other difficulties.

20 Whereas the Skagway situation we were -- we  
21 honored borough lines, and clearly the decision we  
22 reached was the more of the compact one, and the  
23 Court went along with -- with that rationale.

24 So Ms. Borromeo and I are in agreement on  
25 that, and that was my other comment. Thank you.

1                   CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. I think Ms. Borromeo  
2 mentioned contig- -- that it wasn't contiguous. It  
3 was not compact. I think that's what the  
4 distinguishing factor was by the Supreme Court.

5                   Again, and I agree completely with  
6 Ms. Marcum's suggestion that the Court was very  
7 inconsistent in looking at those districts, and the  
8 standard that they held to other districts was not  
9 applied to this situation, and that's one of the  
10 several reasons why I'm not going to support it.

11                  With that, we'll proceed to a roll call  
12 vote, if you would, Mr. Executive Director.

13                  MR. TORKELSON: So, Member Bahnke?

14                  MEMBER BAHNKE: Yes.

15                  MR. TORKELSON: Member Borromeo?

16                  MEMBER BORROMEO: Yes.

17                  MR. TORKELSON: Member Marcum?

18                  MEMBER MARCUM: Yes.

19                  MR. TORKELSON: Member Simpson?

20                  MEMBER SIMPSON: Yes.

21                  MR. TORKELSON: Member Binkley?

22                  CHAIR BINKLEY: No.

23                  MR. TORKELSON: By a roll call vote of four  
24 to one, the motion carries.

25                  CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. We've going to move

1 on then to item 5 on the agenda, which is public  
2 testimony on all topics. And we -- again, we'll go  
3 back to the Anchorage LIO and to Frank McQueary.

4 Frank, are you still there and available for  
5 testimony?

6 MR. TORKELSON: Mr. Chairman, were you able  
7 to hear that comment?

8 CHAIR BINKLEY: Oh, no. I heard some paper  
9 rustling, and that was about it.

10 MEMBER SIMPSON: I think that was me.

11 MR. TORKELSON: They're asking to exchange  
12 the order of the testimony so that Mr. Ruedrich can  
13 go first, and then the other testifiers would follow.

14 CHAIR BINKLEY: That's fine with me.  
15 Mr. Ruedrich?

16 MEMBER BAHNKE: Mr. Chair, while he's  
17 getting ready to testify, can you let us know how  
18 many people you've got in the queue for testimony?

19 CHAIR BINKLEY: I've got three people in the  
20 queue after Randy.

21 MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay. Thank you.

22 CHAIR BINKLEY: Good morning, Randy.

23 MR. RUEDRICH: Good morning. I'm Randy  
24 Ruedrich, representing AFFER.

25 CHAIR BINKLEY: Randy, could I just --

1 Randy, if you can get it -- yeah, just swallow that  
2 microphone, if you would, because it's tough to hear  
3 you.

4 MR. RUEDRICH: Is that better?

5 CHAIR BINKLEY: That's better.

6 MEMBER BAHNKE: (Indiscernible.)

7 CHAIR BINKLEY: Little bit, yeah.

8 MEMBER MARCUM: Louder.

9 MR. RUEDRICH: Louder. Wow. I've rarely  
10 ever been asked to speak louder in my entire life.

11 This morning I want to make a minor repair  
12 to our proposal of yesterday in terms of adopting a  
13 more direct route from South Anchorage to East  
14 Anchorage, which removes Districts 17 and 18 from the  
15 past in South Anchorage to East Anchorage.

16 So our process would leave four districts  
17 in -- four Senate districts in place as were adopted  
18 in the proclamation map, and those are District F,  
19 which is 11 and 12; District H, which is 15 and 16;  
20 District I, which is downtown, 17 and 18 in Mountain  
21 View; and District L, 23 and 24, the northern Muni  
22 districts.

23 Now, I want to focus on one detail before we  
24 go into further discussion. We must remember that  
25 Anchorage Municipality is a socioeconomically



1 integrated entity by law, and to discuss things are  
2 better -- that's a standard that does not exist for  
3 the redistricting process. All 16 districts are  
4 socioeconomically integrated.

5 So the only requirement left for us to truly  
6 consider is the one that the constitution directs us  
7 to look at, which is they must be contiguous.  
8 Literally, District 9 and District 22 are contiguous  
9 along a long section of the eastern portion  
10 (indiscernible), which is across the mountains.

11 This has been done before. As a matter of  
12 fact, it was done when the populations were smaller  
13 and they were put in one House district, which  
14 affirms that they are unquestionably, in the eyes of  
15 the Court -- and the board in 2001 ruled that they  
16 are a highly functional entity.

17 These are neighborhoods that have many  
18 things in common that they truly don't share with  
19 anybody else in Anchorage to any significant extent.  
20 They take care of much of what the community normally  
21 gets from the municipality themselves, and they're  
22 proud to get it -- to do this on their own in their  
23 local service area entities.

24 Now, to connect the rest of the map, we pair  
25 the leftover district in South Anchorage,

1 District 10, with District 13 to form Senate G. We  
2 connect District 14 with District 19, which is the  
3 U-med district.

4 This also has been done in a number of maps  
5 (indiscernible), and I would simply say was an  
6 oversight on my part, because I was looking at going  
7 straight down the major highway from South Anchorage  
8 into downtown, then going east. You literally want  
9 to go through 13, through 14 from east into 19, and  
10 then combine 21 and 22, which is the request of the  
11 Supreme Court.

12 So we accomplish this now with four  
13 districts impacted, doing the least disturbance to  
14 our map for the benefit of all the folks who are  
15 already working within the other four districts --  
16 four Senate districts, other eight House seats.

17 Let me just look through and see if I have  
18 anything else to add. I think that summarizes it.  
19 We have simplified our map, and we look forward to  
20 the adoption of this change to create an East side  
21 district to represent the uplands of Anchorage, which  
22 need to be considered as they work to maintain their  
23 semi-autonomous status. Thank you.

24 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you,  
25 Mr. Ruedrich. If you'd be willing to answer some

1 questions, I see we've got some members up with their  
2 hands up.

3 Melanie, Nicole, and then Budd.

4 MEMBER BAHNKE: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

5 Randy, I just want to make sure I got your  
6 new pairings correct. Did I hear you say 11 and 12,  
7 15 and 16, 17 and 18, 9 and 22, 10 and 13, 14 and  
8 19 -- that's all I heard you say. Did you intend to  
9 also say 20 and 21?

10 MEMBER MARCUM: He said it.

11 MR. RUEDRICH: I definitely said 20 and 21.  
12 I'm sorry if you didn't hear that.

13 MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay.

14 MR. RUEDRICH: That would be Senate  
15 District K. And then Senate District L would be 23  
16 and 24, the north Anchorage communities.

17 MEMBER BAHNKE: And, Randy, did you look at  
18 incumbent information as you came up with these  
19 pairings?

20 MR. RUEDRICH: Did I look what?

21 MEMBER BAHNKE: Did you look to incumbent  
22 information as you came to these suggested pairings?

23 MR. RUEDRICH: No.

24 MEMBER BAHNKE: That's all I have.

25 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Nicole?

1                   MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you very much.

2                   Randy, why wouldn't you suggest pairing the  
3 two Eagle River districts?

4                   MR. RUEDRICH: As I said yesterday,  
5 District 9 has unique characteristics and 22 has  
6 unique characteristics. They have been paired --  
7 they were combined in a House seat. They definitely  
8 should be considered to be paired in a Senate seat.

9                   MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. Follow-up to that.

10                  CHAIR BINKLEY: Go ahead.

11                  MEMBER BORROMEO: You did quote the  
12 constitution earlier in your testimony where you  
13 talked about the Senate districts being compared --  
14 being composed of districts that are contiguous, but  
15 there was an important qualifier that was left out,  
16 and the constitution actually says that the districts  
17 shall be composed as near as practicable.

18                  So in your estimation, is 22 and 9 as near  
19 as practicable when it comes to that requirement?

20                  MR. RUEDRICH: They have a significant  
21 contact, as you see on the map behind you. I view  
22 that as way more than minimal or as practicable. It  
23 is an actual significant contact.

24                  Let's look at the map. 19 and 20 have a  
25 modest level of contact the way it's drawn today. 14

1 and 19 will have a slightly more significant contact.  
2 So when we look at contiguity, we have a pretty good  
3 map, as someone testified a couple of days ago about  
4 the long boundaries that are shared by 11 and 12, by  
5 15 and 16. That was one of the things that led me to  
6 want to combine 17 and 14. Clearly to get to East  
7 Anchorage I don't need to go that far north.

8 MEMBER BORROMEO: Right. I want to make  
9 sure that we're looking at the same map here, because  
10 when I look at House District 9 that you're  
11 suggesting that we pair with 22, you have to go  
12 through Districts 11, 12, 21, 20, and 23 to get to  
13 it, right? So that's one, two, three, four, five  
14 districts. Whereas 21 and 24, it's just one and  
15 they're connected.

16 MR. RUEDRICH: I don't think that is what  
17 contiguity -- you're contiguous if you're contiguous.  
18 And this map is contiguous across the mountains  
19 within the municipality. We're not leaving the  
20 municipality. We're connecting across the feature  
21 called the Chugach Foothills, and those folks have  
22 similar governor's processes in both the north side  
23 and the east side of the municipality.

24 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay.

25 CHAIR BINKLEY: Budd?

1                   MEMBER SIMPSON: Mr. Chair, my -- I was just  
2 going to ask for clarification, too, because I didn't  
3 catch it all, and it's been covered. Thank you.

4                   CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Further questions for  
5 Mr. Ruedrich?

6                   Thank you, Randy.

7                   MR. RUEDRICH: Thank you. I submitted this  
8 last night, and this change to the map is a simple  
9 converting 18 to an I and 19 to a J, so that we have  
10 a functional map for Peter to work with.

11                  I thank you for your attention.

12                  CHAIR BINKLEY: Can I just get that again,  
13 Randy? Randy, just for my notes, could you -- just  
14 that last little bit, I didn't get a chance to write  
15 that down. Could you give me that again, please?

16                  MR. RUEDRICH: Okay. Peter, if you --  
17 Peter, could you put the map back up, sir?

18                  The map that we filed yesterday had 18 as a  
19 District J. It is now a District I. And 14, which  
20 shows as a G on the map you're looking at now, needs  
21 to be a J so that the map will be consistent. 18  
22 becomes an I, and 14 a J. That's the only change  
23 from my map of yesterday. Thank you.

24                  CHAIR BINKLEY: Might I suggest,  
25 Mr. Ruedrich, that you maybe put this down on a map

1 and get that to Peter by this evening or --

2 Go ahead, Peter. Peter, why don't you  
3 comment?

4 MR. TORKELSON: I was going to -- yeah, I  
5 already have a map built. It would be easier for me  
6 just to change it. I just would need direction from  
7 the board.

8 If it's the board's desire for me to replace  
9 option 3, which was previously the AFFER map, with  
10 the updated option 3, or if you want me to make a new  
11 option 4. I just need some direction for what you'd  
12 like me to post to the website.

13 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. I think if -- as  
14 Mr. Ruedrich presented option 3 to the board, and  
15 he's within the time frame that we talked about and  
16 wants to make a modification to that, I think it's  
17 perfectly appropriate to keep it to option 3 but  
18 change it to his preference now. That would be my  
19 guidance. I don't know if other board members have  
20 comments on that or thoughts on that.

21 MEMBER SIMPSON: I agree.

22 MEMBER MARCUM: I agree.

23 CHAIR BINKLEY: Bethany -- okay.

24 MEMBER MARCUM: Well --

25 CHAIR BINKLEY: Go ahead, Bethany.



1                   MEMBER MARCUM: Yeah, I have a slightly  
2   different comment, because completely independently I  
3   worked last night on a map that I sent to Peter that  
4   apparently is the same as what was just presented  
5   here. And so I sent it to Peter, and Peter and I  
6   worked on getting an actual map created last night.  
7   And so I thought Peter has that done and it was going  
8   to be -- the next map was going to be another map for  
9   us to consider for adoption.

10                  So I guess I'm a little confused about how  
11   this whole process would work, because Randy already  
12   has a map out there with a map number, right?

13                  CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. I don't know. I  
14   didn't get that map. I got -- I received three  
15   different maps that I printed out and have in front  
16   of me. I've been trying to mark them to keep up with  
17   Randy's changes here.

18                  So I don't know. Are you suggesting then,  
19   Bethany, that we have four maps and keep the AFFER  
20   map --

21                  MEMBER MARCUM: I --

22                  CHAIR BINKLEY: -- as is?

23                  MEMBER MARCUM: I sent my stuff to Peter  
24   yesterday late afternoon, so I'm not sure how -- I'm  
25   not sure when this -- this map came about or when

1 this was sent. I really don't care how it comes  
2 about, but yeah, it's just a little bit confusing to  
3 me at this point.

4 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Matt, you've got your  
5 hand up.

6 MR. SINGER: I just think in keeping with  
7 just judging each map on the merits instead of each  
8 map on what person is -- or entity is identified with  
9 it, I would just label it option 4 and encourage the  
10 board to put it out to the public to get feedback.

11 So I just -- I just encourage you all as  
12 you're here -- there's a number of ways to do this,  
13 and I would consider just label it and get it out  
14 there for discussion.

15 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Melanie, and then  
16 Nicole.

17 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yeah. What I heard was  
18 when Mr. -- when Randy testified, he said he was  
19 offering amendments to the map that he had submitted,  
20 not submitting a whole second map to consider. So I  
21 think the fewer the maps that we have, the less  
22 confusing it is.

23 So I'm hearing that what he presented should  
24 be a replacement to what he had previously presented,  
25 and by some magical coincidence Bethany has the map

1 already mapped up and it's ready to replace the one  
2 that was initially introduced by AFFER.

3 MEMBER MARCUM: Mr. Chairman, I am going to  
4 object --

5 MEMBER BAHNKE: So it's confusing --

6 MEMBER MARCUM: -- to the "magical  
7 coincidence" --

8 MEMBER BAHNKE: Excuse me. I -- excuse me.

9 MEMBER MARCUM: No. Excuse me.

10 MEMBER BAHNKE: I have the --

11 MEMBER MARCUM: No. No, I'm not going to  
12 let you --

13 MEMBER BAHNKE: I have the floor here.

14 MEMBER MARCUM: -- insult me like that  
15 publicly. I'm tired of it. It's been going on for  
16 over a year.

17 There is no magical coincidence. I worked  
18 hard on my own on this map. I came up with these  
19 pairings.

20 And for you to imply otherwise I find very  
21 insulting, and I am going to await an apology.  
22 Magical coincidence? Are you kidding?

23 MEMBER BAHNKE: Can we not (indiscernible)  
24 emotions here?

25 CHAIR BINKLEY: Well, I think it's important

1 not to impugn somebody's motives on something, as  
2 well, and I think it's a caution we should all have.  
3 I think we should be careful about when we talk about  
4 individuals to not assume things in terms of motives,  
5 and let's refrain from that and be civil with each  
6 other and polite to each other and try and restrain  
7 ourselves from getting this (indiscernible).

8 MEMBER BAHNKE: Well --

9 CHAIR BINKLEY: Your point, I think,  
10 Melanie --

11 MEMBER BAHNKE: Let's get back to the  
12 substance of the map.

13 CHAIR BINKLEY: -- your point -- well,  
14 let's -- that's agreed.

15 MEMBER BAHNKE: Bethany, I apologize you  
16 felt insulted by what I said.

17 MEMBER MARCUM: Thank you.

18 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you. Nicole?

19 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. I heard the  
20 same thing that Melanie actually heard, which is that  
21 the maker of the first AFFER map wants to withdraw it  
22 and replace it with a new option, that he doesn't  
23 want to have two competing maps.

24 But it's not for our legal counsel or the  
25 board. I'd like to hear from Randy what he wants.

1                   Randy, do you want two maps out there,  
2    AFFER 1 and AFFER 2, or do you just want one AFFER  
3    map for the public to consider coming down the home  
4    stretch?

5                   MR. RUEDRICH: I believe that one map would  
6    be extremely superior. We've asked for the other map  
7    to be modified, not for the -- another map to be  
8    created. We have enough problems with changes.

9                   This board took testimony, as an example, in  
10   Homer months back, and then used that testimony to  
11   draw a Senate district. After the world changed, the  
12   board took Homer, a decent city, Seward, and removed  
13   it from the borough, and then relied on Homer's prior  
14   testimony for pairing.

15                  I found that to be a huge mistake. We don't  
16   need to create more confusion in testimony. Let's go  
17   to a single proposed AFFER map for this  
18   consideration.

19                  MEMBER BORROMEO: I agree. Thank you,  
20   Randy.

21                  CHAIR BINKLEY: Budd, you've got your hand  
22   up.

23                  MEMBER SIMPSON: Thank you. Yeah, that was  
24   going to be my suggestion, too. I heard the same  
25   thing, so I suggest one map.

1 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Bethany, are you okay  
2 with that? And we're not putting titles. This isn't  
3 the AFFER map; this isn't the Bahnke map. This is  
4 option No. 3 that was presented by Mr. Ruedrich and  
5 his group, and he apparently wants to change that  
6 with the changes that he's indicated.

7 Are you, Bethany, okay with keeping option 3  
8 and making those changes to that map?

9 MEMBER MARCUM: Yes, I will accept that.  
10 And you're welcome for getting it to Peter  
11 well in advance so that he had time to put together  
12 the map.

13 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. And I don't know why  
14 Peter didn't send that out to us, but we can get  
15 clarification from that.

16 MEMBER MARCUM: Well, no. I told Peter I  
17 wanted to present it today. I worked on it -- you  
18 know, all the justification for it, and I told him I  
19 wanted to present that today, so --

20 CHAIR BINKLEY: I see. Okay. Well,  
21 apologies, Bethany, that that got confused in the  
22 presentation and the exchange there.

23 MEMBER MARCUM: Not a problem. I just --  
24 it's not about proprietary. It's just I wanted to  
25 make sure that the information is able to be

1 presented, so I will do so at a different time, I  
2 suppose.

3 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you.

4 Let's see. Let's go on to the first one  
5 that was in the queue, Frank McQueary, in the  
6 Anchorage LIO.

7 MEMBER BAHNKE: Mr. Chair?

8 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yes, Melanie.

9 MEMBER BAHNKE: Before we go on, Bethany, do  
10 you think (indiscernible) to compose yourself, or are  
11 you ready to move on?

12 MEMBER MARCUM: I'm sorry. I'm having  
13 trouble hearing. I was shuffling papers.

14 MEMBER BAHNKE: Out of respect for you,  
15 because I said something that made you emotional, I'm  
16 wondering if you'd like a moment or not.

17 MEMBER MARCUM: No, I'm fine. Thank you,  
18 though.

19 MEMBER BAHNKE: All right.

20 MEMBER MARCUM: I appreciate you asking  
21 about that.

22 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Frank, are you -- oh,  
23 there you are. Okay. Good morning.

24 MR. MCQUEARY: Mr. Chairman, members of the  
25 (indiscernible), can you hear me?

1 CHAIR BINKLEY: I can. Get as close as you  
2 can and speak loudly. Apologize for the poor sound  
3 quality, but anything you can do to help.

4 MR. MCQUEARY: I'm sorry. I could not hear  
5 what you were saying, Mr. Chairman.

6 CHAIR BINKLEY: Apologize for the poor  
7 sound.

8 MEMBER BORROMEO: John -- wait. John, I  
9 don't know if you can hear me, but it's extremely  
10 loud here in the LIO. These microphones are at,  
11 like, max volume, and we can still hardly hear you  
12 guys. So when you're asking them to speak up,  
13 they're getting blown back by their own voice  
14 reverberating through the surround sound.

15 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you. Yeah,  
16 just speak as loudly as you can, Frank. I apologize  
17 for the problems with the sound system.

18 MR. MCQUEARY: Okay. Starting over again,  
19 my name is Frank McQueary. I've been a resident of  
20 Anchorage for many years. I have not been directly  
21 involved in this process intimately; however, I bring  
22 a little historical perspective.

23 My company did supply technology to the --  
24 to AFFR in the last redistricting, 2010  
25 redistricting. And I got to make a number of



1 observations, both educational and entertaining. I  
2 got to watch Tom Begich and Randy Ruedrich battle out  
3 and come to a plan that got the most obvious  
4 political considerations neutralized and ultimately  
5 became broadly the base for the title plan, which I  
6 think we've resolved in 2013.

7           You guys have done a great job of getting  
8 close to success here, I think. My observation would  
9 be that, once again, the AFFER plan presents the  
10 least possible opportunities for additional  
11 litigation. By reshuffling every pairing in the city  
12 of Anchorage under one of their other proposed plans,  
13 you simply open up the opportunity for this to  
14 continue on with additional challenges and court  
15 cases.

16           The historical validity of the pairing of --  
17 and without the map in front of me, I'm not  
18 (indiscernible) it's 9 and 22 -- is certainly  
19 defensible. The amended AFFR maintains the already  
20 approved pairings to some extent and for the most  
21 part in Anchorage, and thus is probably the most  
22 logical, shortest path to declaring victory on this  
23 and in getting a final map approved.

24           So my suggestion would be don't -- don't  
25 tread in that political abyss that will be awaiting

1     you by reshuffling every pairing in Anchorage and  
2     being accused of a totally political activity. Go  
3     with what you got, accept the 9 and the 22, and  
4     declare victory.

5             CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Frank.

6             Questions for Frank? Thanks again.

7             Let's go to Ray Craig, in Anchorage also.

8             MR. CRAIG: Okay. Mr. Chairman, can you  
9     hear me okay?

10            CHAIR BINKLEY: Yes, we can hear you.

11            MR. CRAIG: All right. My name is Ray  
12     Craig, long-time resident of Anchorage also.

13            I support Alaskans for Fair and Equitable  
14     Redistricting's proposed Anchorage Senate pairings.  
15     The Supreme Court ruled that Senate District K, HD 21  
16     and 22, should be revisited. AFFER pairs 22 with 9,  
17     creating Senate District E for the Anchorage --  
18     eastern Anchorage Municipality uplands.

19            Local service areas and snow management are  
20     key common upland issues in both these House  
21     districts. The 2001 map combined major parts of this  
22     Senate district in a single House district, so, as  
23     has been referenced earlier, this is repeating  
24     history in that former single House district.

25            Three other Anchorage Senate districts have

1 revised pairings to facilitate this Court-required  
2 action. Four Anchorage districts are unchanged.

3 The alternative Bahnke pairings disrupt all  
4 eight Anchorage Senate pairings, and the Supreme  
5 Court decision, in my opinion, does not justify this  
6 gross redistricting map disruption.

7 So in conclusion, I support the proposed  
8 AFFER Anchorage Senate map for Supreme Court  
9 compliance. Thank you.

10 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you. Questions for  
11 Ray?

12 Nicole in Anchorage, go ahead.

13 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you, Ray. Besides  
14 for the road maintenance issues, what other  
15 similarities are there between Districts 9 and 22  
16 that you'd like to put on the record?

17 MR. CRAIG: Well, I think the real estate,  
18 the socioeconomic has more uniformity than with other  
19 districts in the low ones. Further down the  
20 Hillside, would be one.

21 Culturally, just in the settings of those  
22 neighborhoods, and certainly, as was pointed out  
23 earlier, these folks are taking care of their own  
24 maintenance rather than relying on a bigger  
25 government Anchorage municipality road -- road

1 maintenance structure.

2 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you, Ray. I have a  
3 follow-up on that, because I --

4 CHAIR BINKLEY: Go ahead, Nicole.

5 MEMBER BORROMEO: -- live in -- thank you.

6 Follow-up. I live in a district that is  
7 maintained, as that word gets loosely used most  
8 winters, by the Municipality of Anchorage.

9 Does Eagle River and Hillside share a  
10 uniform road maintenance crew? Is that what makes  
11 them a natural pairing, in your mind?

12 MR. CRAIG: No. It's more the structure of  
13 local road service districts rather than the top down  
14 bigger government approach within the Anchorage road  
15 service entity.

16 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. Thank you for that  
17 clarification, Ray.

18 CHAIR BINKLEY: Well done. Thank you, Ray.  
19 Appreciate it.

20 We're going to go online to, let's see,  
21 Steve Strait -- or no, no, excuse me. Ellen Jaimes  
22 was on the line ahead, was right after Leon. So I  
23 apologize for both.

24 Ellen, are you with us?

25 MS. JAIMES: Hi, yes.

1 CHAIR BINKLEY: Please proceed, Ellen.

2 MS. JAIMES: Thank you so much.

3 My name is Ellen, and I live in East  
4 Anchorage.

5 I just wanted to encourage the board to  
6 support whichever East Anchorage proposal is most  
7 closely aligned with the Court ruling and takes the  
8 smallest amount of (indiscernible).

9 Honestly, it's a little confusing, just from  
10 a bystander perspective. I'm not sure if that means  
11 option 1 or 2, but I think align it with the Court  
12 ruling and the smallest amount of change should be  
13 the criteria for your decision. I oppose pairing  
14 South Anchorage with Eagle River.

15 So thank you very much for all of your hard  
16 work on this. I really appreciate it.

17 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you, Ellen.

18 MEMBER BAHNKE: Mr. Chairman --

19 CHAIR BINKLEY: Hi, Nicole.

20 Did you have a question, Melanie?

21 MEMBER BAHNKE: I didn't hear her last part  
22 of the sentence about South Anchorage.

23 CHAIR BINKLEY: I think she opposed 9 and 22  
24 being paired.

25 MS. JAIMES: Yes.

1 MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay.

2 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Ellen.

3 Let's move on to Steve Strait.

4 MR. STRAIT: Good morning, members of the  
5 board, chairman. Steve Strait is my name, long-time  
6 Alaskan resident.

7 I'm going to speak -- I'm going to speak in  
8 favor of joining Districts 22 -- pairing 22 with 9.  
9 That would be East Anchorage (indiscernible). So I  
10 believe that's the AFFER proposal. I'm not sure on  
11 that. But I do believe those two districts should be  
12 paired.

13 And here's why. Well, obviously, we're all  
14 here for the same reason, is the State Supreme Court  
15 made a ruling. But beyond that, you, as a board, are  
16 struggling with this, to adopt a plan that will pass  
17 Court muster.

18 I support this district, the -- the Hillside  
19 mountainous areas of Anchorage. Having grown up on  
20 the Hillside back in the day -- which, funny enough,  
21 I mean, it was outhouses then. But still, without  
22 laughing, still, what's common between 22 and 9 now,  
23 somebody asked the question, I'll try to list off a  
24 few of these commonalities, is septic systems. When  
25 you get up -- when you get up the elevation a little

1 bit, you've got a lot of things in common, in my  
2 opinion, as far as pairing a Senate district here.

3 One is -- let's just talk about the first  
4 issue right now, and that's snow. We've just gone  
5 through a major event in Eagle River. Snow is a  
6 huge -- a bigger issue on these Hillside districts,  
7 the elevated areas, than they are in the lowlands,  
8 Municipality Anchorage (indiscernible). So you've  
9 got that issue in the winter.

10 In the summer the major issue, which  
11 actually we don't talk about much anymore, is the --  
12 the disaster zone that both of these districts are in  
13 when it comes to fire. In the summer, there's a huge  
14 area -- we've got a lot of burned-out trees here, and  
15 it's been an issue for the last 15, 20 years, the  
16 spruce.

17 And if a fire should get going in either one  
18 of these districts, the State's going to be -- entity  
19 is going to be hellbent to try to shut it down. Why?  
20 Well, there's no hydrants out there in many of these  
21 areas. These are water wells that supply the area  
22 for -- both 9 and 22, in large part. So you have  
23 water wells. So that means to get a fire put out  
24 you're going to have to have two assets that have got  
25 to get in there, one, a fire truck that have water

1 trucks that carry water up these roads to put out a  
2 fire. Small to start with, of course.

3 Or aviation assets. Let's talk about that.  
4 With a water truck going up these roads, one thing  
5 they have similar, 22 and 9, is they are non-standard  
6 roads. These are winding, narrow roads that go  
7 through neighborhoods that predate the City code or  
8 have been exempt from City code.

9 So water trucks going up these mountains --  
10 this is a fireman's nightmare, going up these trails  
11 to put a fire out, when you've got traffic trying to  
12 evacuate and get the hell out of the homes up in  
13 these hills. You have traffic going both ways on one  
14 lane. It's virtually -- it's just a disaster waiting  
15 to happen.

16 Now, the second (indiscernible) is aviation.  
17 With aviation you can't -- it's difficult to do a  
18 water drop in a mountain area, especially if you've  
19 got heat coming off the fire. You've got -- you've  
20 just got all kinds of turbulence issues. So for that  
21 alone I think it makes sense to pair these two.

22 But beyond that, just moving on, they're  
23 both on septic systems in large part in both of these  
24 districts. They are not on the main City water  
25 system, in large part.



1                   So there's -- that answered the question  
2   on -- on what they have similar. So I -- I speak in  
3   support of joining, pairing up, House District 21  
4   and 22.

5                   I think that that concludes my remarks. I'd  
6   be glad to -- oh, and the road service area was the  
7   same here. These people pay for their own road  
8   contractors, unlike the city.

9                   Thanks. I'll take any questions. Thank  
10   you.

11                  CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you.

12                  I see two questions, Nicole and Melanie.

13                  MEMBER BORROMEO: Thanks, Steve. At the end  
14   of your testimony you mentioned 21 and 22. That's  
15   the district that the Court ruled was  
16   unconstitutional. Did you mean what you said in the  
17   beginning, 22 and 9?

18                  MR. STRAIT: My -- my correction on that.  
19   Thank you for pointing that out. 22 and 9 are the  
20   two House districts I would like to see paired up in  
21   one Senate district.

22                  MEMBER BORROMEO: Fantastic. You offered  
23   some specific examples, and I appreciate it because  
24   I'm learning a lot more about the commonalities  
25   between 22 and 9.

1           Can you speak to any perhaps experiences  
2   that they share in common by areas that they  
3   frequent? And by that I mean do they have common  
4   parks you know about, or stores, clinics, community  
5   centers, or schools?

6           MR. STRAIT: Much like most of Anchorage,  
7   parks are pretty much neighborhood parks all over  
8   Anchorage. I don't know -- I think the park -- the  
9   largest park there would be Bicentennial Park, which  
10   is shared, I believe, between both districts. If  
11   not, that's a State-owned park. I'm not sure if  
12   you're referring to Municipal or State.

13           But to a park -- to a hiker, somebody skiing  
14   across country, political boundaries are really not  
15   an issue. You just go up in the high country and you  
16   just go from one area to the next, regardless of  
17   parks or City boundaries or (indiscernible)  
18   boundaries, constructed boundaries.

19           So it's -- it's a great area for  
20   recreational users to share both sides. They travel  
21   from South Anchorage up into -- from 9 into 22 and  
22   vice versa. It's a wonderful mountain trek, summer  
23   and winter, bicycles, walking, or skiing.

24           MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you.

25           CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Melanie.

1                   MEMBER BAHNKE: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

2                   All of the things that you said that 22 and  
3    9 have in common with each other, are those also  
4    things that Eagle River and Eagle River have in  
5    common with each other, 22 and 24?

6                   MR. STRAIT: To the questioner -- to the  
7    person, I cannot speak to that. I could, but I'm  
8    just not prepared to, in the sense that I wasn't  
9    prepared for that question. I'd have to go check  
10   with my friends in Eagle River and get more detail on  
11   it. I'm just speaking specifically now.

12                  If you'd like me to talk about that, I  
13   could, I suppose, but I'd just as soon talk also  
14   about southeast Anchorage, if that's where we're  
15   going, or southwest Anchorage.

16                  But 22 and 9 is what I'm referring here.  
17   Thank you so much.

18                  CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you. Any further  
19   questions for Steve?

20                  That was very enlightening and in depth and  
21   appreciated. Like Nicole, we're learning more and  
22   more about these two districts and their  
23   commonalities, so it's much appreciated, Steve.

24                  MR. STRAIT: Thank you.

25                  CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Moving on, we have

1 Rachel Lackey (phonetic).

2 MS. LACKEY: Hello. Yes, this is Rachel  
3 Lackey. And I am calling to oppose pairing South  
4 Anchorage with Eagle River. I don't feel that they  
5 have very much in common. They're definitely not  
6 contiguous, unless you count walking over a mountain.

7 And when it comes to fire, HALO, I have  
8 never seen the Eagle River community join up with  
9 HALO to address fire needs because they have totally  
10 different geographic regions. And they both have a  
11 lot to deal with, but that certainly doesn't mean  
12 that they get together and kind of troubleshoot these  
13 plans together. They are just too far apart.

14 I think that the East Anchorage plan is a  
15 lot more in line with the Court ruling, and it works.

16 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Rachel.  
17 Questions for Rachel?

18 Okay. Moving on, Doug Robbins.

19 MR. ROBBINS: Thank you. Okay. Thank you.  
20 This is Doug Robbins. I am a resident -- long-time  
21 resident of the Anchorage Hillside.

22 The residents here on the Hillside, I'd like  
23 to say we have nothing in common with Eagle River, as  
24 opposed to pairing of Districts 22 and 9. Contiguity  
25 across the mountains is not contiguity.

1                   Demographics published by the State in 2017  
2   show that the Anchorage Hillside is distinct as a  
3   community in terms of marital status, household  
4   income, college education, voting turnout. And those  
5   are not -- again, the communities we are -- that we  
6   are in continuity with and integrated with,  
7   communities I can walk or bike to, not Eagle River.

8                   I'd like to further say the board's pairing  
9   in Senate District K was ruled unconstitutional as a  
10   partisan gerrymander by the Superior Court and the  
11   Alaska Supreme Court. I'm really struck by the  
12   complete lack of remorse on the part of the  
13   Republican mapmakers who willfully proposed an  
14   illegal map with the intent of leveraging the  
15   Republican majority in Eagle River into an additional  
16   Senate seat, and to the Republican mapmakers then and  
17   still is to do whatever they can get away with.

18                  The remands to the board was not a license  
19   to pursue new ways of unconstitutional gerrymander.  
20   Remand is to fix previous error.

21                  Option No. 3 is clearly the same kind of  
22   gerrymandering that was already rejected by the  
23   courts. The board has two reasonable choices, in  
24   pairings represented by options 1 and option 2. Of  
25   the three choices, I prefer option 1, which I think

1 is the best map reflecting the integrated  
2 communities, particularly on the Anchorage Hillside.

3 Option 2, on the other hand, represents the  
4 fewest number of changes to the pairings already  
5 approved by the Court. It is also a reasonable  
6 choice.

7 I think that's all I have to say.

8 CHAIR BINKLEY: Question -- any other  
9 questions?

10 I do have a quick question, Doug. You  
11 mentioned demographics, the differences in  
12 demographics between Districts 22 and District 9, and  
13 you cited a 2017 report. Was that a Department of  
14 Labor report? Could you give us some specifics on  
15 that, Doug?

16 MR. ROBBINS: Sure. Sure. That was  
17 published in Alaska Economic Trends, which is a State  
18 publication. The author's name escapes me at the  
19 moment. It was the April issue.

20 And it was demographics by House districts.  
21 It was very interesting. In former District 28,  
22 which is now almost identical to the current  
23 District 9, stands out in -- in almost every regard  
24 as -- as a unique -- unique demographic in, again,  
25 household income, college education.

1                   And separately from that report you can look  
2   at voter turnout and on any -- on any plot of those  
3   parameters, District 28 just jumps off the graph.

4                   CHAIR BINKLEY: And that's separate and  
5   distinct from the Eagle River area. So 9 and what  
6   you (indiscernible) described in Eagle River are very  
7   dissimilar in terms of their demographics with regard  
8   to college education, income, type of housing, that  
9   sort of thing?

10                  MR. ROBBINS: Yes. Yes, housing was not  
11   mentioned. Marital status was mentioned, education,  
12   income, those three parameters in particular really  
13   jump out.

14                  And, again, 9 is more similar to the  
15   adjoining Hillside area, (indiscernible) as I was --  
16   I was moved out of 9 and into 11 by the re-drawing of  
17   the lines. But, again, these are neighborhoods I can  
18   walk to, people we have dinner with. The -- you  
19   know, it's our community.

20                  CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. Okay. Thank you.  
21   We'll see if we can dig up that April 2017  
22   publication and look at those differences between the  
23   Hillside and Eagle River. Thank you, Doug.

24                  MR. ROBBINS: I'll e-mail the reference to  
25   Peter -- Peter Torkelson.

1 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you.

2 Next is Carl Burger. Good morning, Carl.

3 MR. BURGER: Thank you. My name is Carl  
4 Burger. I'm a ten-year resident of Anchorage and a  
5 58-year resident of Alaska. I have a lot of time  
6 spent over the years in the Anchorage area.

7 And I'm calling to also object to the  
8 pairing of District 9 and District 22. These appear  
9 to me to be two non-contiguous districts, and I think  
10 it goes against the wishes of the Court and the  
11 ruling that they made.

12 I'm not experienced in mapmaking and drawing  
13 of maps, but I understand that option 1 is an  
14 alternative that would be approved by the Court, and  
15 that seems to me to be a reasonable district  
16 formation. So I would like to state my support of  
17 option 1 and my opposition of putting two  
18 non-contiguous districts together, namely District 9  
19 and District 22.

20 And that's my statement. I wish you all  
21 well. And I'm sorry to hear there's getting to be  
22 strife and conflict among your membership, and I  
23 would encourage you to treat each other with respect  
24 so this job can get done. Thank you.

25 CHAIR BINKLEY: Carl, thank you. And wise



1 counsel. We appreciate it.

2 Veronica Slajer. Good morning, Veronica.

3 MEMBER BAHNKE: Mr. Chair, is Bethany's hand  
4 up?

5 CHAIR BINKLEY: Bethany, sorry. I didn't  
6 see it. Go ahead, Bethany.

7 MEMBER MARCUM: No problem. I just wanted  
8 to say to Carl, thank you very much for that -- for  
9 those wise words. Thank you. I appreciate that, so  
10 something we all need to keep in mind all the time.  
11 And I include myself in that, as well, of course.

12 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Veronica, good  
13 morning.

14 MS. SLAJER: Good morning. Veronica Slajer  
15 here, calling in from Anchorage.

16 But like Carl, long-time Alaskan. In fact,  
17 I'm a lifelong Alaskan. Wish me happy 60th birthday,  
18 please.

19 CHAIR BINKLEY: And a great gymnast.

20 MS. SLAJER: Anyway, I'm calling in support  
21 of the East Anchorage proposal. As others have said,  
22 it's most aligned with the Court's ruling, and -- and  
23 strong opposition to South Anchorage being paired  
24 with Eagle River.

25 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you, Veronica. And

1 happy birthday to you.

2 MS. SLAJER: Thank you. I had to -- you  
3 know, I had to reach out to people I don't know  
4 because my family didn't send me a card, so thank  
5 you.

6 Just kidding. Anyway, thank you for your  
7 work.

8 CHAIR BINKLEY: Well, maybe we can sing  
9 happy birthday to you, but --

10 MS. SLAJER: No, no. It's okay. It's okay.

11 Anyway, the point is that I'm a proud,  
12 lifelong Alaskan. And -- and I understand this is  
13 very complicated, but keeping -- keeping East  
14 Anchorage in its -- in as cohesive as a community is  
15 really important to me. I did live there, as well as  
16 currently live downtown.

17 So thank you for your work.

18 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you. And we're  
19 going to let Jack know that he'd better not forget  
20 your birthday.

21 MS. SLAJER: Good idea.

22 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Kimberly Hunt.

23 MS. HUNT: Hi. My name is Kim.

24 CHAIR BINKLEY: Good morning, Kim.

25 MS. HUNT: Hey, can you hear me?

1 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yes, we can.

2 MS. HUNT: Okay. Well, my name is Kimberly  
3 Hunt. Thank you for taking my testimony. I am a  
4 seven-year resident of Alaska, and this is my third  
5 year in Anchorage. I'm looking forward to it being  
6 the progressive city I moved into.

7 I'm just calling today to say I oppose  
8 pairing Districts 9 and 22 because they are  
9 non-contiguous, they are separated by mountains, and  
10 they represent cohesive communities that would be  
11 diluted.

12 So I am all for the adopting a map that's  
13 supposed -- that supports the Court most closely and  
14 represent the smallest amount of change.

15 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you, Kim.

16 Any questions? Okay. We'll go on to Joni  
17 Bruner.

18 MS. BRUNER: Hi. I'm Joni Bruner, and I  
19 live in South Anchorage.

20 And I oppose the pairing of South Anchorage  
21 with Eagle River and encourage the board to support  
22 the East Anchorage proposals that mostly -- most  
23 closely aligned with the Court ruling and has the  
24 smallest amount of change.

25 I have never done this before, so thank you

1 for listening to me.

2 CHAIR BINKLEY: Well, you did great, Joni.  
3 Very concise and to the point, so we appreciate that.  
4 Well done.

5 MS. BRUNER: Thank you.

6 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. If there's no  
7 questions of Joni, we'll move on to -- it shows Loy  
8 Thurman. I hope I got that right. Is that Loy?

9 MR. THURMAN: Yes, sir. You've got it  
10 right. I'm Loy Thurman. I'm out here in the Big  
11 Lake area.

12 And I -- I know that as we're talking about  
13 the situation here, we've had so many changes within  
14 the districts of which I know that the old  
15 District 8, which was Big Lake, has been decimated by  
16 the redistricting that has gone on, and now we have  
17 been pushed out of the Valley, in essence of which  
18 it's the largest growing area.

19 A little bit of consternation is involved  
20 there because we're the largest growing area in the  
21 state. We're already almost a plus 2 or 3 percentage  
22 points, and yet we didn't get any new  
23 representatives. Yet people in Southeast or whatever  
24 are even a minus down there. So that's a little  
25 bit -- and especially with the next ten years that's

1 going to be coming, we're going to even have even  
2 more growth.

3 Concerning our specific district, which was  
4 the old 8, we have been pushed out into the Bush.  
5 Not that we're opposed to the people of the Bush. We  
6 had not a problem on that. But seeing as how we're  
7 to the west -- to the west end of the Valley, and  
8 it's the largest portion where it's growing, that's  
9 an irritation.

10 I know that we're dealing in a situation  
11 here, and now our -- our area now runs all the way  
12 from Point MacKenzie just across from the airport  
13 clear up to Clear and Anderson, about an hour and 20  
14 minutes out of Fairbanks, which is crazy. And  
15 Cantwell has been gerrymandered clear across over to  
16 Glennallen. At least it could have reduced some of  
17 that area.

18 I know that we're dealing in a situation now  
19 concerning Eagle River. I do believe that they  
20 should be kept to their own entities as much as  
21 possible due to the socio and economic factors. I  
22 think the Courts have pulled that area in and  
23 specifically addressed it as being a -- a problem in  
24 how this has been handled.

25 I guess one of the key things that I would

1     also put forward is I'm not high on the Blanch [as  
2     spoken] plan, or exactly however it's pronounced, and  
3     specifically because of lawyer Scott Kendall.

4             Scott Kendall is a person who has  
5     perpetrated this ranked choice voting and the mess  
6     that we're into on that. And now he's also involved  
7     in this portion concerning the efforts here, as well,  
8     in the Branch plan. So therefore I'm basically just  
9     trying to communicate that I'm in opposition to that  
10    Branch plan.

11            So those are the things that I have on my  
12    portion, as well. So I know I've kind of covered a  
13    lot of things, and nobody's going to -- you know,  
14    it's going to be an un- -- ungratitude and unthankful  
15    job that goes on, but I do think that this should  
16    definitely at least be able to have some  
17    reasonability here involving this situation  
18    concerning Eagle River.

19            CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay.

20            MR. THURMAN: That's my statement. Thank  
21    you.

22            CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you, Loy. I see there  
23    is a question from Member Bahnke.

24            Melanie?

25            MEMBER BAHNKE: Yes. Thank you,

1 Mr. Thurman.

2 Since this is all part of the public record,  
3 I did clarify yesterday that the map that came from  
4 the -- the alternate map to the one that was adopted  
5 in the proclamation in November, which for some  
6 reason people are calling the Bahnke plan, I did not  
7 work with Scott Kendall on that. I did not work with  
8 Tom Begich on that. I know there's a blog out there  
9 that has asserted that, but that's incorrect. That's  
10 not factual. I did not work with either Begich or  
11 Scott Kendall to develop that map.

12 I do want to ask you a question.

13 MR. THURMAN: You're talking --

14 MEMBER BAHNKE: Did I hear you correctly  
15 that you want Eagle River and Eagle River to be kept  
16 intact?

17 MR. THURMAN: Sure. Because I feel that  
18 they're a completely different socioeconomic group  
19 there than what is down on the south side.

20 MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay. Thank you for your  
21 testimony.

22 MR. THURMAN: Uh-huh. Thank you.

23 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you, Loy.

24 MR. THURMAN: Yeah. Thank you very much.  
25 Appreciate your work. Bye bye.

1 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Next we have actually  
2 a little commentary here. One of the top right  
3 wingers in the state of Alaska, and I'm not talking  
4 political right wingers, I'm talking about a hockey  
5 right winger, former Representative Randy Phillips, I  
6 hope that's you, from Eagle River.

7 MR. PHILLIPS: Yes. This is Randy Phillips.  
8 And I also play left wing, European style.

9 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Thanks for the  
10 clarification.

11 MR. PHILLIPS: Mr. Chairman, can I -- can I  
12 speak now?

13 CHAIR BINKLEY: Please. Your -- it's your  
14 show. You have the floor.

15 (TRANSCRIBER NOTE: Mr. Phillips' connection  
16 was intermittent, causing gaps in his recorded  
17 remarks.)

18 MR. PHILLIPS: Okay. I don't know a whole  
19 lot that's going on with this redistricting. I  
20 phoned in -- or (indiscernible).

21 Anyway, for the record, my name is Randy  
22 Phillips. I used to represent north/south Mountain  
23 View, Nunaka Valley, Muldoon, Chugiak, Eagle River,  
24 all the way out to Eklutna, Fort Rich for twenty- --  
25 I'm going to make some observations here, and then



1 more or less be a resource for you guys on -- I know  
2 about -- part of Anchorage.

3 First of all, we have -- we have a different  
4 road service area than they do in Hillside. Hillside  
5 I think has got 18, 19 separate ones. We have one.

6 Then we have one member from each community  
7 council who is the road board member, who supervises  
8 and operates and maintains the whole area here. Out  
9 by Hillside, I think they are elected in -- each of  
10 those road service areas. I believe there's 18 or  
11 19. Out here we get the economy of scale. We did  
12 it -- we did it intentionally because we wanted the  
13 community to stay together, and it costs us a lot  
14 less money -- the only thing that's connecting  
15 Hillside with Eagle River is Chugach State -- and the  
16 water and sewer.

17 I believe most of the water/sewer in Eagle  
18 River is public water and sewer. I live up here at  
19 Hiland, about a mile short of the avalanche. Up  
20 there we're all on septic, the further out you get to  
21 Eklutna, Peters Creek, Chugiak, and Birchwood. And  
22 then closer you get to Eagle River, I believe the  
23 vast majority, and I'm talking about population, are  
24 on public water.

25 We put that in years ago, the legislature or

1 the local delegation here -- landfill -- have a joke  
2 that Eagle River gives Anchorage clean water and we  
3 get their garbage. But that's the standard joke we  
4 had.

5 And then that's about it. I just wanted to  
6 phone in and just serve as a resource for you guys.

7 We -- also, we have Chugiak Fire Service,  
8 which is separate from the Municipality of Anchorage.

9 And the other thing is my observations and  
10 practical experience, boots on the ground, when I  
11 represented East Anchorage and Eagle River. Eagle  
12 River is basically a middle-class community, and the  
13 East side of Anchorage was working class. Quite  
14 frankly, each of them kept each other honest.

15 So I -- frankly, I really (indiscernible).  
16 Anyway, a lot of good people in both areas of the --  
17 of East Anchorage, as well as Eagle -- good, good,  
18 good people.

19 Anyway, that's all I wanted to say. Oh,  
20 there's a couple of other things I wanted to say to  
21 pass on, because -- a couple of phrases anyway.

22 One is, don't let the perfect ruin the good.  
23 Secondly, take the subject matter seriously, but not  
24 yourself. That's what a lot of us back in the day  
25 lived while we were serving the people in the --

1     that's all I have. I know it's very informal, but I  
2     just wanted to speak --

3             CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Randy.  
4             Questions for Randy?

5             MR. PHILLIPS: Yeah, if there are any  
6     questions -- have some.

7             CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Nicole has a  
8     question.

9             MR. PHILLIPS: Sure.

10            MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you, Randy, for  
11     calling in. It's a little difficult to hear you in  
12     the Anchorage LIO office. And I appreciate you  
13     agreeing to serve as a resource, so I may ask --

14            MR. PHILLIPS: Sure, go ahead.

15            MEMBER BORROMEO: -- for your contact  
16     information to be able to follow up after.

17            But were you saying that the road service is  
18     different in Eagle River compared to Hillside?

19            MR. PHILLIPS: Yes. Because we have -- it  
20     goes from -- basically from South Fork, Hiland Road,  
21     out to Eklutna. We have five members who are on the  
22     board of supervisors, and they are elected -- or  
23     selected, I should say, were elected by the local  
24     community council.

25            Whereas Hillside, as I understand it -- I'm

1 not an expert on Hillside -- they have, like, 18, 19  
2 different road service areas, and I believe they are  
3 elected on the ballot (indiscernible) elections. So  
4 that's the differences.

5 We decided to do area wide because -- the  
6 way we did it because the (indiscernible) have about  
7 200 (indiscernible) miles of road that we maintain  
8 ourselves, and the rest is either us or the state,  
9 (indiscernible) the state. That's basically the --  
10 it's minor differences.

11 Similarities, service-area concept, and we  
12 don't have a whole lot of municipal employees. It's  
13 all private contracts. That's the similarities.

14 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you. Any  
15 further questions?

16 Much appreciated, Randy. I hope you've been  
17 well.

18 We'll move on. We have next within the  
19 queue is Susan Fischetti, and then we'll go to Denny  
20 Wells, and then Judy Eledge.

21 Susan, good morning. Susan, are you online  
22 and unmuted?

23 MS. FISCHETTI: Hello.

24 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yes. We can hear -- we can  
25 hear you now.

1 MS. FISCHETTI: Okay. I am here to testify  
2 today that I believe District 9 and 22 are  
3 contiguous, as they probably share more land mass  
4 along the district lines in the Chugach State Park  
5 than any other district pairing in Anchorage. And  
6 historically we have been paired with the Hillside  
7 before, when we had Senator Con Bunde and Cathy  
8 Giessel.

9 And I've been involved all of those years,  
10 where many of the people that are testifying now are  
11 saying they have not been involved before. And they  
12 really don't understand; they're just saying what  
13 they've been told to say.

14 The demographics of District 9 and 22 would  
15 seem to me to be very similar. We're talking about  
16 Eagle River Valley. And I would like to see that  
17 study myself, because I would say that the household  
18 income, education, and marital status would be very  
19 similar.

20 And as far as the road service areas go, we  
21 have our own separate, and so does the Hillside.  
22 Neither one is maintained by the regular municipal  
23 employees. It's private contract.

24 And that's where, living here, we all know  
25 this. But for those that don't live here, they

1 wouldn't know. It doesn't matter that we're, you  
2 know, not in the same road service area. It matters  
3 that we each have our own road service areas and that  
4 we are separate from the municipality as far as that  
5 goes.

6 These are just a few things I'm trying to  
7 clarify, because it seems like sometimes the  
8 testimony isn't exactly factual. I think that's  
9 about it right now.

10 I also believe that option 3 does have the  
11 least impact on all the other districts, as far as  
12 making changes, so I support option 3. Thank you  
13 very much.

14 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you, Susan.

15 Questions for Susan?

16 Okay. We're going to go to Denny Wells.

17 Good morning, Denny.

18 MR. WELLS: Hi. Good morning. Am I close  
19 enough? Can you hear me?

20 CHAIR BINKLEY: We can actually hear you  
21 (indiscernible).

22 MR. WELLS: Okay. Good. I -- coming in, I  
23 would like to reiterate having -- having done mapping  
24 with -- with the Anchorage reapportionment, that I  
25 really do appreciate how -- how challenging this is

1 and -- and I appreciate -- I appreciate your efforts.  
2 They're not -- they do not go unnoticed.

3 I would like to respond to a few things that  
4 have kind of occurred in the public testimony and to  
5 add some additional context.

6 One is -- has been several comments  
7 perceiving the -- the plans that I -- that I believe  
8 are currently being called No. 1 and No. 2 on the  
9 table as -- as partisan gerrymanders. And I would  
10 just like to point out, like, I don't -- I can't --  
11 I'm not in your heads. I'm not in your hearts. I  
12 can't -- I can't understand your specific  
13 motivations.

14 But I would like to point out that there are  
15 two board members who are non-partisan, and there are  
16 three board members who are specifically connected to  
17 a particular political party. And there are two maps  
18 that are proposed by non-partisan groups and one that  
19 is proposed by a member who has been the chair of a  
20 particular political party.

21 And I believe that the public perception is  
22 that if you are not -- if you are not being diligent  
23 to -- to intentionally be non-partisan, especially if  
24 you are coming from a particular political  
25 perspective, you are coming from a particular

1 connection to a particular party, your maps may be  
2 perceived as partisan gerrymanders.

3 But it's not appropriate to automatically  
4 hang that moniker on maps that come from  
5 non-partisan, and especially ones that genuinely  
6 preserved communities of interest together, as maps 1  
7 and 2 do.

8 Specifically to the discussions going on  
9 today about pairing District 9 and 22, I would -- I  
10 would agree that road service areas and -- and  
11 substantial -- substantially white and -- and  
12 largely -- relatively -- relatively high-income  
13 communities can be found in Districts 9 and 22, but  
14 also in Districts 11 and 24. Those are all districts  
15 that are -- that are better than 75 percent white.

16 And -- but what distinguishes them is that  
17 District 22 and 24 also share the core of Eagle  
18 River. They actually share a community. Districts 9  
19 and 11 share a home- -- they share the Hillside  
20 Homeowners Association, the HALO association. So  
21 they actually have specific connections to them,  
22 where 9 and 22 they share Chugach Park, but they  
23 don't share other political entities together.

24 And specifically also District -- the  
25 pairing in map 1 and 2 pair Districts 22 and 24



1 together and 23 and 17 together. Both of those are  
2 preserving very specific communities together. 22  
3 and 24 are House districts split right through the  
4 heart of Eagle River, and pairing them together in a  
5 Senate district keeps Eagle River together.

6 Districts 23 and 17 split right through the  
7 heart of downtown Anchorage. Putting them together  
8 keeps downtown Anchorage together.

9 I've heard some discussion about the -- in  
10 support of keeping the 23 and 24 House pairings  
11 together as a Senate district because a tie from JBER  
12 to the Chugiak/Eagle River area. And in my real  
13 estate photography, I can absolutely say that  
14 anecdotally I see the -- I see military households in  
15 Chugiak/Eagle River a fair amount. I'm a real estate  
16 photographer.

17 Anyway, I do houses all over Anchorage all  
18 the time, in the entire municipality. And it's --  
19 and it's absolutely true that I -- that I see a fair  
20 amount of -- of military houses out in Chugiak/Eagle  
21 River, but they're pretty much all the military  
22 houses with -- the certificates on the wall, the --  
23 the -- you know, the graduate certificates and the --  
24 and the evidence of being (indiscernible) homes. The  
25 enlisted people that are -- that are on Base housing

1 and that are on and off Base housing, they rent in my  
2 duplex in -- in Muldoon.

3 And -- and I feel like that -- like, if  
4 you're -- you're equally as likely to find the people  
5 that are on Base renting in Anchorage as you are to  
6 find them out in Eagle River and Chugiak. I --  
7 that's the -- the -- that's a connection that you can  
8 find elsewhere, as well.

9 But the connection between downtown  
10 Anchorage and downtown Anchorage is not one that you  
11 can find elsewhere.

12 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you. Nicole?

13 MR. WELLS: Yes?

14 CHAIR BINKLEY: I'm sorry. I didn't -- I  
15 didn't know if you were done or not. There's a  
16 little bit of a lag here, Denny.

17 MR. WELLS: Okay. I was going to wait and  
18 make one more brief comment, and just to say that  
19 the -- that I think the feedback that we got in our  
20 Anchorage reapportionment process, the comments  
21 notwithstanding yesterday, that -- that they are  
22 substantially different processes. Those are still  
23 the same people and still the same communities, and  
24 we're still dividing them in -- in similar ways.

25 For the Anchorage reapportionment we divided

1 the community into six. For the Senate pairings,  
2 we're dividing the community into eight. Those are  
3 different numbers, but they're still the same people,  
4 same communities, same issues.

5 And in our process, when we -- when we have  
6 maps on the table considering pairing Hillside and  
7 Eagle River, we got strong formal feedback from --  
8 from community councils from Huffman/O'Malley  
9 Community Council, the Rabbit Creek Community  
10 Council, Home and Landowners Association, the Basher  
11 Community Council, Girdwood Board of Supervisors, all  
12 specifically calling out, and in opposition to  
13 pairing Hillside with Eagle River.

14 And I would encourage you to -- those are  
15 organizations that -- that meet on a monthly basis.  
16 They're not going to have time to meet and give you  
17 formal feedback in the tight time frame that you are  
18 working on.

19 And I would encourage you to -- to review  
20 their -- their formal resolutions in the Anchorage  
21 reapportionment public (indiscernible). Thank you.

22 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Denny.

23 Any questions? Hearing none, we'll move on.

24 Judy Eledge. Good morning, Judy.

25 MS. ELEDGE: Thank you for (indiscernible).

1 This is Judy Eledge. I live in Anchorage, Alaska,  
2 and I am testifying on behalf of myself. And I thank  
3 you for this opportunity.

4 I would like to respond to the last man, I  
5 believe his name is Denny, in the fact that if he  
6 actually believes that it is not -- that anything is  
7 nonpartisan on either side of this redistricting, he  
8 hasn't lived here as long as I have, and this is my  
9 third redistricting I've been involved in, in the  
10 state of Alaska. And so to say that one side is  
11 partisan and the other not, wow, that's a -- that's a  
12 statement that just is not true and we all know that.  
13 So I need to just say that.

14 Plus, I think the Anchorage redistricting,  
15 when you have people that are actually in elected  
16 office choosing what the redistricting is going to  
17 be, to say that that was not -- that we should  
18 consider anything there, this is a State  
19 redistricting, not the City, and these are people  
20 that were appointed, not necessarily in office trying  
21 to protect their seats. So I just needed to say  
22 that, because that just was not true.

23 I am here to testify in favor of option 3.  
24 It's not perfect. It's not one I probably would have  
25 picked, but I am somebody that has lived both in

1 Eagle River for many, many years. I also lived on  
2 the South/Hillside many, many years, and I currently  
3 live in the Airport/Sand Lake. And I absolutely  
4 believe the 16 and 15 Airport and Sand Lake go  
5 together. I live in that community. They're all  
6 very closely related to each other.

7 And I do -- we have District 22 and 9, Eagle  
8 River and the -- and South -- South Anchorage, the  
9 Hillside, they have been teamed together before. As  
10 we said, Con Bunde, Cathy Giessel. I do think that  
11 they all share things that are very similar together.  
12 It's very much a rural area, much more than maybe,  
13 like, some of the other areas.

14 And I just -- I think that has a good  
15 pairing. I think it's fair. And I just guess I wish  
16 that this -- the Superior Court stated the way -- the  
17 public testimony should guide the board's actions. I  
18 guess that's maybe so, but I really think you need to  
19 take a good look of what's going, because, you know,  
20 you can line up a group -- a whole bunch of group of  
21 people to testify on something that they don't know  
22 anything about.

23 The only reason I'm testifying today is  
24 because I do know enough about it, because I've lived  
25 in both -- like I said, I've lived in Eagle River,

1 I've lived in South Anchorage on the Hillside, and I  
2 currently live in Sand Lake. And so when I look at  
3 option 3, it most certainly looks to be -- to me to  
4 be the fairest among all of them, and so that was my  
5 testimony.

6 And basically that there's nothing in this  
7 world that is nonpartisan anymore, in my opinion. So  
8 I just bring the fact that I've lived in those three  
9 areas, where other people testify and maybe have not.

10 So that is my testimony. Thank you so much  
11 for the opportunity.

12 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you, Judy.

13 Any questions for Judy? Okay.

14 We'll move on to Ted Eisenell [as spoken] --  
15 or Eiseneit [as spoken]. Ted, are you here with us?

16 MR. EISHEIT: Good morning. The name is  
17 actually pronounced Ted Eisheit (phonetic). It's a  
18 German name. Can you hear me?

19 CHAIR BINKLEY: We can. Eisheit. I stand  
20 corrected, and I appreciate it.

21 MR. EISHEIT: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

22 And thank you to members of the board for  
23 your hard work. It's not easy. I've done some  
24 public service, and so thank you for the opportunity  
25 to testify.

1           I just -- I have maybe -- I've been  
2   listening to testimony the last couple of days, and  
3   perhaps I have a different perspective. I live in  
4   East Anchorage. I was very pleased with the Supreme  
5   Court decision that said the -- some of the changes.  
6   East Anchorage and Eagle River were problematic, and  
7   so here we are.

8           And I'm pretty concerned about your work and  
9   about the perception of your decisions. And  
10   specifically I want to talk about the Senate pairings  
11   involving my experience with living in Alaska, and  
12   that involves 22 and 24, District 22 and 24.

13           So I -- I work in the Mat-Su Borough, and so  
14   I commute from East Anchorage up on the Glenn  
15   Highway. And so I go through 22 and 24, and I -- I  
16   see the connection between those two districts as one  
17   Senate district.

18           I think many of the people living in 22 and  
19   24 have similar interests and characteristics, and it  
20   makes sense to me, kind of, the -- kind of, based on  
21   my drive, it's just, like, oh, yeah, these are people  
22   that are living outside of Anchorage proper. They're  
23   still in the muni, and, you know, more power to them.  
24   It makes sense. It looks logical. And that  
25   perception is very important, I think, especially

1 after the Supreme Court decision.

2 I've been listening to the connection  
3 between Districts 9 and 22, Eagle River and South  
4 Anchorage. And my experience just makes it hard for  
5 me to see that as logical. And my experience  
6 involves Arctic Valley.

7 I like to go up to Arctic Valley, northeast  
8 of town, my house, quite often. I was there  
9 yesterday. And there's a pretty well-known ski  
10 traverse from Arctic Valley south to Indian, the  
11 Arctic to Indian traverse. It's about 20 miles, and  
12 it's a popular ski tour in early spring, when snow is  
13 up.

14 And so if I invited one of you as board  
15 members to say, hey, let's go for a drive from my  
16 house up through 22 and 24, I think you would see,  
17 like, yeah, these two districts seem to make sense to  
18 pair in a Senate district.

19 But if I said, okay, let's go on a ski tour  
20 from Arctic down to Indian, I think you would see,  
21 after 20 miles of wilderness, you'd say, like,  
22 there's really not much of a connection here. Yeah,  
23 there's a physical connection, I guess, Chugach State  
24 Park, but there's a whole lot of wilderness there.  
25 And you would perhaps say that doesn't make sense.



1                   So I would encourage you to really just  
2   watch your -- the perception of your decisions.  
3   You've gotten a lot of testimony on all sides of this  
4   issue, but I think it's really important to me to --  
5   as a citizen of Alaska, that, you know, at the end of  
6   the day that I feel like your decision was fair. And  
7   if you go with 22 and 9 as paired, you know, my -- my  
8   ski tour experience is just going to say, there's not  
9   a connection here.

10                  So I would just ask you to -- to consider  
11   that. I would also mention, too, that living in East  
12   Anchorage, I'm always amazed at the number of people  
13   on the Base that live in my community, so they're not  
14   all associated with Eagle River, as well. So the  
15   downtown connection of 17 and 23 makes some sense to  
16   me.

17                  But anyway, I thank you very much for the  
18   opportunity to testify.

19                  CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Ted.

20                  Questions for Ted? Seeing none, we'll move  
21   on to Jason Norris. And this is the last one that I  
22   have in the queue. Jason?

23                  MR. NORRIS: Yeah, good morning. Thank you  
24   for the opportunity to testify. This is on behalf of  
25   myself. I currently live in District 11, previously

1 lived in 9 and 10.

2 My opinion is that option 1 is great, 2 is  
3 fine, and option 3 does not make any sense to me at  
4 all.

5 When we were going through the original  
6 Senate pairings, one of the arguments was that people  
7 in Eagle River shop in Muldoon, and so therefore it  
8 was okay to pair them. And -- but now the argument  
9 is 22 and 9, but they don't share any of that. They  
10 don't share any of the characteristics that was the  
11 basis for the original decision to pair Eagle River  
12 with Muldoon.

13 And I would say that the arguments for the  
14 connections between 22 and 9 are outweighed by the  
15 arguments for connections between 22 and 24. I think  
16 that that's something that's getting skipped over is  
17 the very obvious connections between 22 and 24.

18 And I'll be honest with you, the Supreme  
19 Court was pretty bold in calling the previous pairing  
20 a political gerrymander, and to me option 3 just  
21 appears to be that same gerrymander restated. It's  
22 just my personal opinion, but that's what I see.

23 Thank you for the opportunity.

24 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you, Jason.

25 That is all I show in the queue. Is there

1 anybody else online or in the audience there at the  
2 LIO that wishes to testify here today?

3 We will be having public testimony again  
4 tomorrow, Thursday, as well as Friday and Saturday,  
5 and then we will be back together as a full board on  
6 Wednesday, and have Thursday set aside, as well, to  
7 hopefully come to a decision on how we're going to  
8 proceed, given the remand by the Superior Court. And  
9 let's see. I see, Bethany, you've got your hand up.  
10 Go ahead.

11 MEMBER MARCUM: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Whenever  
12 it's opportune, I just wanted to walk through the  
13 rationale for the pairings that I put together, for  
14 the record, whether that be considered my own  
15 personal public testimony or board comments, or  
16 whatever is -- whenever you feel it's most  
17 appropriate, Mr. Chair.

18 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. I think any other --  
19 let me take a few minutes, which I appreciate. And  
20 maybe what we should do is close the public testimony  
21 for the day, and then we could go to -- let's see. I  
22 guess we've got consideration of alternative pairings  
23 proposals.

24 We had one that came up before us, the one  
25 that Bethany's going to speak to, and we can do that

1 next. So why don't we close the public testimony for  
2 the day, and then we'll go to board member comments.

3 And maybe, Bethany, under that you can  
4 present the rationale or explanation for the pairings  
5 that you came up with yesterday, as well.

6 MEMBER MARCUM: At this time, Mr. Chairman?

7 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah, I think that's an  
8 appropriate time. Why don't you go ahead?

9 MEMBER MARCUM: Absolutely. Thank you.

10 So the constitution is clear that our  
11 requirement for pairings is contiguity. The  
12 constitution also, as we know, makes reference to  
13 geographic features in describing district  
14 boundaries. So those are the two primary things that  
15 I took in mind.

16 And I started with the response to the Court  
17 ruling as far as 20 and 21, and I will walk through  
18 how I derived the subsequent pairings, starting with  
19 my response to the Court ruling.

20 So in response to the Court ruling, and as  
21 proposed by Member Bahnke, I paired Districts 20  
22 and 21 together. This would be the Muldoon Road  
23 district. It's got a wide mix of infrastructure to  
24 include mobile home parks, zero lot lines, and  
25 single-family homes, as well as big box stores, and

1 many small businesses. And this pairing joins  
2 residential neighborhoods that exist along the major  
3 east-west transportation boundary of DeBarr Road that  
4 now exists between Districts 20 and 21.

5 So that then leaves District 22 stranded.  
6 And so in looking for a new pairing for District 22,  
7 I looked to the Chugach Mountains. You've heard  
8 various pieces of testimony all this week regarding  
9 road -- the road service areas and some of those  
10 pieces of information.

11 But one thing that I think is important is  
12 Ship Creek. So Ship Creek is in the east, and  
13 actually it goes -- to the most previous testifier,  
14 regarding the ski route he was talking about, I have  
15 used that as a hunting route. I have had sheep tags  
16 myself where I have hunted in the Ship Creek  
17 drainage.

18 Ship Creek is in the east part of  
19 District 22. It winds through both Districts 9  
20 and 22, and then it drains out near Bird Creek, near  
21 Indian, as the previous testifier was just  
22 mentioning. So the Ship Creek drainage is one of  
23 those geographic pieces that absolutely links  
24 Districts 9 and 22.

25 The next pairing is District 10 and 13,

1     because in pairing 9 and 22, that leaves District 10  
2     stranded. So looking at District 10 I put it  
3     together with District 13, because that is nearly the  
4     same as the current District L, of Senate pairing L  
5     that exists.

6             And the reason that is important is because  
7     it unites the neighborhoods that are along the three  
8     major north-south transportation arteries that travel  
9     the length of both districts, both District 10  
10    and 13. You have the Old Seward Highway, you have  
11    C Street, and you have the Hickel Parkway, otherwise  
12    known as Minnesota. So you have those three  
13    transportation arteries that travel the length of  
14    both district, naturally linking Districts 10 and 13  
15    into a pairing.

16            So in making that pairing that leaves  
17    District 14 stranded, so it was paired with  
18    District 19, which is a new pairing. That allows the  
19    two primary Midtown roads that travel east-west in  
20    those two districts, Northern Lights and 36th Avenue,  
21    to be combined into one Senate pairing. Both  
22    districts also contain similar commercial  
23    infrastructure, with their high-rise office  
24    buildings, medical buildings, hospital buildings.

25            That leaves four districts intact from our

1 current proclamation plan. I want to point out  
2 something important with District 23, which as we've  
3 been referring the JBER district -- I'm sorry,  
4 district -- yeah, District 23 and 24. So both  
5 District 23 and 24 are JBER districts.

6 And, again, this is a pairing that is the  
7 same, but our House district plan truncates. It  
8 separates parts of JBER. And the only way that JBER  
9 can be made whole and putting back together is by  
10 putting Districts 23 and 24 together. Additionally,  
11 as far as geography, these are the two districts that  
12 have long boundaries along the Knik Arm.

13 Districts 17 and 18 exist in our current  
14 proclamation plan, no change there. This unites the  
15 areas around the Merrill Field infrastructure, or the  
16 airport.

17 District 11 and 12, no change there. Also  
18 the same as our proclamation plan. These districts  
19 have great swaths of greenbelts and parks, and that  
20 allows the neighborhoods along the shared boundary of  
21 Abbott Road to be united. So that road is the -- a  
22 denominator there that draws those two districts  
23 together.

24 And then Districts 15 and 16, also no  
25 change, the same as our proclamation plan. It's

1 largely a coastal district for Cook Inlet.

2 So that leaves four districts that are  
3 intact from our proclamation plan, starting with the  
4 response to the ruling on the -- on current K  
5 district. One district that is nearly the same as  
6 the current district, one district that is the same  
7 as proposed by Member Bahnke, and really then just  
8 one district that is completely new.

9 So any questions about those?

10 CHAIR BINKLEY: Any questions for Bethany?  
11 Nicole?

12 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. In coming up  
13 with the pairing for 22, why didn't you look to its  
14 natural neighbor and pair it with the other half of  
15 Eagle River?

16 MEMBER MARCUM: For the same reasons that I  
17 talked about in the past, because 23 and 24 is what  
18 is required for JBER and Eagle River or JBER and  
19 JBER, is the way I see it to be linked together. So  
20 their geography dictates that there is the end of the  
21 Anchorage Municipality there, and so when 23 and 24  
22 are put together, that leaves 22 with 9.

23 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. One follow-up  
24 question.

25 The same reasons that you articulated before



1     also, with splitting the districts would give Eagle  
2     River more representation, does that follow through,  
3     as well, to your current suggestion?

4             MEMBER MARCUM: So this means that Muldoon  
5     would only have two senators as opposed to one  
6     senator, because of the fact that 21 and 20 are  
7     together. I would prefer that Muldoon is able to  
8     have three senators, if they were -- if we were to  
9     separate Districts 20 and 21. But it seems that  
10    there's consensus with putting 20 and 21 together,  
11    and therefore Muldoon would end up having one senator  
12    with 20 and 21 and one senator with the part of  
13    Muldoon that is in the JBER district.

14            CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Melanie, I think  
15    you've got your hand up.

16            MEMBER BAHNKE: Thank you.

17            Bethany, the Supreme Court ruled that we  
18    shouldn't split Eagle River to give it more  
19    representation, so the splitting of Eagle River was  
20    an issue. And this doesn't seem to solve that --  
21    that problem. What do you have to say about that?

22            MEMBER MARCUM: This has never been about  
23    more representation for Eagle River. This is about  
24    pairing districts that are contiguous, that have  
25    geographic and socioeconomic similarities, and it has

1 nothing to do with representation.

2 As you heard from one of the testifiers  
3 yesterday, sometimes some people see having two  
4 senators as a negative. I personally see it as a  
5 positive, which is why I wanted to give Muldoon three  
6 senators. But some people see it differently.

7 And so representation is one of those things  
8 that, you know, can be seen as something that is  
9 helpful or hurtful, depending on whether or not you  
10 see working with multiple individuals is going to be  
11 time-consuming, or if you think having the  
12 representation of multiple individuals is going to be  
13 helpful to you.

14 So in this instance, this puts forward  
15 changes that allows the -- or sorry -- the requests  
16 of the Muldoon area to be heard, as well as the  
17 requests that we have heard from Eagle River  
18 residents.

19 MEMBER BAHNKE: So who is this helpful to?

20 MEMBER MARCUM: It's not helpful to anybody,  
21 in terms of the context in which you're presenting  
22 it. It's helpful to all residents of Anchorage in  
23 the sense that it's a fair map with contiguous  
24 pairings.

25 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Further questions for

1 Bethany?

2 MEMBER BORROMEO: I have another one.

3 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Go ahead, Nicole.

4 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you.

5 So referring to the Superior Court's ruling  
6 on page 59, where the trial court is exploring the  
7 argument that splitting Muldoon over three districts  
8 is actually helpful, what the Court said is, quote,  
9 "Where the board argues that the current Senate  
10 pairings actually spreads Muldoon among more Senate  
11 districts, giving it more Senate seats, that argument  
12 falls flat in the face of reality. Instead it seems  
13 as though Muldoon is actually cracked among multiple  
14 Senate districts and its voting strength is diluted  
15 as a result."

16 So I want to caution the board as we move  
17 forward not to fall back on this argument that we are  
18 trying to give Muldoon three more Senate seats. I  
19 don't believe that the Supreme -- that the Superior  
20 Court is going to fall for that on remand.

21 MEMBER MARCUM: Thank you for that question,  
22 Nicole. And that is why I've combined 20 and 21 into  
23 one district, with one senator -- to one Senate  
24 pairing with one senator.

25 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Are there any further

1 board members that have proposals? I know we've got  
2 Melanie's proposal, but any other board members --

3 MEMBER BAHNKE: I wish you'd please call it  
4 option 1.

5 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah, option 1, which was  
6 proposed by Melanie, just so we're -- we're --  
7 option 1.

8 Are there any other board members that would  
9 like to propose an alternative pairing for the Senate  
10 districts? Okay.

11 MEMBER BAHNKE: So --

12 MEMBER MARCUM: Mr. Chairman -- I'm sorry,  
13 go ahead, Melanie.

14 MEMBER BAHNKE: I don't have anything new to  
15 propose. But can we go back to Bethany's map? I  
16 have a question about how it's being titled, since  
17 we're talking about how we're titling maps.

18 CHAIR BINKLEY: Do you need to pull it up on  
19 the screen?

20 MEMBER BAHNKE: Yeah. So, so far I'm aware  
21 that we have option 1, option 2, and now we've got  
22 option 3R. And I'm wondering what the "R" stands  
23 for.

24 CHAIR BINKLEY: I assume "revised," but I  
25 don't know.

1 Peter, I think you put that on there.

2 MR. TORKELSON: Yeah. Yeah.

3 MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay.

4 MR. TORKELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

5 Can everyone hear me okay?

6 MEMBER MARCUM: Yes, I hear you.

7 MR. TORKELSON: I'll put my -- I'll talk  
8 closer to the mic.

9 So yeah, this is the option 3 that was  
10 previously presented, and then it was revised today  
11 during testimony. And so whether we put an "R" after  
12 it or not, it felt like it couldn't be named exactly  
13 the same, but it is related. So this was my best  
14 shot at a neutral naming convention. It's not --  
15 it's just 3R. It's a revised version of 3.

16 So I hope that makes sense. We can name it  
17 something else if that's desired.

18 MEMBER BAHNKE: I'll leave it up to the rest  
19 of the board, but to me, when I see an "R" behind  
20 something, I think "Republican." I don't want to  
21 confuse the public.

22 CHAIR BINKLEY: I think that's a good point.  
23 And maybe we ought to just call it option 3 and take  
24 down the original, if it's on the website -- I  
25 assume. Take down the original 3 and just put this 3

1 on there, so that there's not confusion and there's  
2 three options going forward.

3 MEMBER BAHNKE: Or even a 3B. I don't know.  
4 That's fine. Option 1, 2, and 3 is fine.

5 MEMBER MARCUM: Or maybe "A," for "amended."

6 MEMBER BAHNKE: I think it was appropriate,  
7 to have something that might confuse the public be  
8 after that number.

9 CHAIR BINKLEY: I think that's well pointed  
10 out. Thank you.

11 Let's see. Bethany, do you still have your  
12 hand up?

13 MEMBER MARCUM: I do, yes. Because you  
14 asked about other pairings. And I don't know that  
15 I'm wanting to necessarily bring it forward for  
16 adoption, but I think it's worth discussing, so  
17 maybe. I wanted to get the board's input.

18 So I saw in our public testimony packet from  
19 last night a proposal that had a different pairing  
20 from the pairings that we have.

21 Now my computer's locked up. I'm trying to  
22 get to it. Can you guys still hear me?

23 MEMBER SIMPSON: Yeah.

24 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yes.

25 MEMBER MARCUM: Because I can't scroll or do

1 anything to get back to it.

2           Anyway, there was a pairing that was  
3 introduced -- or a group of pairings that was  
4 introduced in our public testimony packet that was  
5 different from all of the others that I thought might  
6 be worth discussing, but I can't get it to open right  
7 now.

8           Budd, you have your hand up, if you want to  
9 go ahead and talk while I see if I can get my  
10 computer to do something here.

11           CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. Go ahead, Budd.

12           MEMBER SIMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

13           Yeah, I just wanted to weigh in on the  
14 naming. I like the idea of somehow distinguishing  
15 this from the original 3, and was going to suggest  
16 maybe the old 3 is 3A, and this one is 3B, just to  
17 show there's a sequence there.

18           And so somebody that wants to testify about  
19 it starts talking about No. 3, and they're still  
20 looking at the old one or something. So I -- it  
21 needs to be distinguished in some manner, is all.  
22 And I appreciate Melanie bringing that up.

23           CHAIR BINKLEY: Peter, what works best for  
24 you?

25           MR. TORKELSON: 3B would be fantastic.

1 CHAIR BINKLEY: So options 1, 2, 3, and 3B?

2 So then we're going to have four options out there?

3 I'm not certain we need to have an option 3,  
4 so maybe we just have option 1, 2, and 3B.

5 MR. TORKELSON: That's my interpretation.  
6 We would only have three on the website.

7 But when someone comes to testify, if they  
8 perhaps saw an old version and they say 3, then we  
9 would know to ask, you know, which version. If they  
10 say 3B, then we'll know what they're talking about  
11 (indiscernible) version.

12 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. That seems  
13 reasonable. Any other comment on the naming format?  
14 Everybody agreeable with that?

15 Okay. At this time we'll ask if there's any  
16 other alternative pairings. I think --

17 Yeah, Bethany, let's go back to the one that  
18 you picked up on yesterday.

19 MEMBER MARCUM: Yeah. So I got my computer  
20 to work again here and to open it.

21 I think it's of interest because it's from a  
22 40-year resident of Eagle River, Craig Campbell, but  
23 I think it would be of particular interest to Melanie  
24 and Nicole. I'm not sure if you both saw it.  
25 Because you are both of the mind that 22 and 24



1 should be together, so this is a group of pairings  
2 that does combine 22, Eagle River, and 24, what I am  
3 calling JBER/Chugiak, into one.

4 It's an interesting group of pairings  
5 because it does require us to do something a little  
6 bit out of the box, but it's also something that  
7 I'm -- that I would not object to. What it does, it  
8 takes a couple of areas -- I'm trying to read the  
9 content of the note here.

10 To create this pairing a minor change must  
11 be made swapping an area with no population, which is  
12 currently assigned to House District 22, and putting  
13 that area into House District 29. To reiterate, no  
14 population is affected.

15 And so I wanted to find out if others had  
16 looked at this group of pairings and see what their  
17 thoughts were. I think it's worthy of a discussion.

18 MEMBER SIMPSON: Who submitted that?

19 MEMBER MARCUM: Craig Campbell, former  
20 Lieutenant Governor Craig Campbell. I can tell  
21 because the e-mail address is  
22 lieutenantgovcampbell@gmail.com.

23 Sorry. I shouldn't have said that publicly.

24 Sorry.

25 CHAIR BINKLEY: Melanie, I think you had

1 your hands up.

2 MEMBER BAHNKE: Yeah, I didn't have a chance  
3 to read the public testimony that was uploaded last  
4 evening. I plan to do that tonight.

5 But can we pull up the maps, Bethany, so you  
6 can explain that and we know what you're talking  
7 about?

8 MEMBER MARCUM: Yeah. I can just walk  
9 through what is -- and read what's here at the time  
10 that you have the map up.

11 MEMBER BAHNKE: Peter, are you able to pull  
12 up the map?

13 MEMBER MARCUM: Okay. You guys -- can  
14 everyone see? Are you ready?

15 MEMBER BAHNKE: It's --

16 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. Go ahead, Bethany.

17 MEMBER BAHNKE: -- 24, though, but everybody  
18 knows where 24 is hopefully. That's what's stressful  
19 about this map is you don't see 24 on the map.

20 MEMBER MARCUM: So Districts 22 and 24  
21 remain combined. This pairing aligns two very  
22 similar areas within a single Senate seat, an area  
23 that shares common socioeconomic and cultural  
24 characteristics.

25 Districts 20 and 23, so that looks --

1 everybody see where those are? 20 and 23 should be  
2 combined as they represent an integrated community  
3 located both on Base and immediately adjacent to the  
4 military installation.

5 18 and 19 have similar housing patterns and  
6 are comprised of close-knit family units, also  
7 sharing similar characteristic as the JBER and North  
8 Muldoon area. Neighbors work, shop, go to school,  
9 and share recreational activities in this area,  
10 making it a well-aligned district.

11 Districts 15 and 16, as in the original  
12 plan. This should not be changed. I'm just toggling  
13 back and forth here, so sorry.

14 Districts 14 and 17, these two areas are  
15 heavily business and commercial oriented, which  
16 allows a single Senate seat to fairly represent the  
17 interests of all voters. While the housing stock is  
18 varied throughout the two areas, the characteristics  
19 of businesses and neighborhood is very similar.

20 Districts 10 and 13, this district was  
21 deemed satisfactory by the Court.

22 Districts 11 and 12, trying to look for  
23 those -- okay. See where those are? This district  
24 also does not need to be adjusted.

25 Districts 9 -- and I'm not keeping track. I

1 don't know how many of these are changes versus not  
2 changes, so maybe someone else could be tallying  
3 that. But I'm reading.

4 Districts 9 and 21, these two areas have  
5 been paired for -- in the most current election cycle  
6 in what is now known as Senate Seat N, and is thus  
7 considered a legal combination.

8 To create this pairing a minor change must  
9 be made swapping an area with no population, which is  
10 currently assigned to House District 22, and putting  
11 that area into House District 9. To reiterate, no  
12 population is affected.

13 CHAIR BINKLEY: So just -- go ahead, Nicole.

14 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. And I  
15 appreciate Bethany asking why I didn't -- or my  
16 thoughts.

17 Why I didn't move this forward is because  
18 it's unconstitutional. Districts 9 and 21 are not  
19 contiguous. The Court's going to strike that down  
20 immediately. If that somehow gets by Judge Matthews  
21 and his trustee law clerk, it will almost certainly  
22 be ruled unconstitutional as packing Districts 18  
23 and 19, which have high minority VAPs, and crafting  
24 Districts 20 and 23, which also has high minority  
25 VAPs. So, in short, this is unconstitutional and

1     should not be considered.

2                 MEMBER MARCUM:  Nicole, I just wanted to  
3     respond.  You said that it was not contiguous, but  
4     the -- the testifier submitted the solution to that.

5                 So just to make sure everybody's clear on  
6     the record that there was a solution submitted to  
7     make them contiguous.  Thank you.

8                 MEMBER BAHNKE:  Mr. Chair.

9                 CHAIR BINKLEY:  Go ahead, Melanie.

10                MEMBER BAHNKE:  I don't think that the  
11     remand authorized us to amend House districts  
12     underlying the Senate District K that we were ordered  
13     to correct.  So I think -- and I'm not a lawyer,  
14     though.  But I don't think it authorized us to modify  
15     House districts, other than the Cantwell solution.

16                But, Matt, this is where I guess I put you  
17     on the spot because you are our attorney, and I'm  
18     going to make you earn your lunch today.

19                MR. SINGER:  Mr. Chair, would it be  
20     appropriate for me to answer?

21                CHAIR BINKLEY:  Please, Matt, yeah.  Please  
22     respond.

23                MR. SINGER:  The Court has remanded to the  
24     board, and the instructions are to correct the  
25     so-called Cantwell appendage and to correct Senate

1 District K, and then to make changes resulting  
2 therefrom.

3 I encourage the board to be able to explain  
4 how each change that it makes is directly linked to  
5 one of those two specific errors that the Court  
6 identified.

7 It's my reading of the constitution that the  
8 board's authority on remand, under Section 11 of  
9 Article VI, is to correct and adopt a new plan. And  
10 I think that "correct" -- the word "correct" modifies  
11 "and adopt a new plan." That is, it's a limiter on  
12 the board's authority.

13 And so if, in addition to revising the  
14 Cantwell district, the board were to say, you know,  
15 "On second thought, Ketchikan would be a better fit  
16 with Yakutat. Let's redraw the Southeast," I think  
17 the board would say -- or the Court, the Court would  
18 say that the board has exceeded its authority under  
19 Section 11 and under the Court's remand.

20 So with regard to this specific question,  
21 could the board make an adjustment to the House map  
22 in order to fix Senate District K? You'd have to  
23 have a very good explanation to the Court that that  
24 was necessary. Because there are several other  
25 alternatives already before you.

1           I'd like -- if somebody has it, I certainly  
2   would want -- the board could make that decision  
3   inarticulately, but I think it would be a push, a  
4   real push, to convince -- and then I think adding  
5   the -- Mr. Campbell's suggestion, add census --  
6   non-populated census blocks in order to create a  
7   connection between two House districts that are not  
8   presently connected, would -- we'd have to look at it  
9   optically, but the sound of it, it raises a question  
10   of compactness.

11           And so making your House plan less compact  
12   in order to pair districts is something that would  
13   raise eyebrows, I think, at the Court, and I guess  
14   would not be my first -- would not be my first choice  
15   or recommendation to you.

16           CHAIR BINKLEY: Just a -- just a note there.  
17   I don't think, Matt -- your example of changing  
18   Ketchikan, I don't think that relates at all to what  
19   is being suggested here.

20           I think the purpose really is to correct  
21   Senate District K. And I don't know, because the --  
22   the proposer of this is not here to answer questions.  
23   But just my opinion is that we've asked the public to  
24   come up with ideas, plans to suggest how they might  
25   approach this. We've received three. This appears

1 to be four.

2 We might not agree with it. We might not in  
3 our opinion think it's constitutional, but I think  
4 it's still only fair to some member of the public  
5 who's put some time and effort and thought into this  
6 to allow this to be a proposal that we look at, like  
7 all the other proposals.

8 And we may have our legal opinions and  
9 personal opinions on any of the three that have  
10 already been proposed, but we should have the  
11 opportunity, and the public, too, to weigh in on  
12 this, as well. Just my opinion.

13 MR. SINGER: And I agree, Mr. Chair. I  
14 mean, I am encouraging the board to get options on  
15 the table and hear from the public. I think that's  
16 the right approach.

17 CHAIR BINKLEY: We've got Melanie, Budd,  
18 then Nicole.

19 MEMBER BAHNKE: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

20 I'd just like to point out that the House  
21 map was deemed constitutional. For the first time I  
22 guess in redistricting history that was not sent  
23 back, other than the Cantwell situation, right?

24 I don't want to go backwards. I think  
25 amending House districts in Anchorage opens us up to



1 a whole 'nother can of worms, will delay things, and  
2 there is already a solution that allows for 22 and 24  
3 to be paired up as an option.

4 And, Bethany, I appreciate you trying to  
5 bring this forward as an option that would connect 22  
6 and 24, but we already have two options actually that  
7 connect 22 and 24. And while I appreciate that we  
8 allowed the public to submit their proposed Senate  
9 pairings, nowhere in there did we guarantee that we  
10 were going to accept all of them for consideration.  
11 Had we received 50 of them, I would hope that we  
12 would whittle them down to the most viable, most  
13 legally defensible ones.

14 So I don't feel obligated to put every  
15 single one of the proposals that has come forward up  
16 as a proposed solution, especially not one that takes  
17 us backwards. We should be looking at improvements  
18 and follow the Court's order to make the correction  
19 to Senate District K, not coming up with some new  
20 House map to try to do that.

21 CHAIR BINKLEY: Budd?

22 MEMBER BAHNKE: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

23 MEMBER SIMPSON: Thanks, Mr. Chair.

24 First, I appreciate Bethany bringing that to  
25 our attention. I had not seen it as it came in late

1 yesterday.

2 Personally, I'm not very interested in  
3 messing with House districts. I think that does kind  
4 of get us close to going beyond our -- our authority  
5 here, and unnecessarily.

6 However, at the same time, I have no  
7 objection to simply accepting it for consideration.  
8 Maybe there's some part of it that represents a  
9 compromise from something else that could be useful  
10 in the -- in the final analysis.

11 So I -- and we don't have 50 maps before us.  
12 We have three, and this would make four. So it's not  
13 like an overwhelming thing just to accept it for  
14 consideration, if nothing else as a courtesy to  
15 somebody that went to considerable trouble to put  
16 together a proposal for us.

17 CHAIR BINKLEY: Nicole, and then Bethany.

18 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. I'm going to,  
19 again, speak against considering this plan.

20 During the initial 90-day (indiscernible)  
21 period, one of the things that Budd often said when  
22 third-party maps were presented or the public  
23 commented on maps is that the public was not bound by  
24 the law, by the constitution, whereas the board was.  
25 So the options that we put forward as a board were

1 always legal, always able to be acted on.

2 This, unfortunately, is not. It suggests  
3 linking two districts that aren't even connected  
4 right now and reassigning parts of District 22. That  
5 is way beyond the scope of our authority on remand.

6 Also, to John's points that the public --  
7 maps. Yes, but they don't have access to the  
8 information that we do. And we have months of legal  
9 review under our belt. We have the benefit of  
10 hearing from a VRA expert.

11 And I don't see the benefit of entertaining  
12 a plan that is not going to pass muster. This is  
13 just going to get struck down again.

14 District 18 has a 66 percent VAP. That's  
15 the highest in Anchorage. If we pair it with 19,  
16 also a super high VAP, the Court is going to say  
17 we're gerrymandering again by packing minority VAPs.

18 And same thing with District 20, except in  
19 reverse. It has a 60 percent VAP, and District 23  
20 has, like, a 25 percent VAP. That's going to be  
21 (indiscernible) of cracking. We're just going to get  
22 slapped with the gerrymandering stick again.

23 Let's not consider this. I appreciate  
24 Mr. Campbell's time in making these suggestions, but,  
25 with all due respect, he didn't have the benefit of a

1 VRA expert, and we did.

2 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Bethany, and then  
3 Melanie.

4 MEMBER MARCUM: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I'd like  
5 to move that we adopt the proposal as submitted by  
6 Mr. Campbell as a potential correction for  
7 publication on the website and to receive public  
8 testimony.

9 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. There's a motion  
10 before us to adopt that as what I'm listing as  
11 option 4 to put out there for the public to review  
12 and comment on.

13 Is there a second to the motion?

14 MEMBER SIMPSON: Mr. Chair, I'll second it  
15 with reservations, as I expressed before. I am not  
16 interested in messing with the House districts, but  
17 I -- I just don't see that much downside to letting  
18 people comment on it.

19 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. There is a motion  
20 before us and seconded.

21 Discussion on the motion? Melanie?

22 MEMBER BAHNKE: Yeah. I can't understand  
23 how we're adopting a map for consideration that is  
24 not constitutional. It proposes pairing District 9  
25 with 21. They're not contiguous. And it's only

1 going to serve to confuse the public for them to have  
2 to comment on unconstitutional maps.

3 This Senate pairing, as proposed, is not  
4 constitutional. And we can put it somewhere on the  
5 website as this was considered.

6 Thank you, Mr. Campbell, for having offered  
7 it, putting the time in, for having done this, but  
8 it's not a viable option. It's not legally  
9 defensible, in my mind. Districts 9 and 21 simply  
10 are not contiguous. That's the bare minimum that  
11 we've been hearing this whole time needs to be  
12 considered. 9 and 21 are not contiguous.

13 I think it is going to confuse the public if  
14 this board adopts as a possible solution to fixing  
15 Senate District K -- it's going to serve to confuse  
16 the public and belabor the process.

17 So I speak against the motion.

18 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you. Nicole, and then  
19 Bethany.

20 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. The public is  
21 barely hanging in there with us. We have abused  
22 their sense in trust significantly during the Senate  
23 pairing process.

24 Please do not adopt this unconstitutional  
25 suggestion. We've got three that will work. And I'm

1 not suggesting that Mr. Campbell did this on purpose,  
2 but he doesn't have the benefit of a VRA expert, that  
3 I know of. And if he did consult a VRA expert to  
4 come up with these pairings, then that person is  
5 wholly misguided in their expertise. This is not a  
6 good look.

7 CHAIR BINKLEY: Bethany?

8 MEMBER MARCUM: Yes. Thank you,  
9 Mr. Chairman.

10 I just wanted to clarify that the proposal  
11 by Mr. Campbell did include making changes to the  
12 House district so that the map would show contiguity  
13 when we produced the map, because his proposal did  
14 include making that swap of what he said were -- I've  
15 closed it now, but that area that is zero population.

16 So I just wanted to get clarification that  
17 we'll produce a map that's per the actual proposal  
18 that he made that would then show the contiguity.

19 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you.

20 I'm just going to make a comment, if there's  
21 no further comment from board members.

22 You know, that's -- I appreciate board  
23 members' opinions on whether this approach is  
24 constitutional or legal or fits within the confines  
25 of what the remand was.

1           But, really, that's not what we're debating.  
2       It's debating whether or not somebody from the  
3       public, who we've asked to come forward with their  
4       ideas, should be one that we have -- allow for the  
5       public to comment on.

6           I have my reservations, just as Budd does,  
7       about whether this meets constitutional muster or  
8       not. But to be honest with you, I have my  
9       reservations about option 1 that changes all eight  
10      Senate districts, when the Court was very clear to do  
11      this with as much disruption to the other Senate  
12      pairings as is possible [as spoken]. But I'm not  
13      going to prejudge that or try and take that off the  
14      table so the public can't comment on it.

15           And I have great faith and trust in the  
16      public that they can sort through four different  
17      plans and comment on whether they like them or not  
18      and what their opinion is.

19           So I'm going to support the motion. And  
20      it's not that I'm going to support the plan, not that  
21      I think it's constitutional, not that I think it fits  
22      within the remand from the Court, but simply we asked  
23      the public to come forward and do this. I think it  
24      would be disingenuous for us to now dismiss this out  
25      of hand and not allow people to comment on it.

1                   So with that I'll ask for any further  
2   discussion on the motion.

3                   MEMBER BAHNKE: I have --

4                   CHAIR BINKLEY: If not --

5                   MEMBER BAHNKE: -- where this is going, and  
6   I'll just say I look forward to hearing from the  
7   public on this fourth option.

8                   CHAIR BINKLEY: I would agree with you  
9   completely. And I -- I actually hope -- my hope is  
10   that we don't get distracted by option 4, and I don't  
11   think that's going to be -- I don't think the  
12   public's going to get distracted with that. But  
13   that's my opinion.

14                  Peter, if you could call the roll please on  
15   the motion.

16                  MEMBER BORROMEO: Hold on. I don't think  
17   you're seeing Matt raising his hand. He's not --

18                  CHAIR BINKLEY: I don't.

19                  MEMBER BORROMEO: -- in -- he's physically  
20   raising his hand.

21                  CHAIR BINKLEY: I don't see it. Matt?

22                  MR. SINGER: You see my hand?

23                  CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. There. I didn't see  
24   it here.

25                  MR. SINGER: I would encourage, let's --



1 let's set aside discussion about the Voting Rights  
2 Act and race and just -- I think those are -- under  
3 the Hickel process, the board should be focused on  
4 Section 6 of the constitution, on identifying  
5 contiguous Senate districts that are rational.

6 And we got taken to task by plaintiffs who  
7 felt that we were approaching those issues in the  
8 wrong order. And I just wanted to remind the board,  
9 there's times that have that analysis, but let's  
10 focus -- I would encourage focusing on options that  
11 meet the Section 6 requirements of the constitution.  
12 That's primarily contiguity, and the same section  
13 says geographic features and drainages can be used to  
14 describe boundaries.

15 So I don't -- I don't mean to disregard a  
16 concern, but I just -- we have to -- we have to honor  
17 the Hickel process. And Judge Matthews found that  
18 the board had complied with the Hickel process but  
19 raised concern and, you know, even suggest- -- it  
20 seems to be that even using the word "VRA" gets  
21 people's hackles up if we do it too soon. So one  
22 step at a time.

23 Thank you.

24 CHAIR BINKLEY: Nicole?

25 MEMBER BORROMEO: Matt, can you see this map

1 here?

2 MR. SINGER: Yeah. I'm familiar with that  
3 map.

4 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. Are Districts 9  
5 and 21 contiguous?

6 MR. SINGER: That's what I said -- I said  
7 earlier.

8 MEMBER BORROMEO: As -- as --

9 MR. SINGER: No.

10 MEMBER BORROMEO: As we drew the maps, is 9  
11 contiguous with 21?

12 MR. SINGER: No, it is not.

13 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. And a Senate  
14 pairing has to be contiguous under Article VI,  
15 Section 6, correct?

16 MR. SINGER: Well, no. Here's what the  
17 constitution --

18 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yes or no?

19 MR. SINGER: It's not a yes or no, Nicole.  
20 Let me answer your question.

21 The -- here's what the constitution says.

22 "Each Senate district shall be composed as near as  
23 practicable of two contiguous House districts."

24 So the framers of that section contemplated  
25 that there could be a circumstance where not every

1 Senate district could -- you know, it would not be  
2 practicable for every one of them to be contiguous,  
3 but that's -- I think that's a very tough standard.  
4 I believe -- I suspect that that sentence was written  
5 that way in light of the Voting Rights Act, and  
6 the -- I think you can think of an instance, for  
7 example, where there were five Alaska  
8 Native-controlled House districts. A Voting Rights  
9 Act expert might say that the fifth district needed  
10 to be paired with a House district of a certain  
11 racial makeup in order to comply with the Voting  
12 Rights Act, and that might be an exception to the  
13 contiguity rule.

14 So it's -- there is a little -- there is an  
15 exception or a little escape hatch there. It shall  
16 be composed as near as practicable of two contiguous  
17 House districts.

18 I would have a hard time making a case for  
19 the board on looking at this map, that you cannot  
20 identify eight contiguous Senate districts. That is,  
21 it seems to me each of the Senate districts in  
22 Anchorage can be composed of contiguous House  
23 districts. I think that's your point, Ms. Borrromeo,  
24 but I wanted to be precise about the language in  
25 Section 6 of the constitution.

1 CHAIR BINKLEY: Nicole?

2 MEMBER BORROMEO: I'm happy that you were  
3 precise and that you read it, because the word that  
4 stood out to me, again, was "contiguous," and that  
5 you said 21 and 9 are not contiguous.

6 MR. SINGER: They are not. They are not.  
7 And as I said earlier, I would not recommend that --  
8 I'd have some significant reservations about that  
9 pairing.

10 And it would -- as the member of the public  
11 who was correct about the constitution suggested, it  
12 would require a change to the House district. And if  
13 the board were inclined to do that, it would need to  
14 explain why that was necessary and consistent with  
15 the remand order.

16 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you.

17 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you.

18 And just to reiterate to -- again, as Budd  
19 had said, myself, this is not any kind of endorsement  
20 of this plan, not that I feel it's legal, not that I  
21 feel we should be changing any underlying House  
22 districts.

23 It's simply to allow the public, if they  
24 wish, to comment on something that we had asked the  
25 public to -- to provide for us.

1                   So with that, Peter, if you could call the  
2   roll, please.

3                   MR. TORKELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
4                   Member Bahnke?

5                   MEMBER BAHNKE: As it's unconstitutional,  
6   doesn't meet the criteria for contiguous districts,  
7   no.

8                   MR. TORKELSON: Thank you.  
9                   Member Borromeo?

10                  MEMBER BORROMEO: For the same reasons, no.

11                  MR. TORKELSON: Member Marcum?

12                  MEMBER MARCUM: Yes.

13                  MR. TORKELSON: Member Simpson?

14                  MEMBER SIMPSON: No.

15                  MR. TORKELSON: Member Binkley?

16                  CHAIR BINKLEY: Yes.

17                  MR. TORKELSON: By a vote of two to three,  
18   the motion fails.

19                  CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. We have then before  
20   us three maps. And I think that concludes all the  
21   alternative pairings that were proposed, unless  
22   there's anything else that's come in, Peter, or board  
23   members that you see? Nicole?

24                  MR. TORKELSON: I haven't had a chance to  
25   check --

1 CHAIR BINKLEY: Go ahead, Peter. Sorry.

2 MR. TORKELSON: I have not had the chance to  
3 check the testimony file since the meeting commenced,  
4 you know, this morning.

5 MEMBER BORROMEO: I was just -- I was just  
6 going to ask that we take a brief at ease so Peter  
7 can check the files, because today is the day that we  
8 had previously decided was going to be the time  
9 certain for us to adopt final plans. So if we could  
10 have a 10- to 15-minute at ease while he does that, I  
11 think that would follow with what we previously  
12 decided.

13 CHAIR BINKLEY: And, Peter, how long will it  
14 take you to check that?

15 MR. TORKELSON: I have 28 public testimony  
16 submissions to go through, so it'll just take me  
17 probably less than five minutes.

18 CHAIR BINKLEY: Let's just stand by. We'll  
19 stay online. It's 12:28. We'll come back at 12:33  
20 and be back on the record. We'll stand at ease.

21 MEMBER BAHNKE: Mr. Chair, can I ask for a  
22 ten-minute break?

23 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. We'll come back --

24 MEMBER BAHNKE: I want to make sure that he  
25 has a chance and doesn't miss any.

1 CHAIR BINKLEY: We'll come back at 12:38.

2 MEMBER BAHNKE: Thank you.

3 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you.

4 (At ease.)

5 CHAIR BINKLEY: The recording's in progress.

6 We're going to call the meeting back to order.

7 Peter, did you get a chance to check the  
8 website?

9 MR. TORKELSON: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I  
10 reviewed all 28 public testimony submissions, which  
11 were received after 10 p.m. last night up until the  
12 present moment, and there are no additional plans  
13 submitted. There are, obviously, plenty of comments.

14 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. We'll look forward to  
15 those.

16 So I believe we have our three alternative  
17 pairings that are before the board.

18 Nicole, you've got a question?

19 MEMBER BORROMEO: I don't have a question.  
20 I have a statement, rather, that I would like to, as  
21 the maker of the motion regarding option No. 1, to  
22 withdraw option No. 1 from the board's consideration.

23 While I do believe that there was  
24 overwhelming public support for this option back in  
25 November, I recognize that times have changed and the

1 Supreme Court and the Superior Court have spoken. So  
2 while it may have been a more perfect option,  
3 options 2 and 3 are sufficient for the board to  
4 consider, and I'd like to withdraw the commonly  
5 referred to Bahnke pairings.

6 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay.

7 MEMBER BAHNKE: I'll second that motion.

8 CHAIR BINKLEY: I missed that. Was that a  
9 motion, Nicole?

10 MEMBER BORROMEO: It was a motion, and I  
11 believe Melanie seconded it.

12 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. So there's a motion  
13 before us and seconded to remove option 1.

14 And then we would keep options 2 and 3B. Is  
15 that what it's proposed now, Peter, B, as in bravo?

16 MR. TORKELSON: That's correct,  
17 Mr. Chairman, 3 bravo.

18 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Discussion on the  
19 motion?

20 MEMBER BAHNKE: I have discussion,  
21 Mr. Chair.

22 CHAIR BINKLEY: Go ahead, Melanie.

23 MEMBER BAHNKE: Sometimes it's hard to get  
24 that little icon to show up with my computer.

25 I appreciate the outpouring of public



1 support for option 1. Unfortunately, it was referred  
2 to as the Bahnke map because we didn't have time to  
3 deliberate it and give it a name back in November.

4 Trying to remain within the scope of the  
5 Court's remand, though, and offer a more surgical  
6 amendment to District K without too much disruption,  
7 I do think that option 1 causes too many changes.

8 Unfortunately, the map that we had to look  
9 at to make changes to, the cornerstone of that was  
10 keeping -- separating Eagle River to give it more  
11 representation. That's what the Courts found. So  
12 we're having to make improvements to a  
13 less-than-perfect map.

14 I do still feel like back in November, had  
15 we made the right choice, that option 1 would have  
16 been the best choice for all Alaskans.

17 But given the narrow scope of the remand, I  
18 am going to be voting in favor of withdrawing  
19 option 1. Thank you.

20 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you.

21 Budd?

22 MEMBER SIMPSON: Yeah. Mr. Chair, I would  
23 speak in support of withdrawing option 1. It had the  
24 inherent problem of requiring a change to every  
25 Senate district, and not having the more surgical or

1 minimalist approach that I would certainly prefer.

2 So I think if we get down to the two  
3 remaining choices, there's plenty to talk about there  
4 and -- you know, but by the time we talk it through  
5 we could end up some other kind of hybrid or  
6 something, too. So I'm -- I speak in favor of  
7 withdrawing option 1.

8 CHAIR BINKLEY: Melanie, is your hand back  
9 up?

10 MEMBER BAHNKE: Yeah. I just wanted to  
11 thank the person who called in earlier who had very  
12 wise words to not let perfect be the enemy of good.

13 CHAIR BINKLEY: And I'm also supportive of  
14 the motion, as well. I appreciate you recognizing  
15 that, Nicole.

16 I think there are more surgical options. I  
17 think both option 2 and 3 bravo demonstrate that. So  
18 I appreciate you simplifying it, narrowing it down,  
19 and I think that'll expedite our debate on it, and  
20 also help form public opinion, as well. So thank  
21 you.

22 Any further discussion? Is there any  
23 objection to the motion?

24 If there's no objection to the motion, the  
25 motion is adopted, and we now have before us two

1 plans, option 2 and option 3 bravo.

2 Okay. That takes care of item 6.

3 Board member comments. Why don't we do that  
4 before we look for a motion to adjourn?

5 Nicole, I see your hand up. I don't know if  
6 that's from before or not.

7 MEMBER BORROMEO: It's not.

8 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Okay. If there's no  
9 comments -- oh, it's not. Sorry.

10 MEMBER BORROMEO: I have a comment. Thanks.

11 And, in fact, I want to piggyback on what  
12 you just observed, that withdrawing option 1 does  
13 streamline the process and enabled the board to move  
14 a lot quicker.

15 This week the board put on -- put a proposed  
16 correction on the table for Cantwell. We did that  
17 Monday. It sat out for public comment for more than  
18 enough time to elicit public comment, and we took  
19 action today.

20 So what I'd like to propose going forward is  
21 that since we have two options out, that they remain  
22 out for public comment Thursday and Friday, and that  
23 the board take action on these plans on Saturday.

24 There's no need, in my opinion, to continue  
25 to belabor the process into next week. We've got two

1 options. We've got two more days of public testimony  
2 to hear what the public has said, and this is in  
3 addition to what I think right now is about 6 inches  
4 of double-sided public testimony that I've printed  
5 out on this.

6 So I'd like the board to be prepared to move  
7 on a proposed correction to Senate District K on  
8 Saturday. Thank you.

9 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you.

10 Bethany?

11 MEMBER MARCUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I  
12 would like to propose that we continue with the  
13 meetings that we have publicly noticed.

14 As we know, Anchorage is still in the middle  
15 of an election. There are still returns coming in,  
16 and a lot of effort and work being put in by regular  
17 citizens and residents regarding the ballot counting  
18 and such. So I think it's important to honor the  
19 fact that there are people that are otherwise  
20 occupied and to give them more time to observe this  
21 process and understand it.

22 I've heard from some people asking how they  
23 could hear the recordings of these meetings, and  
24 that's something I -- Peter, a question I have to put  
25 out to Peter, to see if it's possible for people to

1 go back and hear these meetings, because there are  
2 folks who are interested in being able to go back and  
3 listen. I want them to have the time this week to be  
4 able to do that, absorb that information, put  
5 together their thoughts, present those perhaps on  
6 Friday or Saturday, or maybe even present that  
7 information next week, when we come back together on  
8 Wednesday and Thursday, as previously discussed.  
9 Thank you.

10 CHAIR BINKLEY: Budd?

11 MEMBER SIMPSON: For one, I won't be ready  
12 to address this substantively by Saturday, so I think  
13 we should keep our current schedule in place.

14 If more people wish to testify, I see no  
15 conceivable downside to that. Anybody that doesn't  
16 want to be in a meeting, whatever, can always put it  
17 in on the Web site in written form, which is honestly  
18 more convenient for I think everybody to look at.

19 I note that we did expeditiously address the  
20 Cantwell situation. And, as I had expected, that was  
21 not controversial, and therefore easy to just deal  
22 with.

23 This -- this is a more complicated issue  
24 with a lot more moving parts, and I think we should  
25 take the allotted amount of time to think about it,

1 and then address it in due course. Thank you.

2 CHAIR BINKLEY: And I would concur with  
3 that. I think we've got a good schedule laid out.  
4 It complies with giving a positive report on the  
5 15th that Judge Matthews has requested.

6 There's, obviously, far more interest by the  
7 public, given the voluminous amount, as Nicole had  
8 pointed out, of testimony we got, and regarding  
9 Senate District K and how we're going to make those  
10 changes to comply with the remand.

11 And Cantwell really wasn't that  
12 controversial. I think we had one comment from  
13 Tanner Amdur-Clark, and I think that was it regarding  
14 Cantwell.

15 But there is a lot of interest and concern  
16 about this, and I think we ought to maximize the  
17 amount of opportunity the public has to weigh in.

18 And now that we've narrowed it down to two,  
19 it's going to be more focused, I believe, the public  
20 comments. So I would agree that we should keep with  
21 our schedule.

22 Any further board comments? Melanie?

23 MEMBER BAHNKE: Remind me again why next  
24 week we can't meet Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
25 if need be? I just worry about pushing this right to

1 the last day for a final decision before the Court  
2 order is due.

3 And I'm not trying to rush this to the point  
4 where the public doesn't have a chance to weigh in.  
5 And I am trying to not wait until the very last  
6 minute to issue a new proclamation. We need time as  
7 a board to debate and discuss the plans and take in  
8 all that public testimony which has been, you know,  
9 voluminous, like everybody has commented on.

10 But we have meetings noticed for Thursday,  
11 Friday, Saturday, and I'm wondering if it's going to  
12 take -- if we're anticipating two days of debate and  
13 discussion and coming up with a final proclamation,  
14 why are Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday out?

15 CHAIR BINKLEY: I don't believe Wednesday is  
16 out. Wednesday we're planning on coming back and  
17 starting debate on this.

18 And we want to make certain that all five  
19 members can be present when we start to debate. We  
20 probably could take more public testimony on Sunday,  
21 Monday, and Tuesday, but all members can't be present  
22 at that time.

23 And just a reminder from Judge Matthews, he  
24 did not mandate that we have a decision by  
25 April 15th, Friday, just that we give him a status

1 update on where we're at with the process. I think  
2 it's our desire to get it wrapped up by then, but  
3 it's not a court order that we have this completed by  
4 Friday the 15th.

5 I believe most of the complication in terms  
6 of time is dealing with the drawing up the metes and  
7 bounds with the underlying change to the House  
8 districts that will affect District 29, 30, and 36,  
9 which now that we've adopted those, the demographer  
10 can start to work on writing up the metes and bounds,  
11 so we have plenty of time to get that accomplished.

12 Nicole?

13 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. So one of the  
14 points of many that Judge Matthews was critical of  
15 the board last time around is that we didn't give the  
16 public opportunity to weigh in on what the board's  
17 proposed correction or, in that case, plan was.

18 That's why I think that we need to go ahead  
19 Saturday saying we are favoring as a board moving  
20 ahead with option 2 or option 3B, and then allowing  
21 them to react to what we're doing. Otherwise, we're  
22 going to get ourselves back into the same hot water  
23 that we did with the trial court last time around.

24 So I favor, again, starting the debate on  
25 this on Saturday, with the board signaling to the



1 public what our proposed correction is for Senate  
2 District K.

3 CHAIR BINKLEY: Maybe it's just semantics.  
4 I think once we make a final decision, that is, as it  
5 implies, final. We listen to public testimony. We  
6 make proposals, we listen to those proposals, we  
7 debate those proposals.

8 At some point we make a final decision, and  
9 that final decision then is the final. And I'm not  
10 certain that we need to go back out to public  
11 testimony on what our final proclamation is.

12 Any other comments on the scheduling?

13 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yeah. John, I want to  
14 call your attention to page 50 of the trial court  
15 order. Maybe between now and the next couple of  
16 days, or before the next hearing, you can take a peek  
17 at what it says. But the judge says that the board's  
18 choice not to hold public hearings on Senate pairings  
19 it actually proposed in the final House map and then  
20 subsequent choice to effectively rush those proposals  
21 to a majority vote frustrates the basic tenets of  
22 Section 10.

23 I just am very conscience of what the trial  
24 court has signaled that it has an appetite for the  
25 board to do on remand and what it has signaled that

1 it has no more patience for. And it appears that  
2 last-minute decisions without the opportunity for the  
3 public to weigh in is one of those that is going to  
4 get us in hot water.

5 We are in a race of arms now, as Peter told  
6 me the legislature -- legislative aides call it,  
7 where we're just amassing testimony on each side.  
8 All -- I don't know. "All" is probably too strong of  
9 a word. But the public has meaningfully weighed in.  
10 There are thoughtful proposals here and reasons to  
11 back them up.

12 I'm ready to start debating this on Saturday  
13 and potentially make a decision on Sunday. There's  
14 no reason to delay it.

15 Also, I'm going to assume that you didn't  
16 hear me yesterday when we were talking about  
17 schedule, but I'm in all-day meetings the 13th and  
18 14th.

19 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Bethany?

20 MEMBER MARCUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

21 I just wanted to point out that using the  
22 process that Member Borrromeo put forward would work  
23 perfectly fine with the schedule that we have laid  
24 out.

25 So if it's desire of the board on Wednesday

1 morning, after hearing public testimony today,  
2 Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, the board could come  
3 together next Wednesday and right away choose to vote  
4 on a particular plan, as far as which to adopt, and  
5 then take public testimony on that for the remainder  
6 of the day, and then, I don't know, come back to  
7 affirm -- I'm not sure what the legal process would  
8 be or the meeting process.

9 But having meetings next Wednesday and  
10 Thursday does not preclude us from following the  
11 process that Member Borrromeo put forward, so it  
12 certainly could be accommodated, if that's the will  
13 of the board. Thank you.

14 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Melanie?

15 MEMBER BAHNKE: Whatever we decide, I wanted  
16 to make sure we've got time to debate and discuss and  
17 not just go into a meeting on Wednesday, have a  
18 motion to adopt a plan, and then we take public  
19 testimony on it. I want adequate time to deliberate  
20 and debate the maps as a board, not take action, then  
21 invite public testimony for possible reconsideration.

22 I'm not opposed to taking public testimony  
23 after we, you know, make a final vote, but I want  
24 adequate time to debate and discuss the options  
25 before we just take it to a vote. Thank you.

1           CHAIR BINKLEY: Just so I understand that,  
2   when you say take a final vote and then allow public  
3   testimony on that, are you suggesting that if we hear  
4   public testimony, that would then change the final  
5   vote if we hear something in public testimony that  
6   maybe they -- people don't appreciate or support the  
7   plan, that we then change the final vote again?

8           MEMBER BAHNKE: I'm not suggesting that we  
9   do that, because I don't know what is going to  
10   happen. I'm just asking that we have adequate time  
11   for debate and discussion before we take a vote.

12          CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. I would certainly  
13   support that, that we have adequate time for  
14   discussion and debate.

15                But when we take a final vote, you know, the  
16   name implies, that's a final vote. And at some point  
17   we have to make a decision, and then that's the final  
18   proclamation. And we've taken -- you know, to get to  
19   that point we've had debate, we've had discussion,  
20   we've taken public testimony, we've articulated, each  
21   of us individually, why we're voting and how we're  
22   voting, and then that is the final plan that then  
23   goes back for the Court to take a look at. At least  
24   that's my assessment of it.

25                Budd, and then Melanie, and then Nicole.

1           MEMBER SIMPSON: I believe I agree with what  
2   Melanie just said, which is that we should have an --  
3   we should choose one of the options, and then allow  
4   the public to weigh in on that further-narrowed  
5   choice before it becomes final.

6           And I think that implies that we keep an  
7   open mind, keep our ears open to that further public  
8   comment. Because I believe that's what the Court  
9   said that we kind of missed last time, because we  
10   kind of waited until the very end.

11           So I also agree with Bethany, that the  
12   timing that we have laid out now is sufficient for  
13   that. If something happened that we weren't finished  
14   and people were still commenting or whatever, you  
15   know, by the 15th, that wasn't a hard deadline by the  
16   Court. We've imposed that on ourselves, you know, if  
17   it's possible.

18           But I think the current schedule allows for  
19   what Melanie is suggesting, and that's what I would  
20   support maintaining.

21           CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Melanie, and then  
22   Nicole.

23           MEMBER BAHNKE: At a minimum I suggest we  
24   keep the portal for comments open even after we've  
25   adopted a proclamation, because we adopted one in

1 November that we thought was final. That ended up  
2 not being final. I recommend we keep that portal  
3 open until the deadline for possible litigation has  
4 passed.

5 Because had we kept that portal open and  
6 allowed for some public testimony after we adopted  
7 the proclamation, I think we would have had way more  
8 than the six reams that Nicole has right now. We  
9 need to give the public an option, the opportunity to  
10 comment on our supposed final plan.

11 And we might want to believe this is final,  
12 but we don't know who could possibly litigate. And I  
13 think had we kept that portal open and allowed for  
14 public comment, that might have even informed the  
15 courts further about what to issue on remand.

16 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Nicole?

17 MEMBER BORROMEO: I'd like to suggest a path  
18 forward, which is to add another meeting on Sunday,  
19 where the board begins to debate the options. And  
20 I'd like to again raise -- because I'm not seeing  
21 that you're appreciating that I'm in all-day meetings  
22 the 13th and 14th.

23 CHAIR BINKLEY: Are you able to attend on  
24 the 13th and 14th? Is that what you're saying, you  
25 cannot attend?

1                   MEMBER BORROMEO: It's going to be very  
2     difficult to get out of an all-day meeting at a  
3     four-hour block, no.

4                   And, you know, I see Budd's schedule is  
5     being taken into account, yours is being taken into  
6     account, Bethany's has been all along, and I'm not  
7     feeling like I'm being extended the same courtesy.  
8     And I've bent over backwards in this process to be at  
9     the public hearings, to make myself available.

10                  And so I'm asking that we start this debate  
11     early, put our cards on the table as early as Sunday,  
12     saying what we're going to do, to signal to the  
13     public.

14                  So we can keep those days open, I guess,  
15     Wednesday and Thursday, to hear more public comment,  
16     and then I will have to excuse myself from this  
17     meeting to vote apparently.

18                  CHAIR BINKLEY: Well, that's -- to me,  
19     that's not acceptable. We all five have to be here  
20     when we make the decision, and we have to fully  
21     participate in the debates.

22                  And if you're not able to be at the meetings  
23     on Wednesday and Thursday, I would suggest that we  
24     find a time that everybody can be together for two  
25     days straight. And if, indeed, that pushes it back,

1 we send notice to the Court, lay out what we've done,  
2 how earnest we've worked on this, the fact that we  
3 have five different very busy lives, and the first  
4 time we could come together to debate -- fully  
5 debate, discuss, and make decisions on the plan might  
6 be beyond the April 15th status report that he wants,  
7 is a possibility.

8 Let's see. Bethany is next.

9 MEMBER MARCUM: Yes. Thank you,  
10 Mr. Chairman.

11 I'm not sure what dates the all-day  
12 meetings -- I'm sorry -- what times the all-day  
13 meetings start and finish, Nicole, but perhaps we  
14 could consider starting after those meetings, whether  
15 that's 5 p.m., and maybe do this 5 until 9 or 10 in  
16 the evening. That's actually a time that's usually  
17 better for regular citizens and residents to  
18 participate.

19 But if we can find some way to work around  
20 the times of Member Borrromeo's all-day meetings, I'm  
21 certainly open to that and would be happy to  
22 accommodate that. Thank you.

23 CHAIR BINKLEY: Nicole?

24 MEMBER BORRROMEO: Thank you, Bethany, for  
25 that accommodation. And let's proceed with that



1 option.

2 I'll go ahead and push for the agendas and  
3 see what my schedule is next week. Let's not cancel  
4 the 13th and 14th, and let's please give the judge  
5 what we consider to be our best and final new plan by  
6 the 15th.

7 I'm not interested in delaying this any  
8 further past the 15th. I haven't heard that anyone  
9 else is here, as well. So thank you.

10 CHAIR BINKLEY: Great. We appreciate that,  
11 Nicole. Thank you.

12 Okay. Anything further to come before the  
13 board? If not, we'd look for a motion to adjourn.

14 MEMBER BAHNKE: So moved.

15 MEMBER SIMPSON: So moved.

16 CHAIR BINKLEY: One of you take the motion  
17 and one take the second, between Melanie and Budd.

18 MEMBER SIMPSON: Melanie moved, Budd  
19 seconded.

20 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Perfect. Thank you.

21 Discussion on the motion? Is there any  
22 objection to the motion?

23 Hearing none, we are adjourned.

24 (Proceedings adjourned.)

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3 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Let's go ahead  
4 and begin the meeting or open up the meeting of the  
5 Alaska Redistricting Board on April 7th, 12:00 noon, and  
6 I would ask our executive director to call the roll and  
7 establish the quorum.

8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: Good  
9 morning. Thank you.

10 Member Bahnke.

11 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Here.

12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: Member  
13 Borromeo.

14 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Here.

15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: Member  
16 Marcum.

17 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Here.

18 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: Member  
19 Simpson.

20 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Here.

21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: Member  
22 Binkley.

23 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Here.

24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: Present and  
25 accounted for.

1           CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Peter, if you  
2    could put on the screen the draft agenda for today's  
3    meeting, the purpose of which is to take public  
4    testimony. And the first item is to adopt the agenda,  
5    and you can see it on our screens there, take public  
6    testimony, and that's it for the day.

7           And I'll move the motion to adopt the agenda  
8    as presented.

9           BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: So moved. Member  
10   Marcum.

11          BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I'll second.  
12   Member Bahnke.

13          CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: The motion moved and  
14   seconded before us to adopt the agenda as presented.

15          Is there a discussion on the motion? Is there  
16   objection to the motion? It's adopted, and we will  
17   start down the agenda.

18          The first item is public testimony. I do have  
19   some off-net folks that are on the phone line looking  
20   to testify. The first person to testify is  
21   Ann Rappoport.

22          Good afternoon, Ann. Can you hear us okay?

23          MS. RAPPOPORT: Yes, I can. Should I begin?

24          CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yes. Please begin.

25          MS. RAPPOPORT: Okay. Thank you.

1           My name is Ann Rappoport, and I thank you for  
2   this opportunity to testify on behalf of the Rabbit  
3   Creek Community Council, which I co-chair. I had every  
4   intention of being there, but my husband tested positive  
5   for COVID last night.

6           The Rabbit Creek Community Council is one of  
7   Anchorage's 38 community councils that provides the  
8   direct means for citizens to participate in government  
9   and local affairs. We represent residents and  
10   landowners in Southeast Anchorage along the Hillside,  
11   and I'm here to state our strong opposition to any  
12   Senate redistricting that would combine our area, as  
13   well as any Hillside areas, with Eagle River for the  
14   purposes of government representation.

15           I submitted more extensive recent comments.  
16   These are the ones we submitted in February where the  
17   Anchorage Assembly needed to redraw assembly member  
18   districts, and the same requirements hold -- held for  
19   the Assembly as they do for you, for the State, the  
20   same legal requirements, and those show that  
21   Anchorage's Hillside and Eagle River are not  
22   contiguous -- one of your requirements -- nor are they  
23   compact; they aren't a relatively integrated  
24   socioeconomic area; and they're -- they're separated  
25   by a huge uninhabited area, Chugach State Park.

1           And, additionally, the constitution asks you  
2   to consider local government boundaries. So if you  
3   look at what the Assembly came up with, the Hillside  
4   areas were kept together, and it was also -- we want  
5   to also speak to -- we're not just being NIMBYs -- you  
6   need to keep the East Anchorage neighborhoods together  
7   with East Anchorage and other neighborhoods together.

8           So we would urge you to adopt the  
9   redistricting map that keeps neighborhoods together,  
10   and this can be accomplished with either Proposed Map  
11   Option 2, or if you go back to the original map  
12   proposed by Redistricting Board Member Melanie Bahnke,  
13   that can also happen.

14           But on the Hillside, we have issues of onsite  
15   water and septic system, wildfires, Limited Road  
16   Service Areas. Our kids go to school totally  
17   different from Eagle River. We're traveling totally  
18   different roads to go do shopping and to go to  
19   downtown. So there's -- we have our own local road  
20   service areas. There's just no rhyme or reason for  
21   combining the Hillside areas with Eagle River.

22           And we did have the 2010 Hillside District  
23   Plan that defines the boundaries of the Hillside.  
24   There was a lot of thought, effort, and a big public  
25   process involved in that. So that's -- that's also



1 one of the reasons you just need to keep our areas  
2 with our own neighborhoods here, and I hope you will  
3 go to those -- that -- that ruling in your final  
4 efforts.

5 So thank you very much for this opportunity.

6 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Ann.  
7 Nicole, you've got your hand up.

8 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME: Thank you very  
9 much, Ann. I appreciate you calling in.

10 One of the justifications that the Board  
11 repeatedly hears for combining District 22 in  
12 Eagle River with your District 9 in Hillside is that  
13 you're connected through the Chugach Mountains. I'm  
14 looking at the map here, though, and I don't see any  
15 direct roads. Is there a road there that you know  
16 about that would connect --

17 MS. RAPPOPORT: No.

18 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME: -- to your  
19 District 9?

20 MS. RAPPOPORT: No. And thank you for calling  
21 that out. I did mention that, but there is absolutely  
22 no road, and you would have to travel through several  
23 other districts to get from Eagle River to the Hillside  
24 area. And the Chugach State Park is a state park. It's  
25 one of the largest in the nation. It's, like,

1 500,000 acres. It's uninhabited. And there may be some  
2 trails through it, but there's lots of areas where  
3 people can't even traverse it. So walking for three  
4 days to get from Eagle River to Hillside's area on  
5 trails is not a way to be connected for our  
6 representation.

7 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: Thank you, Ann.

8 I also see here that it would require you  
9 crossing seven other districts to get to 22 from 9.  
10 Is that the most contiguous pairing as practicable, in  
11 your view?

12 MS. RAPPOPORT: No, that is not, and that's  
13 why we're very much opposed to this. Yeah, you need  
14 to X out that whole Chugach State Park area when  
15 you're trying to look at contiguous and compact. It's  
16 certainly not very compact either. I mean, from my  
17 house to Eagle River, it's probably at least  
18 25 minutes.

19 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: Final question  
20 for you, Ann: I understand that the major hiking trail  
21 from Girdwood to Eagle River is the Crow Creek Pass  
22 Trail (as spoken), which isn't even navigable half of  
23 the year when it's snowing, and we have freezing  
24 temperatures up here. That's a 21-mile trail from  
25 Eagle River to Girdwood that also crosses a dangerous,

1 for I think what most Alaskans would consider, waterway.

2 Do you know a lot of your friends and  
3 neighbors that are regularly traveling the Crow Creek  
4 Pass Trail from Hillside to Eagle River, 21 miles on  
5 foot?

6 MS. RAPPOPORT: No. Nobody. People do that,  
7 and I have done it as a three-day backpack trip. It  
8 is an extensive trip, and you need to make  
9 preparations, and you probably can't even start it  
10 until June. There's a glacier. There's major  
11 snowpacks, and Eagle River is treacherous and people  
12 have died in it, crossing that, if you cross when the  
13 water is too high or too swift. And I'm sure by  
14 probably late September you wouldn't want to be doing  
15 it either because it's going to be getting -- yeah,  
16 things will start freezing. It's -- it's up at  
17 elevation. You have to go over a pass that's over  
18 3,000 feet. Most people are not able-bodied enough to  
19 do that -- that walk.

20 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Well, thank you  
21 very much for your testimony today, and congratulations  
22 on completing the trail in three days.

23 MS. RAPPOPORT: When I was a lot younger, I have  
24 to say. Thank you for your questions and time.

25 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you.

1 Other questions for Ann?

2 I might just note, Ann, and we respect the  
3 community council and -- and their combined decision  
4 and weighing of this and appreciate the testimony.

5 Just, you know, there's a little difference  
6 between the Assembly's task when they redistrict as  
7 opposed to the State's task that we're tasked with in  
8 redistricting. So there's not always the same  
9 parameters that we're probably looking at when the  
10 Assembly does it versus the State. And it really --  
11 for our purposes, Anchorage itself, the municipality  
12 is really considered one area, all of the  
13 municipality, like other large communities, the  
14 Borough and Fairbanks, for example, the same way. And  
15 so it really -- you know, it doesn't always matter  
16 that you have to drive through other districts to get  
17 to the same Senate district as long as they are  
18 physically touching the borders of those. That's how  
19 they really look at continuity.

20 And even the Board, in some of our  
21 deliberations and some of the pairings we've made, the  
22 Senate pairings, for example, Valdez with the Mat-Su,  
23 you can't drive from Valdez to the Mat-Su without  
24 driving through another legislative district. But the  
25 courts have really held that that's fine, that that's

1 a workable plan, and it can make sense in that regard.

2 So, again, we appreciate your testimony and --  
3 and where the community council is coming from on  
4 this, but there's probably a little different  
5 perspective that we're looking at in trying to pull  
6 together this -- this statewide plan and then getting  
7 the 16 underlying House districts into 8 Senate  
8 districts.

9 MS. RAPPOPORT: Thanks. Can I say one more  
10 quick thing?

11 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Please.

12 MS. RAPPOPORT: Thanks.

13 I certainly understand the State, in that so  
14 much of our state is without roads, that we're going  
15 to have some connections of communities that are --  
16 you can't drive to. But in the case where you do have  
17 that opportunity, it just makes so much sense to go  
18 with the contiguous and compact, because -- if you can  
19 do that, because we have these roads in Southcentral  
20 Alaska. So I would hope you would give consideration  
21 to that. And, really, there were the exact same  
22 requirements in the constitution and in the Assembly  
23 rules for being compact, contiguous, and relatively  
24 integrated socioeconomically.

25 So thank you, again, for this opportunity.

1           CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: You bet. And thank you,  
2 and I hope your husband is okay and -- and deals with  
3 COVID in an expeditious manner.

4           MS. RAPPOPORT: Thank you so much. He will.

5           CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Next is  
6 Cindy Sanders -- or Saunders.

7           Cindy, good afternoon.

8           MS. SAUNDERS: Hi. Hi, this is  
9 Cindy Saunders, and I'm a long-time resident, since  
10 1977. I really pretty much totally agree with what  
11 Ann said, and I'm not going to waste your time giving  
12 you my exact -- excuse me -- my exact words because  
13 she actually explained it perfectly, and that's  
14 basically what I was going to say.

15           And, also, I'd like to say that the only thing  
16 that even comes close to something that I feel would  
17 work would be -- I think it was called 3B. I have a  
18 ton of notes here, but I think it's -- 3B is the one,  
19 if we had to choose right now.

20           I also had a question. When you guys were  
21 doing this before and I was on a -- I guess it was a  
22 Zoom call but you couldn't see or talk to me, you guys  
23 were eating lunch and doing all kinds of stuff, and I  
24 could never figure out why you were saying, "It looks  
25 more like a beautiful picture" this way or that way,

1 or, you know, like it was a piece of artwork, instead  
2 of, "These are our boundaries for boating, our  
3 boundaries for whatever," you know, fire department,  
4 police, all that. And I didn't understand why it  
5 should look beautiful. I didn't understand that.  
6 Maybe that would be one thing you could just explain  
7 to me.

8 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I don't know that  
9 particular -- thank you, Cindy. I don't know the  
10 particular instance that you're talking about, but, you  
11 know, when you talk about compactness, it -- it  
12 really -- sometimes it's the shape that can determine  
13 compactness. The most compact is a circle, and then,  
14 you know, coming out to a square or maybe a rectangle.

15 But sometimes when you get really odd-shaped  
16 districts -- and we're talking about House districts  
17 now, the 40 House districts around the state -- they can  
18 look odd. And maybe we were equating that, looking odd,  
19 where they might not be considered compact, as not being  
20 as, quote, "beautiful" as something that is relatively  
21 compact and tight that is -- just is -- is pleas- --  
22 more pleasing to the eye in that regard.

23 MS. SAUNDERS: Okay. I still don't understand  
24 that, but it's -- I guess my -- my opinion is I can't  
25 probably change that. I just thought I'd bring it to

1 your attention that someone has been watching those,  
2 even if you guys didn't talk to me or anything. I think  
3 it was, I -- I don't know, last year sometime, I  
4 believe.

5           Anyway, and then I would just like to say that  
6 I appreciated Ann's call, and I thought she explained  
7 everything really well, and I am in that -- I guess  
8 I'm considered in that area. I'm on O'Malley above  
9 Birch and below -- just close to Birch is the only  
10 thing I can say right now. Close to the zoo, I guess,  
11 in between there and Birch, so I'm not way up high.

12           But I -- I really think 3B. If I had to vote  
13 today on it, that's the only one I see. And I -- I  
14 really do not think it makes sense to have Eagle River  
15 and Anchorage together. It just -- I don't understand  
16 how that would even be a good idea.

17           And I appreciate you letting me talk and share  
18 my opinion. And this is going for my -- my whole  
19 family. I have two sons and daughters-in-law, and we  
20 have in-laws here as well. So everyone pretty much  
21 agrees with me, but they're not on the call. But I do  
22 have a family of Saunders, including my husband,  
23 that's either working or taking care of children  
24 today.

25           So I don't know if that would help it -- give



1 me a little more feasibility of why I called, but I  
2 thought that would be a great thing, because we have,  
3 right now, nine grandchildren that are very young, and  
4 they're going to be growing up here. As far as we can  
5 tell, nobody is moving.

6 So I just wanted to throw that in, just to do  
7 that, because I'm a grandma and I can say that now.

8 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Congratulations, Cindy.

9 And we do have a couple of questions from Member  
10 Bahnke and Member Borrromeo.

11 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Thank you for  
12 calling in, Cindy.

13 Peter, are you able to put up the two maps  
14 that we have decided will be what we're considering  
15 for public testimony? Because I think there's some  
16 confusion.

17 It sounds like, Ms. Saunders, you're in favor  
18 of keeping Eagle River intact and not trying to  
19 combine it with Hillside for a Senate seat, and that  
20 actually would be (indiscernible) that does that. The  
21 other option, 3B, pairs Hillside with Eagle River.

22 So I want to clarify. Are you testifying in  
23 support of not combining Eagle River with Hillside?

24 Cindy, are you there?

25 Did we lose her, Peter?

1 Can anyone hear me?

2 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: We can hear you --

3 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: I can hear --

4 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- Melanie.

5 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- I hear -- I  
6 hear you, yeah. I'm not sure if Peter can.

7 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I don't even see  
8 Peter.

9 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: He's on the 465  
10 number.

11 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. He said that LIO  
12 is calling back in. The line to Juneau dropped.

13 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Ah.

14 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Well, I -- I got  
15 the gist of her testimony, but she sounded a little  
16 confused on which map she was testifying in support of.

17 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: We probably heard  
18 different things, Melanie.

19 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Well, I heard her  
20 say she supported the person who testified before.

21 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Yeah.

22 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Which that person  
23 was in favor of Option 2.

24 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Right. Exactly.

25 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: So I think the

1 numbering might have been -- and that's why we should  
2 probably get the maps up with the labels, if possible.

3 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: If there are  
4 people who are calling in on the line -- on the phone  
5 line that don't have access to the Zoom, necessarily, so  
6 we want to clarify if they can -- if they're actually on  
7 the Zoom, because they'd have to be on both in order to  
8 be able to see the maps.

9 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: That's a good point.  
10 Yeah, if they're on the net, unless they're watching  
11 and --

12 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: And listening,  
13 both.

14 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- and listening --

15 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Right.

16 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah, on both.

17 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Right.

18 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: It would be good  
19 to get it out there to as many people as we can. I  
20 don't know if it's --

21 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah.

22 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: -- possible to get  
23 it out there on both.

24 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Sure. Sure.

25 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: For now, we're still

1 waiting to get connected to Juneau so that people on the  
2 phone, on the net, so to speak -- or "off-net," they  
3 call it -- can hear. So we should probably just stand  
4 by until we get the technical difficulties worked  
5 through.

6 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: He's working on it  
7 now, he says.

8 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Nicole's saying  
9 she can't hear us.

10 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: That's because  
11 she's on the off-net, I think, isn't she?

12 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Yeah.

13 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Isn't she on  
14 the -- yeah.

15 So, yeah, he says he's working on it. Peter  
16 texted.

17 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I'm going to be  
18 going to the meetings in person on Wednesday and  
19 Thursday. There's too many technical issues that we've  
20 been having.

21 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: There's been a  
22 lot, for sure. We missed the owl (as spoken).

23 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I -- I was  
24 surprised about your Internet connection, Bethany, being  
25 in Anchorage.

1               BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: I'm not in  
2 Anchorage. I'm out of state. I'm not allowed to fly  
3 right now.

4               BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Oh, okay.

5               BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yeah. I had  
6 medical problems, and I was supposed to fly back with my  
7 husband last week, but I'm stuck here and not allowed to  
8 fly.

9               BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Oh, well, I hope  
10 you recover quickly.

11              BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Trust me, I do  
12 too.

13              (Background noise.)

14              BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Is that  
15 (indiscernible)'s testimony? That needs to be  
16 transcribed.

17              BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: "Loud dog  
18 barking," it'll say on the transcript.

19              BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Everybody --

20              CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Wow.

21              BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: -- and their dog  
22 has an opinion; right?

23              BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: That was a good  
24 one.

25              (Pause.)

1               BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I wonder who  
2 Nicole is talking to.

3               BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Earlier I didn't  
4 see anybody else in the room, but maybe the LIO staff or  
5 Peter.

6               CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. Does it -- oh, it  
7 shows Yarrow Silvers is in the -- has signed up in  
8 person in the LIO.

9               (Pause.)

10              UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Peter, can you  
11 hear me? This is Denaya (phonetic).

12              BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: We can hear you.  
13 We can hear you, Denaya --

14              UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Okay. Just a --

15              BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- but -- but we  
16 can't hear Peter.

17              UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- moment. I'm going  
18 to -- oh, oh, okay. Well, when I can hear Peter --  
19 Peter, I will transfer him back into the  
20 teleconference --

21              BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Okay. I'll --  
22 I'll text him --

23              UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- but I want to hear  
24 him --

25              BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- and let him

1 know that you're on the line now.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- first.

3 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Okay. I'll --

4 I'll text him and let him know that you're --

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

6 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- on the line,

7 Denaya. Sure.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

9 (Pause.)

10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: Can you

11 hear me?

12 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah, we've --

13 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: We hear you --

14 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- got you, Peter.

15 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- Peter.

16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: Okay. The

17 call has been reestablished. Let's hope that the call

18 does not drop in the future.

19 I'm here with --

20 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay.

21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: I'm sorry.

22 (Indiscernible)?

23 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Cindy.

24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: Cindy.

25 Cindy is still on the phone with us, having

1     been very patient.

2                 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO:   Cindy Saunders  
3     from District 9.

4                 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY:   Cindy Saunders?

5                 MS. SAUNDERS:   Yes.

6                 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY:   Yeah.   Hi, Cindy.  
7     You're back on with us.

8                 MS. SAUNDERS:   Okay.   I'm not sure how much you  
9     heard, but --

10                CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY:   We -- we heard all of  
11    your testimony.

12                Cindy, just -- just to give you an idea of  
13    where you dropped off, we heard all of your testimony,  
14    and then we had a couple of questions from members,  
15    Member Melanie Bahnke first, and then Member Nicole  
16    Borrromeo had her hand up as well.

17                So are you willing to answer some questions?

18                MS. SAUNDERS:   Yes.   But I have one more thing  
19    to say that I didn't realize.   I didn't realize the  
20    one that I thought was the one -- the number I wanted  
21    was 3B, but there's no -- 3B is not the way I  
22    wanted -- it's 2.

23                CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY:   It's 2.   Gotcha.

24                MS. SAUNDERS:   That changes it.   But I'll -- so  
25    I -- I think that that's -- that would work.   But the



1 other -- you know, joining Eagle River to Anchorage just  
2 doesn't work for me either. A long-time resident, and  
3 like I said, lots of family here.

4 So I'll talk -- I'll stop talking, and then  
5 let me know what you'd like me to do next.

6 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Well, you've answered  
7 some of the questions.

8 Melanie?

9 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Yeah.

10 Thank you, Cindy. That's -- that was going to  
11 be my question, was clarifying that. And I apologize  
12 that we don't have the maps up on the Zoom or visible  
13 right now to the public. Hopefully we can get that up  
14 somehow for members of the public to look at the maps  
15 that they're commenting on.

16 But I wanted to clarify that you want -- you  
17 don't want Hillside joined with Eagle River, which  
18 is -- would be the Option 2?

19 MS. SAUNDERS: Yes. And that's what I'd like.

20 And I -- I'm not on Zoom or anything, so I can  
21 only hear you. I can't see you.

22 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Okay.

23 MS. SAUNDERS: I do want you to know I watched a  
24 lot of them in the past, but this one I just called in.

25 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: And then just for

1 the public, if you're not watching on Zoom, if you do  
2 have access to the Internet, the maps are up. The two  
3 options to consider are up on the Alaska Redistricting  
4 Board website. So I encourage you to take a look --

5 MS. SAUNDERS: Okay.

6 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: -- at those.

7 Thank you for calling in and testifying,  
8 Cindy.

9 MS. SAUNDERS: Okay. Thank you so much for  
10 your patience, and I hope everything goes well and  
11 everything turns out just right.

12 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Great. Thank you  
13 very much --

14 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I think Nicole --

15 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- again, Cindy.

16 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: -- had a question.

17 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Nicole, you still have  
18 your hand up?

19 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: I -- I still do  
20 have a question.

21 Thank you very much, Cindy. I -- I want you  
22 to rest assured that I'm not making Senate pairings  
23 based on any beautiful groupings, but rather guided by  
24 Article VI, Section 6, which states that: Senate  
25 districts shall be composed as near as practicable to

1 two contiguous House districts.

2 When you have to drive through seven other  
3 House districts to get to Eagle River, is that the  
4 most contiguous pairing as practicable, in your mind?

5 MS. SAUNDERS: (Indiscernible) really.

6 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Thank you.

7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Any further  
8 questions?

9 Thanks again, Cindy.

10 The next person in the queue, Suzanne  
11 Fischetti (as spoken). Suzanne, are you still on?

12 MS. FISCHETTI: Yes, I am. Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yes. Go ahead. Go  
14 ahead. Good afternoon.

15 MS. FISCHETTI: All right. Thank you so much  
16 for listening again, and I hope you guys can make a  
17 decision soon, because as we can see, as it goes  
18 further, there's more confusion. It's not getting any  
19 better for anybody to try to figure this out.

20 But I do support a Chugach Mountain district  
21 as laid out in Map 3B. When you look at the map, it's  
22 clear that the rest of Anchorage is cut into little  
23 blocks, but Districts 22 and 9 are the two large  
24 districts with thousands of acres of parks and  
25 mountains. There are none others like these.

1           The Upper Hillside of Anchorage has been  
2 combined with Eagle River Valley in the past, both as  
3 a House and a Senate pairing. That's because there  
4 are legitimate, logical reasons to do so. That is  
5 just as true today as it was in the past, maybe even  
6 more so because parts of Anchorage have become even  
7 more urbanized. Those in the outer areas, like Eagle  
8 River Valley and Hillside, have chosen for -- a more  
9 suburban experience, surrounded by mountains and  
10 wildlife instead of the city life. That's why  
11 bringing together Districts 22 and 9 makes sense, and  
12 I urge you to choose Map 3 which does this.

13           I've also recently looked at the maps online,  
14 and I can see all of Anchorage, from Girdwood to the  
15 Knik River, and the big districts are 9, 22, 23, and  
16 24. It's obvious that these are the four districts  
17 that share the most area of topography, and thus, they  
18 should be paired together due to related needs.

19           Maps that carve away portions of the military  
20 base from its primary district would also be a  
21 mistake. JBER belongs with JBER. That means  
22 Districts 23 and 24 belong together, as shown in the  
23 map called 3B. That's the one to support if you care  
24 about our military. You've already broken up JBER  
25 into separate House districts. We owe it to the

1 military to put the base back together by pairing  
2 Districts 23 and 24, which makes the base whole again.

3 And I do agree that there's a lot of  
4 confusion, because the Anchorage Assembly district --  
5 redistricting got a lot of people testifying, you  
6 know, keep their Assembly district separate, which  
7 made sense. And now they're struggling, because now  
8 they're trying to come back and say, "Well, now we  
9 have to change because we see this as a different  
10 scenario. It is not the same as the Assembly  
11 districts," and that's where you're going to see a lot  
12 of people that right now are even afraid to testify  
13 because of this situation. And, unfortunately, I  
14 think the last speaker was one of those people that --  
15 separated the two.

16 Thank you so much.

17 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you, Suzanne.

18 Nicole, it looks like you've got a question.

19 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Thank you, Susan,  
20 for continuing to call in. I understand that you were  
21 involved in the municipality's redistricting, and thank  
22 you for your efforts there as well.

23 What do you say to Rabbit Creek Community  
24 Council's resolution that, quote, "Travel from  
25 Hillside to Eagle River requires traversing several

1     intervening districts. It is inappropriate to use the  
2     large, steep, uninhabited, and in some areas or in  
3     some people's -- in- -- inaccessible -- Chugach State  
4     Park as justification to combine Eagle River and  
5     Hillside into one district"?

6             MS. FISCHETTI: I'd say there are roads that  
7     connect us, we drive them every day, and that should  
8     not be an issue. We have a big state, and these two  
9     districts are mostly mountains and parks, and you  
10    can't drive through them. So in order to get there,  
11    yeah, we have to, you know, drive for 20 minutes. And  
12    it's been done before, and it was constitutional then,  
13    and it worked.

14            And a lot of these people that formulated  
15    their Assembly redistricting testimony, or, you know,  
16    that was reasons that they gave, but it may not really  
17    be the best reason for this situation.

18            BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: But to be fair,  
19    you also gave the same testimony that they did in the  
20    municipal's redistricting.

21            One follow-up question --

22            MS. FISCHETTI: (Indiscernible) --

23            BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: -- have you ever  
24    hiked Crow Creek Pass?

25            MS. FISCHETTI: -- said that's why --

1           CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Maybe if she could  
2 respond to your comment, Nicole.

3           Go ahead, Suzanne.

4           MS. FISCHETTI: I said that's -- I agree, and  
5 I clarified that the other day, and that's why I have  
6 to keep calling in because people are confused, and  
7 they're afraid at this point because they don't really  
8 understand what's going on. And I'm just trying to  
9 clarify that at this point, you know, it's a different  
10 scenario. It's a totally different situation.

11          CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Nicole, you had a  
12 follow-up?

13          BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: I -- I -- I do.  
14 One final question.

15          Susan, have you ever hiked Crow Creek Pass  
16 Trail?

17          MS. FISCHETTI: I have walked back there, but  
18 not the whole thing. But I've been at the end of the  
19 trail when they come through every year for the race.  
20 My kids have done it. My neighbors have done it. And  
21 I don't think that really has anything to do with what  
22 we're talking about.

23          BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: I would disagree,  
24 just in the sense that that's the quickest way to access  
25 your proposed pairing, would be that trail. So --

1 MS. FISCHETTI: No.

2 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: -- I -- I do  
3 respectfully disagree.

4 But thank you for your time today. Please  
5 continue to call in and point out inconsistencies. We  
6 do want --

7 MS. FISCHETTI: Yeah.

8 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: -- the public to  
9 understand what we're doing here today.

10 MS. FISCHETTI: The thing that I will say: I  
11 live here, and so I've lived here for 40 years, and I  
12 drive the roads every day.

13 So, you know, it's the year 2022, and we can get  
14 there without any problem at all. And we have more in  
15 common than most people would understand, unless they  
16 were actually physically here to see it.

17 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you, Suzanne.  
18 Melanie?

19 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Not so much a  
20 question, just a statement.

21 Suzanne (as spoken), I -- I heard you twice  
22 say that people are afraid to call in, and I hope that  
23 the public doesn't feel afraid to call in. This is a  
24 public process. We have an obligation to take  
25 testimony from the public and ask clarifying questions



1 so that we ensure that what they're intending to say  
2 is heard. Just like the previous testifier, I had to  
3 ask her some questions to make sure I clearly  
4 understood her intent.

5 So I can't speak on behalf of the whole board,  
6 but I certainly welcome public involvement and public  
7 testimony in this process, and I -- I hope people  
8 don't feel afraid to call in.

9 Thank you.

10 MS. FISCHETTI: Unfortunately, after what just  
11 happened with the last caller, probably more people  
12 will be afraid because they just aren't understanding  
13 what's going on because they haven't been watching for  
14 the past week.

15 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I'm not  
16 understanding how the last caller's experience would  
17 create fear. I asked the question to clarify which map  
18 she was supporting because she stated that she was not  
19 in favor of pairing Hillside with Eagle River but that  
20 she was in favor of Option 3B, which does just that.

21 So I do feel like it's my obligation as a  
22 board member, and I wasn't intending to intimidate  
23 her. And, again, I want the public to feel  
24 comfortable calling in. And I -- I'm sure our  
25 chairman does too, and other board members as well,

1 but I can't speak on behalf of the Board.

2 MS. FISCHETTI: Yeah, I'm -- I'm sure she's  
3 very confused, and, unfortunately, it didn't come out  
4 the way that she intended, I don't think.

5 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you again,  
6 Suzanne.

7 I think next on the list is Leon Jaimes.

8 MR. JAIMES: Hello. Thank you for allowing me  
9 to testify again today. My name is Leon Jaimes.  
10 Thank you for pronouncing it correctly as well.

11 And I'm -- I'm testifying on behalf of myself,  
12 and I just wanted to -- to start out with saying that  
13 I am not confused, and I haven't confused the Senate  
14 pairings with the municipal redistricting at all.

15 I think that the Court has asked for this to  
16 be a correction to the Senate District K pairings, and  
17 the Option 2 Map accomplishes that, and it also keeps  
18 communities of interest, like Eagle River and the  
19 South Anchorage community of interest. It keeps those  
20 two distinct communities together. As well as the  
21 Muldoon community, it keeps that together.

22 And I'm not a long-time resident. I've only  
23 been up here, you know, maybe ten years into my  
24 (indiscernible) visit. And so, you know, I don't have  
25 the 40 years of experience, but I know that when I

1 moved up here, I was researching neighborhoods to live  
2 in, and, you know, there was many responses that  
3 talked about Eagle River specifically as a community  
4 to live in, and I don't recall seeing any responses  
5 where they said, you know, that Eagle River is similar  
6 to South Anchorage or that those are the same  
7 community or that you can go across the street from  
8 the zoo to, you know, the nature center or something  
9 like that. And then they -- they talked about Muldoon  
10 and East Anchorage as a community, and that -- that  
11 was back in 2012.

12 And then, you know, I still follow some of  
13 those same online forums where people that are  
14 thinking about moving up here ask those same  
15 questions, and the responses are still the same, and  
16 they talk about the -- you know, kind of the -- the  
17 ideological slant of Eagle River versus other parts of  
18 town versus Midtown. And so I think those are -- are  
19 distinct communities of interest.

20 And then when I was listening to testimony  
21 today and yesterday, there was talk about the -- you  
22 know, traveling through the Chugach Mountains, which I  
23 would also argue extend down into Midtown. And so I  
24 don't think it, like, you know, stops at -- at Debarr  
25 or anything like that. It -- it continues downwards.

1           But -- but the hiking trails are -- are very,  
2   you know, I think, advanced in some places. And I  
3   hunted the Ship Creek Valley two years ago, or maybe  
4   it was three years ago, and even though it's  
5   relatively close to the highway, once you're down in  
6   that valley and off the road, you are very much  
7   relying on your -- yourself and, you know, the  
8   equipment that you brought with you, and in some of  
9   those places the satellite tracker didn't pick up a  
10  satellite down there.

11           So, you know, I think -- and -- and I've heard  
12  a lot of talk about the Crow -- the Crow Creek Trail  
13  Pass, and the Arctic to Indian -- Indian Trail, but  
14  before you even get to that you have to go through  
15  the -- the Ship Creek Valley. And I -- I think it  
16  was -- there was a gentleman a few years back, that  
17  he, unfortunately, passed away trying to make that  
18  hike up and out Ship Creek Valley coming from the --  
19  the south side of the range.

20           And so I -- I don't think that that -- you  
21  know, just because there's a geographic connection  
22  between those two districts makes them contiguous or a  
23  community of interest at all, and especially when --  
24  and Eagle River, with the Option 2 Map, you can, you  
25  know, pretty much walk across the street and be in the

1 other House district, and same thing with Muldoon.

2 And so I think the Option 2 Map accomplishes  
3 what the Court asked the Board to get done, and it  
4 does so quickly, and it does so without separating  
5 communities of interest.

6 And so thank you very much for letting me  
7 testify.

8 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you, Leon.

9 Questions for Leon? Melanie, please.

10 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: This is not a  
11 question for Leon. I don't know if it's -- maybe it was  
12 Budd. When you're shuffling some papers around, your  
13 mic is picking up on it really well. I'm not sure if it  
14 was you. It could have been any one of us that are not  
15 muted. But just so you're aware, it got really loud  
16 there for a while. I was still able to hear what Leon  
17 said, though.

18 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you.

19 The next person is in the office there,  
20 Yarrow Silvers.

21 (Pause.)

22 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Just so you know,  
23 she hears you. She's making her way up.

24 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you.

25 (Pause.)

1           BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: John, there's  
2   somebody else in the queue online that you can move to  
3   if -- if you'd like, and Yarrow said she'd like that.

4           CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: You're not ready yet,  
5   Yarrow?

6           BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: She'd like to go  
7   after the person online, she said.

8           CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Judy Eledge is  
9   online. And we've got somebody there in the room that  
10   would desire to go after you, Judy. Are you ready to  
11   testify at this point?

12          MS. ELEDGE: Yes, I am.

13          CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Good afternoon.  
14   Welcome back.

15          MS. ELEDGE: Good afternoon. My name is -- hi,  
16   how are you today? I hope you're all having a beautiful  
17   day. I'm Judy Eledge, and I'm calling to testify in  
18   favor of the Map 3B, and I want to list some of my  
19   reasons. I've done (indiscernible) research, and I --  
20   the Supreme Court asked the Board to revise Senate  
21   District K, and I think this map does so.

22          The 3B map makes the obvious logical pairing --  
23   pairing of the two more rural and sparsely populated  
24   areas that both are 9 and 22. I did testify yesterday  
25   that I had lived in both of those areas, and so they are

1 very similar, and we have been represented together  
2 before. I -- I just see that District 22 is the best  
3 match for District 9, and they share a very long common  
4 boundary, and they're very contiguous -- contiguous  
5 districts.

6 I also believe that they have similar road  
7 service, snow removal, and they have that in common,  
8 and they were joined in a House district in 20- -- I  
9 think it was 2001, and mostly higher-price,  
10 single-family homes make up those communities.

11 And I just -- I choose -- I don't like  
12 Option 2, because I believe the military voters should  
13 be paired with -- should not be -- should be paired  
14 with Downtown Anchorage -- do not believe that they  
15 should be paired with Downtown Anchorage. I think it  
16 would seriously diminish their representation.

17 And so, once again, I'm calling in favor of  
18 Map 3B, just because I think that they share a lot of  
19 the common -- same commonalities, and I have lived in  
20 both of those districts, and I would have no -- even  
21 though it may not be my perfect choice, it most  
22 certainly would be the most logical one if I was still  
23 living there.

24 Thank you so much for letting me testify.

25 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you, Judy.

1 Nicole Borrromeo has a question for you.

2 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRROMEO: Thank you.

3 Before I --

4 MS. ELEDGE: (Indiscernible).

5 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRROMEO: Before I ask my  
6 question, Judy, can you clarify something I -- I think I  
7 heard you say. Did you say "don't pair military voters  
8 with -- with" --

9 MS. ELEDGE: (Indiscernible).

10 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRROMEO: -- "Downtown"?

11 MS. ELEDGE: Yes. Yes. I just feel like,  
12 that -- that most of the military that are -- live in --  
13 they don't live downtown. Most of them live out towards  
14 Eagle River and Chugiak. So I don't -- do not believe  
15 that the military voters should be paired with Downtown  
16 Anchorage.

17 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRROMEO: Okay. Thanks for  
18 that clarification.

19 My question --

20 MS. ELEDGE: You bet. Thank you.

21 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRROMEO: -- for you -- my  
22 question for you, Judy, is -- is simple. The  
23 constitution instructs us. We don't have any  
24 discretion. It's a "shall" versus "may" in putting  
25 pairings together that they should be contiguous as



1 practicable.

2 Can you explain how Districts 22 and 29 (as  
3 spoken), in your mind, are as contiguous as  
4 practicable for the record?

5 MS. ELEDGE: Say that again. I'm sorry. Did  
6 I say -- it's 9 and 22 -- did I say 22 by mistake?

7 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: You think 22 --

8 MS. ELEDGE: I -- I --

9 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: -- is a mistake?

10 MS. ELEDGE: I'm sorry. I think that I -- I'm  
11 sorry. I just came from a very long training, and  
12 I'm -- I'm -- I'm testifying on 3B.

13 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: Yes.

14 MS. ELEDGE: Map 3B.

15 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: Yes. And -- and  
16 so 3B --

17 MS. ELEDGE: So I believe that 9 and 22 makes  
18 the most sense -- I'm sorry. If I said 22, I misspoke.

19 9 and 22, I -- you said -- you're asking about  
20 24 or 23? I'm sorry.

21 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: No. I didn't say  
22 23 or 24. I'm talking about 22 and 29 (as spoken).

23 The constitution says that we shall pair  
24 Senate districts as most contiguous as practicable.  
25 So I'm trying to help understand the argument that 22

1 and 20 -- and 9 should be paired, because when I look  
2 at them, how you travel is through seven other  
3 districts, and in my mind that's not the most  
4 contiguous as practicable.

5 So how -- how do you find them --

6 MS. ELEDGE: Well, I --

7 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: -- to be the most  
8 contiguous --

9 MS. ELEDGE: Well --

10 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: -- as  
11 practicable?

12 MS. ELEDGE: -- I lived in those areas when they  
13 were paired together. So it worked great. They are --  
14 they may not have a road to them, it may be a longer way  
15 to have a road to them, but I'm looking at other things,  
16 in just contiguous -- they are contiguous if you want to  
17 go -- you know, if you want to go across to Hillside,  
18 there may not be a road -- well, it is kind of a road,  
19 but not as closely -- so I'm looking at other things on  
20 what they have in common and the fact that they have  
21 been paired in the past. I know that when Con Bunde was  
22 elected, when Cathy Giessel was elected, they were  
23 paired that way.

24 And so the other -- other redistricting people  
25 in the past have seen that it was not any problem at

1 all, so I would assume there wouldn't be any problem  
2 at all now. I think it's more important to maybe have  
3 communities together and -- and what they -- you know,  
4 like, if the military people are living in Eagle  
5 River, that is their community even though they --  
6 they're from maybe JBER and they work there, maybe  
7 even live there.

8 So I just think there's a lot of commonality  
9 between those two districts. It may not be the most  
10 contiguous, but it most certainly puts like-minded  
11 communities together. And I think of all the  
12 testimony I've heard, whether it be for the -- all the  
13 other maps that I've heard, that was a number one  
14 thing that people wanted: They wanted the -- the  
15 communities linked together because of their  
16 commonalities.

17 So that was my reasoning.

18 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Further  
19 questions?

20 Thank you, Judy.

21 We'll now go back. Is Yarrow ready there in  
22 the office, Nicole?

23 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: She's  
24 approaching.

25 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. Good afternoon,

1 Yarrow. Welcome back.

2 MS. SILVERS: Hi. Thank you.

3 I want to start off today -- first of all, my  
4 name is Yarrow Silvers. I want to start off today by  
5 thanking the Board for your responsiveness in  
6 proposing maps that reunite Muldoon. I would also  
7 like to thank the Board for outlining a clear process  
8 with set dates, deadlines, and expectations. Now  
9 let's talk about the rest of the maps.

10 I just want to say that if I was a board  
11 member, I would proceed with extreme caution to avoid  
12 the appearance or action of replacing what was found  
13 to be one unconstitutional gerrymander with another.

14 The Court makes one thing very clear: Senate  
15 District K was unconstitutional because it split  
16 Eagle River into two separate Senate districts for the  
17 purpose of increasing majority party representation  
18 and at the expense of East Anchorage voters. If  
19 Plan 3B is adopted, the Board will, once again, split  
20 Eagle River into two separate Senate districts for the  
21 purpose of increasing majority party representation at  
22 the expense of voters outside Eagle River.

23 The Board's refusal to correct the gerrymander  
24 and its willingness to jeopardize everything to hold  
25 on to this gerrymander would not only be irrational;

1 it blatantly and directly violates the court order.

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

8 I would be cautious about adopting pairings  
9 that were introduced by an individual who not only  
10 chaired the Republican Party and uses political data  
11 to map, but also sent this board a chart that shows  
12 how the political data relates to proposed pairings,  
13 who the incumbents are, and even a column that  
14 appeared to indicate whether certain incumbents were  
15 electable or not; a chart which was referenced by at  
16 least two board members during the process and who  
17 (indiscernible) suggested Eagle River pairings were  
18 found to be unconstitutional.

19 I believe that the most simple fix is the  
20 best: Keep Eagle River with Eagle River and Muldoon  
21 with Muldoon. Do not undo Senate and House districts  
22 the Board already adopted, unless necessary to keep  
23 Muldoon as one and Eagle River as one.

24 Please reject politically motivated pairings  
25 that circle all around the map, pairings that continue

1 splitting the park communities and that continue to  
2 give Eagle River more representation at the expense of  
3 other communities of interest, and please stop  
4 utilizing contiguity of a type that has been described  
5 by the Supreme Court Justice as "second-rate  
6 contiguity" and what has been described by  
7 Budd Simpson as "basically attrition." I will give  
8 you the full quotes here for context.

9 Located in the February 3, 2022, trial  
10 transcript -- transcript is the following statement by  
11 Budd Simpson: "And so I could not ever describe 33 as  
12 compact. It's barely contiguous, and by 'barely' I  
13 mean the part that connects the northern part of that  
14 to the southern part basically has almost no people in  
15 it. So it's just -- it's basically attrition in my  
16 mind."

17 Also, in the Friday, 3/18 video at 11:23 is  
18 the following conversation between Supreme Court  
19 Justice Matthews and Matthew Singer. Supreme Court  
20 Justice Matthews says: "I do like your concept of  
21 false contiguity when you said, for example, linking  
22 Girdwood with Downtown Anchorage would be contiguous,  
23 meaning if you went out into the saltwater that would  
24 be false contiguity. Doesn't that imply there would  
25 be a natural scheme of things? When you look at a map

1 and when you use links that are unpopulated  
2 wilderness, use saltwater, that really is second-rate,  
3 in a way."

4 And Matthew Singer responded with: "That  
5 really was the Board's perspective, that is  
6 second-rate."

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

16 I've heard Bethany Marcum state concerns to  
17 the section of JBER (indiscernible) Eagle River, so  
18 they need to be paired so that all of JBER is  
19 represented together. I would like to assure  
20 Ms. Marcum that having looked at a map of this  
21 section, this area is a swath of trees with no  
22 infrastructure and likely no-to-few people living in  
23 it. Having this consistent representation for a swath  
24 of trees is not justification for breaking apart  
25 Downtown, Eagle River, and South Anchorage using

1 second-rate contiguity.

2 I've heard concerns about service members  
3 living in Eagle River and the type of representation  
4 they receive. I want to point out that service  
5 members live all over Anchorage and that they are  
6 represented in accordance with their place of  
7 residence, not their workplace. Military service  
8 members living in Eagle River are already represented  
9 by an Eagle River re- -- representative.

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

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



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

11 Now let's move to the justification for  
12 splitting South Anchorage apart. I've heard people  
13 talk about how South Anchorage and Eagle River both  
14 have Limited Road Service Areas and independent snow  
15 removal and so it should be paired. I would like to  
16 support the many Eagle River residents who have  
17 testified for the preservation of their Eagle River  
18 community and encourage the Board to listen to them as  
19 they have pointed out the obvious: North Eagle River  
20 also has Limited Road Service Areas and independent  
21 snow removal, and not only that, but they have the  
22 same independent LSRA in South Eagle River, not a  
23 completely different LSRA, which is not connected in  
24 any way physically, in implementation, or in funding.

25 I've heard that the two areas share a hunting

1 route over Ship Creek. I would like to point out that  
2 there are 100 permits issued per year for the Ship  
3 Creek moose hunt. So this idea that people --

4 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: It's not a moose  
5 hunt.

6 MS. SILVERS: -- (indiscernible) hunting routes  
7 creates a justification for this pairing when these  
8 people do not work, shop, eat, or play in the same area  
9 is tenuous at best, and this pairing absolutely opens up  
10 the Board for further lawsuits from negatively affected  
11 South Anchorage residents, as well as Eagle River  
12 residents, and proponents of EagleExit.

13 I've also heard this idea that basic  
14 contiguity in the (indiscernible) is all that matters,  
15 and I'd like to remind the Board that this idea of "we  
16 can do it because we can" --

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible).

18 MS. SILVERS: -- has been said before, and look  
19 where it got us.

20 Finally, I want to discuss a rather cynical  
21 thing that is happening in the background that I hope  
22 this board can, as professional public servants to the  
23 community in this mapping process, rise above. This  
24 involves political blogs that are urging people to  
25 testify based on politically-motivated reasons, such

1 as saving a certain number of Republican Senate seats.  
2 This involves people calling from outside of Anchorage  
3 and quoting these statements and then hanging up,  
4 because they don't have the actual knowledge of the  
5 Senate pairings they're calling in to support, and are  
6 unable to respond to even the most basic clarifying  
7 questions, like, "Why do you support this district?"

8 This involves people sending the same forum  
9 letter each day and completely changing their  
10 testimony from what they said just one month ago in  
11 the municipal process, testimony that the Assembly  
12 listened to, and that in doing so resulted in a  
13 (indiscernible) 3.6 percent deviation in municipal  
14 maps.

15 In contrast, the Anchorage pairings under  
16 consideration do not practicably change deviations.  
17 But while this is inherently a po- -- political  
18 process, our constitution does not allow for political  
19 gerrymandering, which was recently reaffirmed by the  
20 courts.

21 I hope that you can rise above the political  
22 noise and employ rational, logical justification for  
23 your actions, while looking at communities and not  
24 parties in your final map.

25 Thank you.

1                   CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you very  
2 much, Yarrow.

3                   Let me get back to the list here and see. I  
4 don't see anybody else that's signed up either online  
5 or in person. Let's see.

6                   Nicole, oh, you want to ask a question. I'm  
7 sorry. Excuse me. Go ahead. I can see you now. Go  
8 ahead. Sorry.

9                   BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Thank you.  
10 Thanks.

11                   Can you hear me?

12                   CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yes.

13                   BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: You -- you can  
14 hear me. You're sitting right across from me. But I'm  
15 not hearing the loud echo in the room anymore. We're  
16 having trouble with audio.

17                   Yarrow, you were reading off of your phone for  
18 a lot of that very passionate testimony there. Would  
19 you mind e-mailing it to our generic lister so I can  
20 take a look at it again later and refer to it? You  
21 had some very specific pincites to court opinions that  
22 I want to make sure that I reference as I go through.

23                   Secondly, my question is really as a board  
24 member with a law degree and looking at the  
25 constitution, the constitution is pretty clear in what

1 the charge is in terms of pairing the most contiguous  
2 as practicable Senate districts for Anchorage, and I'm  
3 having difficulty with the -- with the notion of  
4 pairing 22 and 29 (as spoken) for contiguity purposes  
5 for a lot of the reasons that you brought up, this  
6 false sense of contiguity or second-rate contiguity.

7 How would you travel by road, the existing  
8 roads that we have, from 9 to 22?

9 MS. SILVERS: It depends on where you live in  
10 9 --

11 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: Okay.

12 MS. SILVERS: -- but where I used to live in  
13 District 9, near the Hilltop Ski Area, you would go  
14 down to Elmore, you would take Elmore to probably MLK,  
15 and then you would go around the Muldoon curve. You  
16 would go to the highway, and then you would take that  
17 out to Eagle River.

18 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: Okay. So by my  
19 estimation looking at the map, that's going through five  
20 different Senate -- House districts to get there. Would  
21 the most common way or another acceptable way be the  
22 New Seward Highway?

23 MS. SILVERS: Yeah. I mean, if you lived  
24 further down.

25 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: Okay. And -- and

1 that would require one, two, three, four, five, six  
2 different districts.

3 Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Any further questions?  
5 Melanie.

6 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Yeah, not a  
7 question for Yarrow, but like I was saying about the  
8 background noise, Bethany, I don't know if you know that  
9 the mic is picking up on what you were saying while  
10 Yarrow --

11 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yeah, I am.  
12 Sorry. My dog is jumping up here, and I was trying to  
13 get her down so that she wouldn't knock the computer  
14 over. I apologize.

15 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: No. It wasn't  
16 your dog. It was when she talked about the hunt, I  
17 heard you say, "Those are moose tickets," and then at  
18 the end I heard you say, "Oh, geez."

19 So just so you know, when you're speaking,  
20 it's getting picked up by the mic.

21 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yeah, well, that's  
22 why I would like to be able to mute it, because I've --  
23 I've been trying to keep my dog down. And so I  
24 apologize that we don't have a way of muting ourselves  
25 right now. So I'd be happy to do that if there was a

1 way to do it.

2 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Yeah, no, it  
3 wasn't your dogs. It was when you commented about --

4 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Well, you -- you  
5 can't see my dog jumping here, so how would you know  
6 that my dog wasn't jumping up here?

7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I think it -- it doesn't  
8 matter. I think you get the point. There are hot mics  
9 on, so we all need to be cautious.

10 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Right. Well, I --  
11 I guess -- if I have to -- if I have to -- if I have to  
12 push her -- if I have to ask for her to stop, I'm not  
13 going to be able to mute myself. If we'd like -- if  
14 we'd like to address that technology, I'd be happy to do  
15 that. So I don't know if Peter can find a way to do  
16 that, but I don't have any other choice right now, so...

17 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Mr. Chair, it had  
18 nothing to do with her dogs. I understand the dogs. It  
19 was when she commented about the moose hunt.

20 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I -- I didn't hear  
21 anything about a moose hunt, but regardless, just -- we  
22 should all be cautious if we can because there is not a  
23 way for us to mute ourselves.

24 Okay. Another question? Did you have an  
25 actual question, Melanie? You're muted. Okay.

1 I don't know what -- I guess, Peter, can you  
2 unmute Melanie?

3 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Thank you. I was  
4 trying to put my hand down and I muted myself instead,  
5 so I hear Bethany when, you know, we're talking about  
6 this whole technology stuff.

7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Did you have a question,  
8 Melanie?

9 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: No.

10 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Okay.

11 Let's see. Any other questions? I don't see  
12 any other hands up.

13 And I do see one more. Jamie Rodriguez.  
14 Jamie just came online.

15 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Yes. Thank you. Can you hear  
16 me?

17 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yes, we can, Jamie.

18 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Thank you.

19 I -- I wasn't planning on saying this, but I'm  
20 calling to clarify some of the comments about  
21 Eagle River and Southeast Anchorage, and people were  
22 talking about the distances and the roads and so  
23 forth. Well, there's one thing that's been left out  
24 very, very noticeably.

25 I live in -- in House District 28, soon to be



1 9, so I'm really aware of this district area, and that  
2 is -- people have been talking about the districts and  
3 the distances between Eagle River and Southeast  
4 Anchorage, and I would like to clarify for the record,  
5 because I think people don't know that this district  
6 not only includes Southeast Anchorage within town, but  
7 it also includes Girdwood, all -- the whole road  
8 system out there, Girdwood, Portage, and Whittier.  
9 And so I did some -- some looking into numbers, and I  
10 think people need to hear that.

11 Eagle River and Southeast Anchorage, the  
12 distance is 27 miles. So that's all in town, you  
13 know, from Eagle River. Eagle River to House --  
14 Proposed House District 9 to Girdwood, sitting down,  
15 is 67 miles.

16 Eagle River and House District 9's Portage is  
17 78 miles. Eagle River and House District 9's Whittier  
18 is 87 miles, and that also includes having to be aware  
19 of the scheduling in order to get through the tunnel  
20 there and back and not get stuck or locked out. And  
21 depending on the route taken, it must be crossed  
22 through six to eight unrelated House districts from  
23 Eagle River to Southeast Anchorage.

24 So I think people need to keep in mind that  
25 this district will include Anchorage, Girdwood,

1 Portage, the whole road system there, and Whittier,  
2 which I was very surprised to find out is even further  
3 away than Portage, 87 miles long. That's this  
4 district, and actually that's not -- that's counting  
5 just from Eagle River, so it's -- it's longer than  
6 that even for people who live in Eagle River.

7 And, no, people can't cross the mountain.  
8 They're pretty unsurmountable unless you're all geared  
9 up and you're all ready to go. And that -- that --  
10 that's not -- a lot of our district, we have a lot of  
11 older people in our district.

12 So, anyway, 87 miles long. Please clarify  
13 that and please keep in mind the road system, the  
14 Turnagain Arm community towns and so forth. It's --  
15 it's a really, really long and ridiculous district  
16 when there is a solution to pair somebody next door --  
17 across the highway sounded bad -- and, you know,  
18 87 miles, that is absolutely ridiculous.

19 Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Questions?  
21 Melanie, you've got a question?

22 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Yeah.

23 Thank you, Jamie, for calling in. I just want  
24 to make sure I'm hearing you correctly. Are you in  
25 favor, then, of keeping Eagle River House districts

1 together? Is that what you're...

2 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Of course. If I lived in  
3 Eagle River, that's what I would want too, because  
4 people go to meetings and so forth, and to drive that  
5 distance it's impossible, you know, and we're -- maybe  
6 we're all thinking that we're in a Zoom world, but  
7 we'll be meeting soon, you know?

8 Yeah, Eagle River should be with Eagle River,  
9 and people that I know out there are thinking the same  
10 thing. Not everybody wants to divide it up.

11 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Okay. Thank you  
12 for clarifying that, and thank you for calling in.

13 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you. Okay. Thanks.

14 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Further questions?  
15 Okay. Thank you, again, Jamie.

16 And I don't see anybody else in person that's  
17 signed up or online. What do members think about  
18 closing public testimony and opening up again tomorrow  
19 at noon at the same time that we've got scheduled?

20 Nicole.

21 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Thank you,  
22 Mr. Chairman. I'm here in the Anchorage office, so I  
23 plan on hanging out until 2:00. That's the length of  
24 time that the hearing was noticed for. I've cleared my  
25 calendar to make that happen, so I would not favor

1 shutting down public testimony early unless the Board's  
2 ready to start debating the plans.

3 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Well, we  
4 appreciate you sticking around. I think maybe I'll  
5 click off the line, then. Maybe while you're in  
6 Anchorage at the meeting, you can chair the meeting in  
7 my absence.

8 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Mr. Chair, I think  
9 Bethany's muted and she's trying to get your attention.

10 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. I don't see her  
11 there, but let me --

12 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: There. Peter just  
13 unmuted me. Thank you.

14 I just want to get clarification. There  
15 was -- there was -- was there an end time? Did I miss  
16 that there was an end time given for this? I  
17 certainly could have missed it, but I just wanted to  
18 get clarification from Peter on that, please.

19 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: It was noon to  
20 2:00.

21 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I would suggest maybe --  
22 well, it's up to the members. I -- I really don't know  
23 what the preference is.

24 Peter just sent me a note that said tomorrow's  
25 meeting starts at 10:00, actually, not at noon.

1           Okay. We've got somebody online.

2     Lee Hammermeister -- Hammermeister -- Hammermeister.

3           Sorry. Sorry, Lee. Are you -- are you there?

4           MR. HAMMERMEISTER: I am here. Can you hear  
5     me?

6           CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. Please go ahead.

7           MR. HAMMERMEISTER: Okay. So how does this  
8     work?

9           CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Perfect. Give us --  
10    we're here -- we're on Zoom. It sounds like you're  
11    calling in, but it's an opportunity for you to testify  
12    before the Board regarding the redistricting plans.  
13    There's two plans out there. One is called Option 2,  
14    and one is called Option 3B, a little bit difference in  
15    how they align the House districts.

16           MR. HAMMERMEISTER: Okay. Thank you.

17           Yeah, I'd like to testify in favor of Option 3B.  
18    I -- I live in Eagle River. I've grown up there my --  
19    my whole life. I remember when Hiland Road was a -- was  
20    a dirt road, and going to school it was often filled  
21    with kids from base. And I -- I know that there's a  
22    massive portion of people that live -- or work on base  
23    that live in Eagle River, and their children also go to  
24    school there. It's also far closer than the  
25    alternative; minutes away as opposed to over an hour

1 drive time to the alternative for Option 2.

2 So I'd just like to go and -- and point out that  
3 it makes vastly more sense for Eagle River to be aligned  
4 with JBER in Option 3B as opposed to Option 2.

5 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you.

6 Any questions for Lee? Hearing none. We'll  
7 go to Forrest McDonald.

8 Thank you, Lee.

9 MR. McDONALD: Yeah. I'd like to say that I  
10 personally support Option 3B, and, you know, the  
11 other -- the only reason we're even having this  
12 conversation to begin with is because board members  
13 got caught red-handed having conversations with people  
14 who are not on the Redistricting Board who gave them  
15 very explicit instructions on how to gerrymander and  
16 rig the process using bogus racist arguments in order  
17 to, like, create some fraudulent legal context to get  
18 rid of the map that we already had, which was  
19 perfectly fine. And we've got all these weirdos like  
20 Yarrow Silvers -- Silvers calling in dozens and dozens  
21 of times over and over again.

22 Look, there's a process in place. We have --

23 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Excuse me.

24 MR. McDONALD: -- Redistricting Board Members.

25 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: I'm -- I'm going

1 to interject here since no one else on the Board is.

2 Members of the public are not allowed to call  
3 in and insult other members of the public who have  
4 testified, and if you want to give intelligent public  
5 testimony, by all means we're open to hearing that,  
6 but we're not going to allow this opportunity to be  
7 hijacked for you to tear down other Alaskans.

8 MR. McDONALD: I did not insult or tear down  
9 anyone. I just stated simple facts. You have  
10 multiple people that have been calling in over and  
11 over and over again, and you're treating their  
12 testimony as individual -- multiple instances of  
13 testimony. That is not the case. No one civilian  
14 person has more say or input than any of the rest of  
15 us, and none of them are on the Redistricting Board,  
16 and Senator Tom Begich is not on the Redistricting  
17 Board.

18 So when you allowed all those other people to  
19 have a heavy hand in the process, you are  
20 disenfranchising all of the people who are represented  
21 by duly appointed Redistricting Board Members. Okay?  
22 And we know what you're doing. We're not dumb.

23 So Option 3B. Thank you very much.

24 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you.

25 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: (Indiscernible).

1 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: And Nicole?

2 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: And I'm not  
3 suggesting that anyone who calls in is dumb.

4 Were you aware that Senator Begich submitted a  
5 third-party plan that was adopted by this board?

6 MR. McDONALD: Yeah --

7 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: He just hung up.

8 MR. McDONALD: -- I was.

9 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Oh, you are.  
10 Okay. Great.

11 And so since he submitted that third-party  
12 plan, is it, then, your position that he is not  
13 allowed to comment in the redistricting process  
14 because he holds office, even though he is an Alaskan?

15 MR. McDONALD: I never said that. And I would  
16 also point out that his commentary to the  
17 Redistricting Board was different from his commentary  
18 in your text messages, which you entered to the  
19 Redistricting Board, which is why I'm complaining.  
20 There was a backdoor process.

21 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: I -- I -- I  
22 appreciate you bringing this to light. We were told at  
23 the beginning of the redistricting process, that if we  
24 did have conversations regarding redistricting with  
25 Alaskans, to preserve our text messages.



1           I preserved all of my text messages. I didn't  
2 delete them. I didn't give our attorney some BS answer  
3 that I was deleting my text messages on a daily basis  
4 for data purposes or other reasons.

5           I have nothing to hide in my text messages. I  
6 firmly believe that everything was above board. The  
7 Supreme Court and the Superior Court didn't find  
8 anything wrong with the mode of communication, and for  
9 you to suggest otherwise here is completely bogus.

10           MR. McDONALD: Okay. I'm sorry. It's obviously  
11 a coincidence that his exact words, in context, were  
12 paraphrased, and your statement's exactly how he  
13 recommended they be made, when he recommended they be  
14 made.

15           It's clearly a coincidence. I should have  
16 foreseen that. I don't know how I could have thought  
17 any -- otherwise. You guys were just obviously on the  
18 exact same page. Maybe there's some kind of mindlink  
19 between you two, and I am so sorry.

20           Thank you.

21           CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Any further questions?  
22 Maybe we can just stick to questions.

23           BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: I'm going to  
24 finish the -- the record. I'm -- I'm sorry. I'm not  
25 going to let a member of the public spew lies and not

1 protect my integrity and my reputation.

2 He's making false statements. The end.

3 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Let's see. I  
4 think that's the last person we see on the list.

5 Anybody else in the office there, Peter?

6 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Melanie has her hand  
7 up.

8 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Oh, okay. Melanie,  
9 sorry. Go ahead, Melanie.

10 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Thank you, John.

11 I think if we noticed the meeting until 2:00,  
12 I'd like to make sure the lines are open in case  
13 somebody planned to call in and testify at, like, you  
14 know, 1:30 or whatever.

15 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I think -- I think  
16 that's fair.

17 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: So I'm willing --  
18 I'm willing to stay on. I would like to step away from  
19 the computer for a little bit. So if Peter could text  
20 me if there is somebody that's either showed up in  
21 person or on the line, I really want to make sure that  
22 we're listening to the public. I booked this time out.

23 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Peter, could you let  
24 Bethany back in? It looks like she's been muted.

25 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Thanks. Sorry.

1 My dog is very distressed. That's why I've been away so  
2 much.

3 So -- yeah, so I'm going to be online as well,  
4 so, yeah, and, you know, if I see somebody come in or  
5 whatever, Melanie, I'd be happy to text you as well.  
6 But I'm going to be online here the whole time, so...

7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Great. Thank you.  
8 Budd?

9 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Same with me. I can  
10 remain available, but if nobody's testifying, I've got  
11 other things I could be doing. So I'll stay available.  
12 If someone would just let me know if someone's wishing  
13 to speak.

14 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. I'm going to let  
15 you know right now we've got somebody online,  
16 Sandra Graham (phonetic).

17 Hi, Sandra.

18 MS. GRAHAM: Hi there. Can you guys hear me?

19 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: We can. We can hear you  
20 fine. Go ahead.

21 MS. GRAHAM: Awesome. My name is  
22 Sandra Graham. Some of you know me as Sandy. That's my  
23 nickname. I've been a 62-year resident of pretty much  
24 Downtown Anchorage.

25 I personally support Plan 3B emphatically. I

1 taught at Birchwood ABC Elementary many years ago, and  
2 a lot of military families go to school in Birchwood  
3 and in Eagle River. They align with that community.

4 I was also a principal in South Anchorage, and  
5 there's a vast difference between Chugiak, Eagle  
6 River, South Anchorage, and then Girdwood, of which I  
7 was also raised on the weekends at Girdwood because my  
8 dad had a ski cabin there. A huge difference between  
9 the communities. So I really urge you to look at the  
10 difference in the communities, and I would  
11 wholeheartedly support Option 3B.

12 Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you.

14 Nicole, go ahead.

15 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Thank you, Sandy.

16 Unfortunately, the constitution instructs us  
17 to look at the districts that are most contiguous as  
18 practicable. In your mind, which districts are most  
19 contiguous as practicable in 3B?

20 MS. GRAHAM: I'm not quite sure of the  
21 question, A; and B, I don't have a map in front of me  
22 because I'm in the car with my phone. Sorry.

23 But after looking at the map, 3B was the one  
24 that I was happiest with. I don't think it's wise to  
25 separate -- to combine Eagle River with Girdwood.

1           BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: You -- you don't  
2 think it's wise to combine Eagle River with Girdwood,  
3 but that's what 3B is trying to do.

4           MS. GRAHAM: Oh, sorry. I'm -- maybe I have the  
5 maps confused. But I do support 3B.

6           BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: Okay. So 3B  
7 suggests splitting Eagle River and combining one  
8 district with South Anchorage down to Whittier and the  
9 other district with JBER and Downtown.

10          MS. GRAHAM: Correct.

11          BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: I -- I don't want  
12 to belabor the point, and I realize you're in your car  
13 without a map, so maybe you can take a peek at the two  
14 different options and either send us an e-mail or  
15 potentially call back in.

16          MS. GRAHAM: Right. I did. So I -- if I -- if  
17 I hear you, 3B aligns part of Eagle River with JBER;  
18 correct?

19          BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: Correct. And  
20 then the other part of it splits Eagle River and  
21 combines it with Girdwood and South Anchorage.

22          MS. GRAHAM: Right. The one that -- right. And  
23 3B aligns JBER with -- with Eagle River; correct?

24          BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: Correct.

25          MS. GRAHAM: That's the one I support.

1 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Okay. Thank  
2 you --

3 MS. GRAHAM: Hopefully that's clear.

4 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: -- for the  
5 clar- -- thank you for the clarification.

6 MS. GRAHAM: Thanks for asking.

7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you.

8 Just looking -- Peter sent me a note here.  
9 Just -- it said that -- Peter, do you want to explain  
10 that in terms of how we've done this in the past and  
11 what the agenda says?

12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: Well, just  
13 at the advice of our legal counsel, we don't notice end  
14 times anymore, just in case we want to go longer or  
15 something else. There's just notice of start times.  
16 But if -- if members have mentioned on the record they  
17 want to stay -- clarifying that the -- we just -- at the  
18 matter of form, we don't normally notice end times.

19 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I can hardly hear you,  
20 Peter. Can you speak up a little bit, please?

21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: It's just a  
22 matter of form at the advice of our legal team we don't  
23 notice end times just because it's impossible to know  
24 how long a conversation might go. But apparently it was  
25 mentioned on the record that we'd be here until 2:00 at

1 another time. So just -- our agendas and our public  
2 notices just say start times for that purpose.

3 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I see. Okay. Thank  
4 you.

5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON:  
6 (Indiscernible).

7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Well, if you're fine,  
8 Nicole, chairing the meeting from there in Anchorage  
9 where you can see the lists, I think I'm going to sign  
10 off, and I'll just look for Peter to send, as he does  
11 every evening, copies of the testimony that's come in,  
12 written, and then a consolidation of the testimony  
13 that's live as well.

14 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Mr. Chair?

15 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yep. Go ahead, Melanie.

16 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I'm just wondering  
17 how many of us are planning on being there in person  
18 next week. I know I am.

19 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I'm -- I doubt if I will  
20 be there in person. I'll be on the Zoom -- Zoom line.

21 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: We've just had so  
22 many -- we've been plagued with some technical  
23 challenges, so because of that I plan to fly in.

24 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you.

25 Peter, you've got your hand up.

1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: Yeah. So  
2 just as we have a brief lull, and for the benefit of  
3 members and anyone who might be listening, we have a  
4 consultant, a contractor, who is in the process of  
5 summarizing all of the verbal testimony and adding it to  
6 our database. So members will be receiving a second --  
7 every night you get a report from all of the testimony  
8 for that day, and tonight's report will have the first  
9 batch of verbal testimony summaries in a separate PDF  
10 file so you can keep them apart. And I know that  
11 Member Bahnke had requested that earlier, and Emily  
12 (phonetic) is in the process of doing -- working her way  
13 through all of the recordings to provide that for us.

14 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you.

15 Okay. And, Nicole, thanks for taking over as  
16 chair there in Anchorage.

17 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Bye, John.

18 (Chairman John Binkley leaves meeting.)

19 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Peter, send me a  
20 text if we have somebody that wants to testify. And I'm  
21 going --

22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: I'll --

23 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: -- to mute.

24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: I'll shoot  
25 you a text.



1 (Pause.)

2 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: Good afternoon.  
3 We're going to be coming back on the record shortly to  
4 take testimony from a caller. Our executive director is  
5 alerting the other board members who are calling in  
6 virtually.

7 Oh, I think Bethany is on.

8 Budd and Melanie, if you can hear me, we've  
9 got a caller. As soon as you two come back on screen,  
10 we'll take --

11 I see Budd. I see Bethany. Waiting for  
12 Melanie.

13 (Pause.)

14 Okay. And Melanie is back on as well.

15 Returning to the phone lines, the  
16 Redistricting Board is going to gavel back in at 1:42,  
17 and we have a caller from Anchorage. I believe it's  
18 June McDonald (phonetic).

19 MS. McDONALD: Hi. I -- my name is  
20 June McDonald from Anchorage. I just want to say that  
21 I support Map 3B.

22 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: Thank you, June.  
23 You came in a little faint. Did you say you  
24 oppose or you support 3B?

25 MS. McDONALD: I support.

1 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME: You support 3B.  
2 Fantastic. Are there any reasons that you want to put  
3 on record? And if not, that's okay.

4 MS. McDONALD: Because I -- I think it's good  
5 for the Korean community. So I don't know if that would  
6 explain why.

7 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME: What -- what  
8 community is it good for?

9 MS. McDONALD: Supporting the Map 3B, it's good  
10 representation from -- for the Korean community.

11 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME: Oh, you -- you  
12 like 3B because it's the best representation for the  
13 Korean community?

14 MS. McDONALD: Yes.

15 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME: Okay. Thank you.  
16 What district are you calling in from?

17 MS. McDONALD: Pardon me?

18 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME: I'm just trying  
19 to figure out what part of Anchorage you're calling  
20 from.

21 MS. McDONALD: Oh, oh, okay. Abbott Loop.

22 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME: Abbott Loop.  
23 Okay. Thank you.

24 MS. McDONALD: Yeah.

25 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME: I see a question

1 from Melanie.

2 Melanie.

3 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Yeah. Thank you  
4 for calling in, June. We have to consider not  
5 necessarily what's best for one group of people over  
6 another group of people when we're figuring out Senate  
7 pairings. The charge we have before us is to look at  
8 House districts that are as contiguous as practicable,  
9 and that means they have to be touching on the map.

10 And then also, my understanding, meaning "as  
11 contiguous as practicable" is being able to get from one  
12 House district to another House district as easiest as  
13 possible.

14 Are you understanding what the contiguous part  
15 is?

16 MS. McDONALD: Well, my understanding is you  
17 threw out other maps because you're considering other  
18 communities, and I don't understand why you don't  
19 consider the Korean community's opinions and stuff  
20 like that.

21 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Yeah, we're --

22 MS. McDONALD: So I feel a little offended by  
23 that.

24 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I'm -- I'm sorry.  
25 I didn't mean to offend you.

1 MS. McDONALD: I -- I can explain it --

2 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: And I'm not --

3 MS. McDONALD: I can explain it better in  
4 Korean, but I'm just saying that you guys have threw  
5 out -- threw -- threw -- threw out the map that we had  
6 before and then -- for other communities, but why not  
7 considering, like, our community? So...

8 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Thank you.

9 The other maps were rejected by the Court  
10 because it diminished the votes, the -- the "one  
11 person, one vote" power. So I don't want you to be  
12 left with the impression that we're not considering  
13 the Korean community or all communities. We're  
14 considering maps that are best for Alaska.

15 MS. McDONALD: So I -- so my understanding is  
16 you're diminishing my community, and so...

17 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I'm not intending  
18 to diminish any community. We're looking at two  
19 possible maps to consider, but I just wanted you to be  
20 aware of the limitations that we have in terms of Senate  
21 pairings. And I thank you for calling in.

22 MS. McDONALD: Yeah, but -- and thank you for  
23 your opinion. I just want to say that I support Map 3B,  
24 and that's all I want to say.

25 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Thank you for

1 calling in.

2 MS. McDONALD: All right. Thank you.

3 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: Thank you, June.

4 We have another caller, Roy Syren, also from  
5 Anchorage.

6 MR. SYREN: Yes. Yes. It's Roy Syren.

7 Can you hear me?

8 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: We can hear you.

9 Please identify yourself and provide your testimony,  
10 Roy.

11 MR. SYREN: Yes. My name's Roy Syren from  
12 Anchorage, Alaska, and I want to call to say that I  
13 support Plan 3B. I think it's the fairest one out there  
14 to support. And I appreciate you guys taking your time  
15 to listen.

16 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: Thank you, Roy.

17 Is there any questions from the Board? No  
18 questions from the Board.

19 Roy, I have a question that I'm asking callers  
20 who support this map to help me wrestle with as we  
21 come down to a final determination here, and that is  
22 squaring the constitution with the way that 3B is  
23 drawn.

24 Article VI, Section -- Article VI, Section 6  
25 requires us to pair House districts that are as

1 contiguous as practicable, and when I look at the map  
2 here, 22 and 9, it requires residents from 9 or 22 to  
3 go through five or six different House districts to  
4 reach the other end of the Senate district. How --  
5 how can you help the Board square that?

6 MR. SYREN: Well, I -- I don't think that  
7 that's been an issue before, and now all of a sudden  
8 it is. I think we need to stick with the fairest  
9 thing for -- for everything and make sure that  
10 gerrymandering doesn't get involved in this. That's  
11 what I think is going on with these other changes.

12 So I -- I think that you're -- yeah, I -- I  
13 don't -- I -- I don't agree with your analysis of this  
14 situation.

15 So, but like I said, I'm testifying for  
16 Plan 3B, and I think it's the fairest for everybody.  
17 And we need to keep -- keep these districts together,  
18 and the people -- everybody goes to the polling places  
19 and votes.

20 So thank you for your time.

21 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Thank you for  
22 your time, Ray, and -- or Roy, excuse me. This -- this  
23 really isn't my particular analysis either. It's what  
24 the constitution requires the Board to do.

25 So I want to make sure that you have the right

1 cite, and you can go back and review Article IV,  
2 Section 6 if -- if you'd like to.

3 Thank you.

4 I think he's hung up.

5 Okay. There are no more callers in the queue  
6 right now. We'll go ahead and stand back at ease for  
7 another 11 minutes in case Alaskans want to call back  
8 in.

9 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Am I muted still or  
10 not?

11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: We can hear  
12 you, Budd, but you can mute yourself if you'd like to.

13 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Yeah. I -- I will.  
14 I had done it before, and then I unmuted and it worked.  
15 So I thought that was going to de-link us or something.

16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: No. I just  
17 have to let you back in.

18 (Pause.)

19 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: Good afternoon.  
20 It is 1:59. The Redistricting Board is going to gavel  
21 back in. We do have one final caller who called in.

22 Kimberly Hunt, can you hear us?

23 MS. HUNT: Can you hear me now?

24 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: We can hear you.  
25 Go ahead, Kimberly.

1                   MS. HUNT: Okay. Thank you very much for your  
2 time.

3                   I called in yesterday, and I felt like I  
4 didn't get my point across because I mentioned I've  
5 only been in Alaska for seven years. But the point is  
6 that I've had relatives up here since the pre-pipeline  
7 days, and I really miss that perspective or that  
8 perception of Alaska and Anchorage, and I really like  
9 what I see of the pre-pipeline days here in Anchorage.  
10 And as such, I wanted to just call in and reiterate my  
11 support for the Option 2 Map to avoid unnecessary --  
12 unnecessary delays and to honor what the Court has to  
13 say.

14                  So I wanted to just call in and -- and be a  
15 little bit more credible. I'm familiar with Alaska  
16 since the pre-pipeline days, and I'd just like to make  
17 sure that the communities that were there then stay  
18 here now.

19                  BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Thank you,  
20 Kimberly.

21                  Melanie has a question.

22                  BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Thank you,  
23 Kimberly, and thank you for calling in again.

24                  Can you --

25                  MS. HUNT: Thank you.



1           BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE:  -- (indiscernible)  
2   a little bit more about what it is that you like about  
3   Option 2?

4           MS. HUNT:  Well, it seems to -- it seems to keep  
5   communities -- it -- it doesn't break up communities as  
6   much, and it keeps contiguous communities together.

7           BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE:  All right.  Thank  
8   you.

9           MS. HUNT:  Thank you.

10          BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO:  Thank you very  
11   much, Kimberly.  And I -- I don't believe that the Board  
12   took any (indiscernible) interpretation to you being a  
13   resident for the time that you have.  We are happy to  
14   hear from all Alaskans, no matter whether they arrived  
15   yesterday or have been here for their entire life.

16          Okay.  And with that, we've now moved to the  
17   point on the agenda where we open it up to board  
18   comments.  Is there any comments from the three of you  
19   that are online?  All of you are shaking your head  
20   "no."

21          In that case, I'll entertain a motion to  
22   adjourn the meeting and a second.

23          BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON:  So moved.

24          BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE:  I'll second.  This  
25   is Melanie.

1 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEIO: Thank you.

2 Motion by Budd, seconded by Melanie.

3 Is there any objection to adjoining -- to  
4 adjourning the meeting at 2:02?

5                   Hearing none. The --

6 (Off record.)

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3 MR. GRAY: -- and I speak for myself only --  
4 just started the recording.

5 My name is Andrew Gray, and I speak for myself  
6 only. I do not represent my employers in any way. I  
7 live in House District 19 in Anchorage. My family  
8 moved into our home there in 2019, just two weeks  
9 before I deployed with the Alaska Army National Guard  
10 for ten months. So I have a relationship with the  
11 military and with JBER, and that's the bulk of what I  
12 will be testifying about.

13 While on that deployment, I was having lunch  
14 with some enlisted soldiers in the dining facility,  
15 and I asked one where he had grown up. He said the  
16 trailer park across from Northway Mall here in  
17 Anchorage. I remarked that I had never met anyone who  
18 had grown up in a trailer park, and after a pause, all  
19 four enlisted soldiers I was seated with explained  
20 that they, too, had spent at least part of their  
21 childhoods in trailer parks.

22 I told this story to illustrate a fact about  
23 the U.S. military. Many young people who sign up to  
24 serve do so to escape the poverty of their childhoods.  
25 You see, I, as someone unfamiliar with trailer park

1 living, am the anomaly. Those with firsthand  
2 knowledge are the majority. "Three hots and a cot" is  
3 a popular saying describing the promise of food and  
4 shelter for many 18-year-olds, and it would not be a  
5 given without the military's help.

6 A 2018 demographic analysis by the Council on  
7 Foreign Relations shows that over 60 percent of  
8 enlistments came from neighborhoods with a median  
9 household income between \$38,000 and \$80,000.  
10 19 percent of recruits came from households with an  
11 income of less than \$38,000.

12 The average annual income in Eagle River is  
13 \$129,768. This means more than 80 percent of military  
14 recruits come from households unlike those in Eagle  
15 River. And if lower enlisted choose to live off base,  
16 they inevitably end up in lower-cost housing in  
17 Mountain View, north Muldoon, or even in my  
18 neighborhood in Midtown, and yet members of this board  
19 are insisting on pairing Eagle River with JBER. What  
20 military members can afford to live in Eagle River?  
21 Higher-ranking officers.

22 The Congressional Research Service reports  
23 that 63 percent of enlisted service members are white,  
24 37 percent non-white. JBER is actually even more  
25 diverse, with 60.7 percent of the voting age

1 population identifying as white and just under  
2 40 percent identifying as non-white; however,  
3 88 percent of senior military officers are white, and  
4 it is these higher-ranking officers who can afford to  
5 live in Eagle River.

6 I should point out that the voting age  
7 population in Chugiak/Eagle River is over 73 percent  
8 white. In recent litigation that made its way to the  
9 Alaska Supreme Court, this Redistricting Board was  
10 found guilty of an unconstitutional gerrymander for  
11 creating a Senate district pairing Eagle River House  
12 district with an East Anchorage House district.

13 I would argue that the Senate district pairing  
14 Eagle River with JBER is just as egregiously  
15 unconstitutional, if not more so. The poor minority  
16 voices of JBER will be overridden by the rich, white  
17 residents of Eagle River, and that is what the goal is  
18 here, to increase the Senate representation of Eagle  
19 River.

20 As Board Member Bethany Marcum so eloquently  
21 stated on the record on November 5th, 2021, quote,  
22 "This actually gives Eagle River the opportunity to  
23 have more representation," end quote. Why? Why would  
24 anyone want Eagle River of all places to have more  
25 representation? Well, the Chugiak/Eagle River area



1 has been a conservative stronghold since prior to  
2 Alaskan statehood. In fact, that area was so  
3 conservative that they actually opposed statehood in  
4 the 1950s. So if there were a way to increase their  
5 representation, one could enshrine a conservative  
6 advantage in the makeup of the Alaskan Senate for the  
7 next ten years.

8 Yesterday Chairman Binkley explained to a  
9 testifier that she could not compare Anchorage  
10 reapportionment -- reapportionment of an Assembly  
11 district with Alaska redistricting, that these were  
12 two completely different processes. Although the  
13 processes may be different, the conservative objective  
14 is the same: Increase Eagle River's representation.

15 During Anchorage reapportionment, Eagle River  
16 was guaranteed from the start two Assembly members.  
17 So in that case, in order to increase representation,  
18 the tactic was to minimize the population represented  
19 by those two Eagle River Assembly members. This was  
20 achieved by fierce testimony against the pairing of  
21 Eagle River with any other part of Anchorage. The  
22 option most strongly considered was a pairing of  
23 Chugiak/Eagle River with Hillside in South Anchorage.

24 I would like to quote some of that testimony  
25 from a town hall held on January 27th, 2022. Eagle

1 River Assembly member and current unopposed candidate  
2 for State House, Jamie Allard, said, quote, "It was  
3 brought up the fact that if we are connected to  
4 Hillside or we are connected to Girdwood, you would  
5 literally have to ride a Dall sheep in order to get to  
6 those areas, unless we drove, approximately from our  
7 location, almost an hour to get to Hillside and an  
8 hour and a half to get down to Girdwood.

9 "I would also point out that when folks are  
10 saying that we have things in common over there, look  
11 at who their elected officials are, Suzanne LaFrance  
12 and John Weddleton. Wonderful people, but you have to  
13 still ask: What do we have in common with those  
14 areas? We don't," end quote.

15 Although I personally disagree with  
16 Ms. Allard's assessment that the only major transport  
17 or one of the only major transports would be riding  
18 Dall sheep, I want to thank her explicitly for stating  
19 that this is a political process. And although the  
20 method is different here in redistricting, the goal is  
21 not, by avoiding pairing the two Eagle River House  
22 districts with each other, which by any metric is how  
23 you would create the most compact, contiguous,  
24 socioeconomically integrated Senate district.

25 The Redistricting Board is seeking to expand

1 Eagle River's influence on the Alaska Senate. We know  
2 from numerous studies that voter participation  
3 increases with family income. In the 2016  
4 presidential election, 48 percent of voters in the  
5 lowest income category voted, while almost double  
6 that, a whopping 86 percent of voters in the highest  
7 income category cast a ballot. This trend holds true  
8 for Eagle River. Eagle River consistently  
9 participates in elections at a significantly higher  
10 rate than their lower-income neighbors.

11 So if Eagle River gets two senators, you can  
12 bet it will be Eagle River electing those senators,  
13 not the JBER House district, nor the South Anchorage  
14 House district. We will get two Lora Reinbolds, not  
15 two Bill Wielechowskis.

16 Please allow -- allow me to, again, quote  
17 Bethany Marcum. Quote, "This actually gives Eagle  
18 River the opportunity to have more representation,"  
19 end quote. She is absolutely right, and that's why  
20 this plan is absolutely wrong. Giving Eagle River  
21 extra representation is unconstitutional and should  
22 not be allowed.

23 So why is this board continuing with this  
24 ill-intentioned plan? Because there are no adverse  
25 consequences to the Board adopting another

1 unconstitutional gerrymander. There is only upside  
2 for them. There's a chance that no lawsuit will be  
3 brought forth, and therefore the gerrymander will  
4 stand for the next ten years. Alternatively,  
5 litigation could be pursued, but it will take time.  
6 Even on an expedited schedule, it would take several  
7 months after an appeal to the Alaska Supreme Court  
8 before you are sent back here to rework the Senate  
9 pairings, and by then the November election would be  
10 approaching, and it might be too close to print new  
11 ballots. No one on this board will be held personally  
12 liable for any unconstitutional pairings. So what  
13 have you got to lose? Nothing. What have you got to  
14 gain? Continued Republican control of the Alaska  
15 Senate.

16 With that knowledge, I make this plea in vain,  
17 I know, but nevertheless, I ask all five of you to  
18 please oppose the Senate pairings and Map 3B. Please  
19 support the Senate pairings and Map Option 2, which  
20 keeps like parts together, JBER with Downtown, South  
21 Anchorage with South Anchorage, and Eagle River with  
22 Eagle River.

23 Thank you for allowing me to testify, and  
24 thank you for your service for the State of Alaska.

25 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: Andrew,

1     there's -- there's a few questions. I think John might  
2     be muted. I see Bethany has her hand up.

3             CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I am. I apologize.  
4             Nicole and Bethany. Go ahead, Nicole.

5             BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Thank you for  
6     your testimony today, Andrew, and it's probably not a  
7     surprise that I agree with a large amount of what you  
8     said today.

9             Peter, can you please pull up the map that we  
10    worked on yesterday that showed the route from the  
11    southern portion of District 9 to District 22?

12            EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: Okay.

13            BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: And I -- I want  
14    to acknowledge all of the points you put on the record  
15    about gerrymandering, but I also want to bring you back  
16    to the constitution, because at this point in our work,  
17    it's very clear what we're supposed to do under  
18    Article VI, Section 6, which says that each Senate  
19    district shall be composed as near as practicable as two  
20    contiguous House districts.

21            And this is a point that I continue to struggle  
22    with as a board member as to why we would pair a House  
23    district that is at some points 87 miles away with  
24    another one that an Anchorage Assembly member, as you  
25    testified today, has said the most practical means of

1 traveling is on the back of a Dall sheep, which I don't  
2 believe any Alaskan wants to do, or the representative  
3 who's elected to represent those two Senate pairings.

4 So Peter is going to bring up the House map  
5 here that shows the primary mode of transportation,  
6 via either the New Seward Highway or up through  
7 Lake Otis to -- sorry -- Elmore to Lake Otis here.

8 And looking at this map, Andrew, are these the  
9 two most practicable contiguous linkages in your  
10 opinion?

11 MR. GRAY: Yes, these are the most  
12 practicable. This is how I would drive between South  
13 Anchorage and Eagle River.

14 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: Okay. Thank you.

15 And I see here that if you took the New Seward  
16 Highway from District 9, you would cross through  
17 Districts 10, 13, 14, 17, 18, 23, and a bit of 21. So  
18 that's seven House districts by my estimation.

19 MR. GRAY: Correct.

20 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: Is that the most  
21 practicable linkage, or are there more natural linkages  
22 that would make districts closer together?

23 MR. GRAY: Well, as was discussed yesterday in  
24 the testimony, I mean, you can use the Crow Pass Trail,  
25 that is 21 miles long and it's only usable half of the

1 year, and it's -- you'd have to be in very good physical  
2 shape.

3 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Okay. And then  
4 the other route would be what's in red, the -- what I'm  
5 going to call the -- the Elmore route, in which case you  
6 would go through Districts 11, 12, 19, 21, 20, 23, and  
7 that's six.

8 MR. GRAY: Correct.

9 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: So, again, not  
10 very practicable in terms of contiguity, or -- or -- or  
11 the -- the most practicable.

12 Thank you. That's it.

13 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Bethany.

14 Bethany, I think you're still muted. There you go.

15 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yep. I was -- I  
16 was looking for the mute button. Yes. Thank you,  
17 Mr. Chairman.

18 Yes. I'd like to say thank you, Mr. Gray,  
19 very much for testifying. As a fellow military  
20 member, I want to thank you for your service. I'm not  
21 sure if we were deployed at any of the same times or  
22 not, but if we -- if we were, I'm sorry that I didn't  
23 get a chance to meet you in theater.

24 But I wanted to ask, because you -- you did  
25 mention my statement several times, and I wanted to

1 ask if you had also heard what I said on the record  
2 about Muldoon and the configuration that we gave  
3 Muldoon in the proclamation plan?

4 MR. GRAY: Well, I have followed the  
5 Redistricting Board very closely since November, but  
6 I'm not sure if I remember the statement. So if you  
7 want to remind me, that would be helpful.

8 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Sure. What I  
9 talked about was the number of potential senators that  
10 Muldoon would have been able to elect in the same plan  
11 that you're referring to that would have allowed  
12 Eagle River to potentially choose two senators.

13 Does that ring a bell at all?

14 MR. GRAY: Well, yes, it does ring a bell.  
15 And what I would say -- and it wasn't present in my  
16 testimony -- was the well-established fact by multiple  
17 studies that the higher the income, the higher the  
18 voter participation. So if you pair a high-income  
19 area such as Eagle River with a lower-income district,  
20 the higher-income area is going to have a much higher  
21 degree of voter participation, so the chances of the  
22 higher-income area being the -- the group that chooses  
23 the senator is much, much more likely. So what you  
24 would end up with is two Eagle River senators, not a  
25 Muldoon senator for Eagle River, if that makes sense.



1           BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Well, I appreciate  
2   that that is someone's theory, but I think the reality  
3   of what we're looking at in terms of the senators that  
4   are elected in Alaska shows that that's not the case,  
5   that there are certainly places where we have been able  
6   to elect senators from areas that are -- are -- you  
7   know, not necessarily in line with the -- the philosophy  
8   that you just quoted from, so...

9           So since you weren't able to --

10          MR. GRAY: I will send you the studies. They  
11   are not --

12          BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Sure.

13          MR. GRAY: They are not theories, but they are  
14   actual studies from the 2016 presidential election that  
15   showed that the lower the income, the less likely  
16   someone was to vote.

17          BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: So back to the  
18   question that I had asked. I wanted to clarify, since I  
19   wasn't sure if you heard, that the way that the  
20   configuration was in the last plan, Muldoon actually had  
21   House representation in three different districts. And  
22   so certainly it was never my intent and is not my intent  
23   to try to get extra representation for Eagle River --  
24   has been -- has been -- has -- as has been purported by  
25   some. It was to give Eagle River just the opportunity

1 to participate in elections and choose their  
2 representatives and senators in the same way that  
3 Muldoon would be able to have that opportunity. And in  
4 the case of the plan that was drawn for the  
5 proclamation, Muldoon would have had the opportunity to  
6 participate and -- and have three different senators to  
7 represent them in the -- the Alaska State Senate.

8 So I just wanted to make sure that you had  
9 that information, but thank you for your testimony.

10 MR. GRAY: Yes. So -- so for clarity, what  
11 you're saying is that you -- you were -- your test- --  
12 what you were trying to do was to help Muldoon at the  
13 expense of Eagle River?

14 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: That's not what I  
15 said. I said that they would have the opportunity to  
16 elect that in the same way that Eagle River would have  
17 the opportunity. The intent was not to give anyone more  
18 representation than any others. That is words that  
19 other people have put in my mouth.

20 The full exchange that --

21 MR. GRAY: (Indiscernible).

22 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- happened at the  
23 time was someone asked me what -- what could be the  
24 result, and I said the result could be that Eagle River  
25 would have more representation, just as the result could

1 be that Muldoon would have more representation.

2 MR. GRAY: Ma'am, what is the harm of pairing  
3 Eagle River with Eagle River?

4 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Well, first of  
5 all, there's only one Eagle River. The other seat is  
6 Chugiak, Peters Creek, and JBER. And so just to clarify  
7 that, there's one Eagle River seat, where most of Eagle  
8 River resides.

9 But the -- the harm of -- of pairing -- of  
10 pairing Chugiak, Peters Creek, and JBER together with  
11 the Eagle River seat is that JBER then is -- is  
12 orphaned, and JBER then is forced to do as is purported  
13 in Plan Number 2, to be paired with the -- the Downtown  
14 district, and there certainly can be no bigger  
15 differences than Downtown and JBER.

16 So when you're talking about folks that live  
17 in -- you know, along 9th Street or Bootleggers Cove or  
18 the -- the -- the -- you know, 13th Street and I Street,  
19 in those areas, compare those folks with the people who  
20 live in -- in base housing, we're talking about two very  
21 different sets of -- of living and such.

22 And so that is the harm, is that by -- by  
23 forcing the -- those two districts together, the -- the  
24 intent, in my opinion, is to force JBER to then be  
25 swallowed up by the Downtown district.

1           MR. GRAY: Roger. I hear what you're saying. I  
2 would argue that most people who live in JBER housing  
3 cannot afford to live in Eagle River, and the  
4 differences are just as distinct.

5           BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: And I would have  
6 to differ with you there, because I think that  
7 Eagle River is much more working class compared to  
8 Downtown, which is much more expensive than Eagle River.

9           CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay.

10          MR. GRAY: The average household income is  
11 \$129,000 in Eagle River, so I would -- I would differ  
12 with you there. And I would be happy to send you  
13 those -- those figures.

14          BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yeah, I would look  
15 forward to getting those.

16          As a military person, I can say that I, myself,  
17 have lived in Eagle River, and so I -- I know that --  
18 and I know many people who do, being still an active  
19 military member. And so I know many folks who do. So  
20 I -- I do know that it is affordable to them, but I'm  
21 sure there are exceptions.

22          So thank you for your testimony today,  
23 Mr. Gray.

24          MR. GRAY: Thank you.

25          CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you, Mr. Gray.

1           Nicole, is that your hand back up again?

2           BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: It -- it is.

3           Thank you very much.

4           And, Andrew, thank you as -- as well for your  
5           service, as a military spouse. My husband also came  
6           from those same demographics that you mentioned  
7           earlier and was able to rise out of what would  
8           probably be considered poverty and go on to the  
9           U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis and graduate -- and  
10          graduate and do 13 years active duty, two tours  
11          overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan. So I do appreciate  
12          the sacrifice and service to the country.

13          I also want to just add for -- for the record  
14          here, again, with what I consider at this point to be  
15          overemphasis on -- on the similarities and differences  
16          between the two -- between all of the Senate pairings  
17          in Anchorage, because the task before us is very clear  
18          at this point: We have to pair the most contiguous  
19          districts as practicable. And that's where I continue  
20          to have a problem with Option 3B, is 9 and 12 are not  
21          the most contiguous districts as practicable.

22          But I also want to state for the record here,  
23          because I think Bethany was going down a slippery  
24          slope here with that argument that this is actually  
25          giving Muldoon three separate senators. The Court has

1 already reviewed that and found that it actually,  
2 quote, "fails and falls flat in the face of reality,  
3 and instead it seems Muldoon is actually cracked among  
4 multiple Senate districts and its voting strength is  
5 diluted as a result." Again, page 69 of the opinion.

6 So I don't want that perception to be out  
7 there, that the Board did this in a way to somehow  
8 bolster the voting power in Muldoon. It was found to  
9 be the exact opposite.

10 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Any -- you've  
11 still got your -- oh, are you done, Nicole?

12 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: I'm done. Thank  
13 you.

14 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you.

15 Mr. Gray, very compelling testimony. You did  
16 a great job.

17 One quick question, maybe, if I could. Just  
18 about contiguity, do you think that means in terms  
19 of -- you know, you've equated it to how you have to  
20 drive and drive through more districts. Do you think  
21 that --

22 MR. GRAY: (Indiscernible) --

23 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- it really, in terms  
24 of the def- --

25 MR. GRAY: -- that was not me.

1           CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY:  -- the definition of  
2   contiguity relates to drivability in a car?

3           MR. GRAY:  I personally don't.  That -- that --  
4   that would be Jamie Allard.  I would refer you to  
5   Republican thought leader, Jamie Allard, to discuss  
6   that.

7           CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY:  So you don't believe  
8   that it's any more or less contiguous if you have to  
9   drive through a district to get from one place to  
10  another?

11          MR. GRAY:  I mean, I know that in Alaska we have  
12  Senate districts that are not necessarily drivable, but  
13  I would argue -- and -- and I -- I agree it could be  
14  argued.  I think it's easier to drive from Eklutna to  
15  Eagle River than from Portage to Eagle River.

16          CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY:  Right.  I -- I would  
17  agree with you, too, but do you think in terms of the  
18  constitution and the word "contiguity" that it refers to  
19  driving?

20          MR. GRAY:  I think that you want the most  
21  compact, contiguous, and socioeconomically integrated  
22  districts that you can find, and I would say, without a  
23  doubt, that pairing Eklutna, Peters Creek, and the north  
24  part of JBER with Eagle River is a more compact,  
25  contiguous, socioeconomically integrated pairing than

1 South Anchorage, Girdwood, all the way down to Portage.  
2 I just -- I -- I mean, I just think that common sense  
3 tells you that that's a more compact, contiguous,  
4 socioeconomically integrated Senate pairing.

5 Would I -- I mean, do -- do I think it's  
6 possible in certain circumstances to have  
7 non-contiguous Senate pairings? I do. I do think  
8 that's possible.

9 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: And so we are talking  
10 about Senate pairings here, and you're obviously  
11 well-schooled and -- and up to speed with this.

12 But with regard to the Senate pairings, what's  
13 your understanding of what the constitution says we  
14 are required to look at for Senate pairings?

15 MR. GRAY: I don't know.

16 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: If -- if it would  
17 help you, Andrew, I can show you that part of the  
18 constitution.

19 MR. GRAY: I'm going to be shown that part of  
20 the constitution, sir. Just a moment.

21 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Well, I -- I  
22 thought maybe you had a legal background. You did a  
23 very eloquent job in laying out --

24 MR. GRAY: (Indiscernible) --

25 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- arguments.



1 MR. GRAY: -- a legal background.

2 You know what, I will be honest with you. I  
3 would not be testifying today if you guys hadn't had  
4 these extra days of testimony. If you had asked me to  
5 testify on Tuesday, I would have had nothing to say. It  
6 was really from listening to the hearings the last  
7 couple of days that got me to thinking. So thank you  
8 for the extra days of testimony that allowed me to kind  
9 of get my thoughts together. But, no, I don't really --  
10 I'm not legal.

11 So "Each" -- I'm going to quote from the  
12 constitution: "Each Senate district shall be composed  
13 as near as practicable of two contiguous House  
14 districts."

15 So I think what this is saying is that  
16 sometimes it's not practicable to have two contiguous  
17 House districts; however, in this case there is, and  
18 it's very practicable to pair Peters Creek, Chugiak,  
19 north JBER with Eagle River.

20 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I think you mentioned  
21 that you are -- about --

22 MR. GRAY: (Indiscernible).

23 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- about the  
24 socioeconomic and compactness --

25 MR. GRAY: Yeah, that was for House districts.

1 I understand that this is for Senate, so you don't have  
2 to include that. But it does seem to be the most  
3 contiguous with the South Anchorage with South  
4 Anchorage, south JBER with Downtown, and Peters Creek  
5 with Eagle River.

6 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you very  
7 much, Andrew. And, again, you did an excellent job.  
8 You're very articulate, and I'm very impressed.

9 MR. GRAY: Thank you so much.

10 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Peter, do you  
11 have the sign-up list there?

12 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: John, do you have  
13 the off-net list yet, or are you talking about the in --  
14 the in --

15 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah.

16 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- (indiscernible)  
17 list?

18 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: The -- the off-net list  
19 and the sign-up sheet there in the LIO.

20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: Yes,  
21 Mr. Chairman. The next person in the queue is  
22 Susan Fischetti, who is on-site here in Anchorage.

23 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yes. Good morning,  
24 Susan. Good to see you on Zoom this time.

25 MS. FISCHETTI: Yes. Finally I made it. I'm

1 happy to be here and to see you in person.

2 I'm here to testify as a 40-year resident of  
3 Eagle River in support of Map 3B. I appreciate the  
4 opportunity to testify as a private citizen. I'm not  
5 an elected official or paid by any organization or law  
6 firm.

7 It doesn't feel right to have my public  
8 testimony in writing for the Anchorage -- Anchorage  
9 Assembly redistricting blasted on Twitter by public  
10 officials. My testimony on the Assembly redistricting  
11 is not to be confused with my testimony for the State  
12 of Alaska redistricting; they are two separate issues,  
13 which should also apply to community councils that  
14 pass resolutions for the Assembly redistricting and  
15 are now pairing it over to the State. I attend  
16 community council meetings regularly, and usually they  
17 are anywhere from 6 to 20 attendees, which may not  
18 always represent the thousands of voters in their  
19 area.

20 I also don't appreciate the intimidation and  
21 attacks against private citizens in this process.  
22 We're nervous, confused, and scared in saying the  
23 wrong thing. Many of us have tried to stick with two  
24 minutes for our testimonies, but some have testified  
25 for over ten minutes. Testimony is now becoming a

1 numbers game and bashing Eagle River and personal  
2 attacks.

3 Historically, when Eagle River has been paired  
4 with the Hillside, the elected officials have been  
5 from the Hillside, so it does not guarantee Eagle  
6 River another seat.

7 I disagree that the accusation of  
8 gerrymandering would be Map 3. I believe any claim  
9 with gerrymandering would be Map 2.

10 I drive all over Anchorage. We in Eagle River  
11 pay the same property taxes as Anchorage, so we should  
12 not be discriminated against. In fact, we share more  
13 land mass and miles with the Hillside along the  
14 Chugach Mountains than any other district. They are  
15 most certainly contiguous.

16 Also, military and veterans are very prominent  
17 in Chugiak/Eagle River and should be paired with JBER.  
18 They are contiguous and have been historically paired  
19 for many years.

20 I will limit my time and hope that others will  
21 be more respectful.

22 Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you, Susan.

24 Nicole, you've got your hand up.

25 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: I do. Thank you

1 very much. And I have three questions for the  
2 testifier.

3 Map 2, in your opinion, is gerrymandered. Can  
4 you give us an example of that? This is maybe the  
5 third time that you've said that, and I'm having a  
6 hard time understanding what you mean when you just --

7 MS. FISCHETTI: It doesn't matter what I say.  
8 If I -- you ask me it three times and I've said it  
9 three times -- you know, you've got your opinion  
10 already predispositioned --

11 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Right.

12 MS. FISCHETTI: -- so anything that I say, I'm  
13 not going to change your mind --

14 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Okay. But --

15 MS. FISCHETTI: -- (indiscernible)  
16 gerrymandering.

17 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: But the analogy  
18 to that is that it's -- it's sunny outside, and you --  
19 and I can say that it's snowing, and if I just say that  
20 it's snowing it doesn't mean that it actually is  
21 snowing, does it?

22 Next question: You asked us not to  
23 discriminate against Eagle River. How are we  
24 discriminating against Eagle River?

25 MS. FISCHETTI: The prior person that just

1 testified, he, I don't think (indiscernible) Eagle  
2 River, but yet he seems to have quite a bit of his  
3 opinion on it, and I disagree with that.

4 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Is it your  
5 position that you represent Eagle River?

6 MS. FISCHETTI: I've been a resident for  
7 40 years of Eagle River.

8 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Okay. Because I  
9 have a lot of testimony from Eagle River here that says  
10 not to split Eagle River, so I just want to put that on  
11 the record.

12 MS. FISCHETTI: For the Assembly redistricting.

13 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Actually,  
14 Ms. Fischetti, it's not. It's been taken over the last  
15 several days coming in.

16 MS. FISCHETTI: (Indiscernible) intimidated and  
17 bullied. That's an example of that to me.

18 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: You don't have  
19 any problem -- you seemed to find your way here over the  
20 intimidation, so I thank you for being brave enough to  
21 appear.

22 Final -- final question -- Peter, please put  
23 up the route maps.

24 MS. FISCHETTI: It is.

25 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Okay.

1 MS. FISCHETTI: I'm a member of the public.

2 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: I appreciate  
3 that, and I appreciate you -- on being brave, again, to  
4 appear here today.

5 These are the most common routes between  
6 Districts 9 and 22, and the constitution says that it  
7 is our task to pair the most contiguous as practicable  
8 districts.

9 Can you explain how you would drive from  
10 District 22 to 9 via the Seward Highway and how many  
11 districts you go through?

12 MS. FISCHETTI: Can I ask you a question?  
13 Because I don't know the answer to this.

14 My question is: Where do you live?

15 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: I live in  
16 Turnagain now.

17 MS. FISCHETTI: You live in Turnagain. Okay.

18 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: And I used to  
19 live in Fairview.

20 MS. FISCHETTI: (Indiscernible) 25 or more  
21 routes that I could take to get to the Hillside. I  
22 could take Lake Otis --

23 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: That's the red.

24 MS. FISCHETTI: -- and, you know, whatever way I  
25 want to go, I can go there. It's the miles.

1           If you look at the purple, we have the most  
2   contiguous districts that there are. These other ones  
3   are just little tiny blocks that are contiguous. We  
4   have a big contiguous area.

5           BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Through the  
6   Chugach State Park?

7           MS. FISCHETTI: Contiguous area, according to  
8   those lines that have been drawn.

9           BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Okay. For the  
10   record, if Ms. Fischetti does take Lake Otis like she  
11   said, that does require going through six House  
12   districts.

13          That's it. Thank you.

14          CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. Suzanne (as  
15   spoken), I think there's another question from Bethany.

16          BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Thank you,  
17   Ms. Fischetti. I appreciate you testifying.

18          So in response to the question that you were  
19   just asked by Member Borromeo, if you were in a Senate  
20   district that was rep- -- that had a Senate seat that  
21   was composed of two districts, an Eagle River seat and  
22   a South Hillside district, what would be the reason  
23   for going to the other district?

24          If you were -- if you were trying to contact  
25   your legislator, you wouldn't be going to their House



1     anyway; right? So what would be the purpose of  
2     driving through those places to go to the other  
3     district? Can you think of a reason why you would  
4     need to -- to do that?

5             MS. FISCHETTI: No. That's why we have the  
6     LIO, which is where we usually would meet with our  
7     legislators. That's why we're meeting here today.

8             BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: So there really  
9     isn't any -- you know, when you talk about the link- --  
10    linkages and the -- driving to South Hillside, there's  
11    not any -- just because you're paired as a Senate seat,  
12    there's really not any need for you to go to South  
13    Hillside, you're saying?

14            MS. FISCHETTI: I can't even get to Juneau, so,  
15    you know, I don't think it's an issue myself.

16            BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Okay. Well, we're  
17    just grateful that we do have the LIO. It's available  
18    to folks all over Anchorage; right?

19            Okay. Thank you.

20            CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: It is.

21            And, Suzanne, too, you might have heard the  
22    exchange a little bit earlier about what the  
23    constitution actually says. It says continuity --  
24    contiguity, but it does not say anything about which  
25    is the quickest way or the easiest way to drive to get

1 from one side of the district to the other or if it  
2 requires going through other House districts to get  
3 from one side to the other. It mentions nothing about  
4 that. It simply means they have to connect. At least  
5 that's my basic observation of what "contiguous"  
6 means. And I think as you pointed out, 22 and 9 have  
7 a huge geographic linear amount of contiguity as they  
8 touch, and the constitution does not say anything  
9 about having to drive from one side of the district to  
10 the other or how many districts you may have to get  
11 through.

12 Nicole, you want to add something else for the  
13 record?

14 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: I do. Thank you  
15 very much. I'd like to point out that the Supreme Court  
16 has addressed that very issue, John, and they called it  
17 false contiguity and second-rate contiguity.

18 So we've been down that path before where we  
19 listened to counsel, when counsel says they just have  
20 to be touching, and the Court was pretty clear that  
21 it's got to be a little bit more than false contiguity  
22 or second-rate -- second-rate contiguity.

23 So I caution members here to be very careful  
24 as we consider this line of argument, again, because  
25 it's already failed once.

1 MS. FISCHETTI: It's already been done,  
2 though, several times.

3 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: And -- and I might  
4 mention also, Nicole, that the Supreme Court also spoke,  
5 and the Superior Court, in Valdez, the challenge there  
6 where you had to drive from -- through other districts  
7 to get from one side of the district to the other, and  
8 upheld that. And so I don't think this notion -- and I  
9 don't agree with it whatsoever -- that just because you  
10 have to drive through another district to get from one  
11 side of a Senate district to the other eliminates it  
12 from being an acceptable district. But we obviously  
13 disagree on that, so let's move on, if you don't mind.

14 Is there anybody else --

15 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: I can appreciate  
16 that --

17 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- in the room there,  
18 Peter, to --

19 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: -- but you're  
20 comparing apples to oranges. We're not talking about  
21 the Mat-Su Borough and Valdez. We're talking about the  
22 Municipality of Anchorage and what the most practicable  
23 contiguity is.

24 So let's focus on the law. Let's focus on  
25 (indiscernible), and let's focus on the compass. Okay?

1                   CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. Let's do focus,  
2 and let's not be condescending either to witnesses or to  
3 each other.

4                   So let's move on. Peter, who's next in the  
5 queue?

6                   EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: We have  
7 Katie Nolan, who is off-net. She's from Anchorage.  
8 She's been in the queue.

9                   MS. NOLAN: Hi.

10                  CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Katie?

11                  MS. NOLAN: My name is Katie Nolan. Yes.

12                  CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. Please proceed.  
13 Thank you.

14                  MS. NOLAN: All right. I'm the president of  
15 AHLOA, the Home and Landowners Association,  
16 Incorporated, of the Anchorage Hillside. And for those  
17 of you who don't know, we have been representing the  
18 Anchorage Hillside since 1970, which was long before we  
19 were incorporated into the municipality.

20                  We created the Hillside District Plan, which is  
21 a planning document for the Anchorage Hillside, and the  
22 Anchorage Hillside now consists of the same areas that  
23 we have been representing. They are now the community  
24 councils in the area too, including Abbott Loop, Bear  
25 Valley, Glen Alps, Hillside, Huffman/O'Malley and Rabbit

1 Creek Community Councils, but we were there before  
2 everybody else, representing the Anchorage Hillside.  
3 And we had our normal monthly meeting last night, and we  
4 looked at these two maps, and I will tell you that  
5 neither one of them is perfect, but the one that meets  
6 the needs of the Anchorage Hillside is going to be  
7 Map 2, not Map 3.

8 The idea that we are contiguous with  
9 Eagle River ignores the fact that there's one of the  
10 largest state parks in the nation between us, and  
11 it -- it is faster to get from the Anchorage Hillside  
12 to Whittier and the Kenai Peninsula than it is to get  
13 to Eagle River Valley.

14 The challenge is, is that not just is this not  
15 contiguous with no -- there are so few similarities  
16 between the Anchorage Hillside and Eagle River. We  
17 have different road systems. We have different  
18 service -- they have their own parks department.  
19 There are things that the State does with Eagle River  
20 that are not appropriate for Anchorage and vice versa.

21 The biggest problem, though, that we saw with  
22 it was that we like seeing our Juneau representatives  
23 at our meetings whenever they're not in session. It's  
24 virtually impossible for any of our representatives to  
25 adequately represent an area that is so far away from

1 us. It's not fair to them. Trying to spend an hour  
2 driving to a meeting in Copper River Valley and then  
3 come back to a meeting on the Anchorage Hillside,  
4 that's not going to work for anyone, which means we're  
5 going to keep Zoom as an option, and Zoom and  
6 one-dimensional people is not an option that's  
7 (indiscernible) relationships with our  
8 representatives.

9 Another thing that's -- that's important to  
10 remember is that we have everything in common with  
11 each other and we have had for over 50 years; we have  
12 little in common and little interest in common with  
13 Eagle River Valley, Eagle River, Chugiak, all those  
14 areas.

15 The other thing that I've heard, listening to  
16 testimony, is that for some reason we've got this  
17 faulty belief that everybody on the Hillside is  
18 wealthy, like everybody on the -- Eagle River is  
19 wealthy. We have, sure, wealthy areas, just like  
20 Eagle River does, but we also have very high-density  
21 housing on our lower sections. We have workforce  
22 housing throughout, just like Eagle River does, and to  
23 think that we're all just, you know, these rich nabobs  
24 is -- it's offensive. We're just people like  
25 everywhere else in Anchorage.

1 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Katie.

2 Any questions for Katie?

3 Thank you, again.

4 Who is next on the list, Peter?

5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: Ruth Ko- --

6 Kosack (phonetic) or Kosack from Chugiak, it looks like.

7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Ruth, are you with us

8 online?

9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: No. It

10 looks like we've lost her.

11 Joan Corr from Soldotna.

12 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Good morning, Joan. Can

13 you hear us?

14 MS. CORR: Yes, I can.

15 I'm -- I was just concerned, because Anchorage

16 is important to the whole state, and I have quite a

17 few friends who live in Anchorage and Eagle River and

18 Rabbit Creek, and to me it seems like they have more

19 in common than the Option 2 Map.

20 And then, in listening, I don't see what the

21 working military people have in common with Downtown

22 Anchorage, and I just wanted to encourage people to

23 choose Map 3B with the like pairing.

24 Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you.

1 Any questions for Joan? Seeing none. We'll  
2 move on to the next testifier.

3 Peter?

4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: We have  
5 Briana Sullivan from Girdwood.

6 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Good morning, Briana.

7 MS. SULLIVAN: Good morning. Can you hear me  
8 all right?

9 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: We can very well.  
10 Please proceed.

11 MS. SULLIVAN: Thank you.

12 Good morning to the Alaska Redistricting  
13 Board. My name is Briana Sullivan. I'm a lifelong  
14 Alaskan, and today I am speaking as a Girdwood  
15 resident who also sits in an elected seat on our  
16 Girdwood Board of Supervisors. It may be trivial, but  
17 I spent my formative years living in close proximity  
18 to District 22 and now call District 9 home.

19 Thank you for all of your time, your work, and  
20 for holding additional meetings online, the phone, and  
21 in person in order to listen to thoughtful public  
22 testimony to allow more weigh-in from Alaskans who  
23 care about the present and future of their  
24 communities, small and large, and ostensibly the  
25 process of government in our state.



1           I don't know everyone in Girdwood, but I know  
2   lots of people of all ages. In fact, I am constantly  
3   reminded that most of my peers are starting families  
4   or caring for theirs. They are busy working and  
5   enjoying their days. Unlike most of them, I paid  
6   attention to the reapportionment by the Anchorage  
7   Assembly because of my involvement in the community  
8   and the significance of the potential changes. For  
9   the same reason cited in reference to local government  
10   and acknowledging compact areas of town found during  
11   this thorough process, the Senate redistricting could  
12   also reasonably follow identified voting areas of the  
13   municipality.

14           Regarding the Senate redistricting, from the  
15   few written testimonials I've read from various dates  
16   and oral public testimonials I have heard over the  
17   last week, it seems apparent countless individuals  
18   have urged you to quickly make this next crucial  
19   decision, to not waste time, to not pair Eagle River  
20   with Girdwood, and to take the Alaska Supreme Court  
21   ruling into utmost consideration when making these  
22   decisions.

23           For example, the Supreme Court ruled that  
24   Eagle River should not be split as this would give  
25   them more representation. Solving this issue would be

1 prudent. Pairing Districts 24 and 23 does what the  
2 Court already cautioned against. I urge you to revert  
3 to the pairing of 22 and 24, where the Court urged  
4 against breaking districts and therefore their  
5 representation. Please advise.

6 In the public process, to live fairly,  
7 equitably, to make changes, to make our communities  
8 operate in their best capacity, function well and  
9 organized, to address the needs of society, we start  
10 with our roots, with our neighbors, and then our  
11 communities and our representatives. These public  
12 offices are held by residents in the areas in which  
13 they live, who understand the nuances of their towns  
14 and cities and thus have a vested interest in serving  
15 their constituents.

16 Citizens can support and vote for their  
17 representatives, and it makes sense that these  
18 individuals be within reach to be in contact and be  
19 physically in places of need to support and to  
20 represent. Two contiguous districts makes sense, and  
21 therefore, do not substantially disrupt or break up  
22 communities.

23 I acknowledge the uniqueness of communities  
24 and neighborhoods within the expanse of the  
25 Municipality of Anchorage. Because they are all

1 connected by roads and bridges and similarities, it's  
2 possible to group them within the constitutional  
3 definition. The commonalities they share are the  
4 proximity and culture and, most often, the terrain.

5 People feel tied to their communities, whether  
6 it's tangible or a line on a map. The idea of  
7 connecting extremely distant Districts 9 and 22, where  
8 thick forest, rivers, drainages, and mountains stand  
9 firmly in between, causes confusion and seems  
10 far-fetched when there is an alternative practical  
11 option the way that the Municipality of Anchorage has  
12 developed.

13 Moreover, having a representative of Girdwood  
14 or Whittier living in Eagle River or a representative  
15 of Eagle River living in Girdwood or along Turnagain  
16 Arm makes a very challenging and undesirable job for a  
17 representative. I'd like representatives to run for  
18 office that want to work for their constituents. The  
19 communities of South Anchorage, Girdwood, and farther  
20 south, and Eagle River exhibit distinctive and obvious  
21 differences already explained and have a very long and  
22 unnecessary drive by car, with plenty of construction  
23 lately, connecting them.

24 Also noted, 9 and 22 have six to eight densely  
25 populated Senate districts squished between. Based on

1 public testimony, most comments from Eagle River do  
2 not want to be paired with South Anchorage and  
3 Girdwood and vice versa. We are humans with habits,  
4 and we are bound to roadways -- roadways and flying,  
5 the City of Anchorage for transportation, business,  
6 and commerce. Anchorage not only connects us, but the  
7 largest population in Southcentral Alaska separates  
8 us. We are not wildlife that roam among or above the  
9 Chugach Mountains.

10 Regarding testimony on the size of districts  
11 when looking at the map, the missing information is  
12 the topography. Hillside and South Anchorage have  
13 more in common with the Turnagain Arm and Girdwood  
14 community than the majority of Eagle River.

15 Through the Chair, I urge Board Member Simpson  
16 to strongly consider the constitution as read, to  
17 listen to the outpouring of public support for  
18 Option 2 and to the countless people who are providing  
19 public testimony on this important issue.

20 Furthermore, I encourage all board members to  
21 oppose Option 3B, which is unconstitutional, and  
22 support Option 2. Keep East Anchorage districts  
23 together as they request and Eagle River districts  
24 together as they request. This would obviously  
25 maintain the most satisfaction and better functioning,

1 already established, of a healthy society. Do not  
2 further confuse anyone with more maps, and please do  
3 not delay this process.

4 Thank you so much for your efforts and time in  
5 this matter.

6 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you,  
7 Briana.

8 Nicole, you've got your hand up.

9 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: I do.

10 I have just a point of clarification, Briana.  
11 Are you calling in on behalf of yourself or the  
12 Girdwood Board of Supervisors?

13 MS. SULLIVAN: I'm calling in on behalf of  
14 myself. Thank you, Nicole.

15 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: Okay.

16 MS. SULLIVAN: The Girdwood Board of Supervisors  
17 did submit our opinion as well.

18 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: Fantastic.

19 Last question: If you were to travel to Eagle  
20 River, how -- how would you do that?

21 MS. SULLIVAN: I would, unfortunately, get in  
22 my car and not carpool, and I would drive the Seward  
23 Highway. And I would take the most direct route, so I  
24 would stay on the Seward Highway until I hit 36th and  
25 Gambell and take a right and stay on the highway all

1 the way. But there are lots of other ways I could  
2 take that would not save any gas.

3 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Thank you.

4 MS. SULLIVAN: You're welcome.

5 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: My question, Briana:

6 Have you -- in the time that you've been on the  
7 Board of Supervisors, have you -- and involved in the  
8 political process, have you had an occasion to travel  
9 from where you live in Girdwood to the other House  
10 district that is -- is connected by your senator?

11 MS. SULLIVAN: By my senator. I have, but not  
12 for purposes of being on the Girdwood Board of  
13 Supervisors. And since my time on the Board of  
14 Supervisors, we've been in a pandemic, so all of our  
15 meetings have been virtual. But I've met a lot of  
16 people through that process, and it's been a really  
17 great experience.

18 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I guess the question, I  
19 didn't ask it very well, but do you find yourself  
20 traveling from one -- one House district to another  
21 House district for purposes of contacting your senator?

22 MS. SULLIVAN: Not for purposes of contacting my  
23 senator, no. I do not drive.

24 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you.

25 I think next is Phil Moser from Juneau.

1 Phil, are you on the line?

2 MR. MOSER: Yes, I am on the line.

3 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Good morning. We can  
4 hear you fine. Please proceed.

5 MR. MOSER: Thank you.

6 My name is Phil Moser. I'm testifying from  
7 Juneau in the Mendenhall Valley. I'm representing  
8 myself.

9 I've been following along the redistricting  
10 process since it started last year, and I would like  
11 to call in in support of Option 2. I -- I don't live  
12 in Anchorage, but I'm familiar with  
13 the (indiscernible) and the -- the history of  
14 gerrymandering in the United States and in Alaska.  
15 I've read up on the previous instances where that's  
16 become an issue.

17 I feel Option 2 is the map most likely to  
18 fairly represent Anchorage, and this has ramifications  
19 for the entire state as well. South Anchorage is a  
20 diverse area, and the representation that we get there  
21 not only represents Anchorage or the -- the people of  
22 South Anchorage, but it helps (indiscernible) to  
23 diverse communities around Alaska, including here in  
24 Juneau. For that reason, I would really like to  
25 testify in support of that.

1           And I would like to add that throughout this  
2   process, there -- there's been multiple warnings about  
3   constitutionality, and there's been multiple warnings  
4   about the risk of running up against racial,  
5   non-discrimination policies, constitutional policies,  
6   and the mandate of the Board to keep districts con- --  
7   contiguous -- representative, and to make sure that it  
8   connects communities that are similar to each other  
9   socioeconomically.

10           There have been board members that, throughout  
11   this whole process, have been very clear in the  
12   warnings against those issues, and at this point those  
13   board members have -- have been correct. So when  
14   Board Members Borromeo and Bahnke have been  
15   recommending Option 2 as the one least likely to run  
16   into constitutionality or other issues, I'm inclined  
17   to trust them, and I recommend the Board do the same.

18           Thank you.

19           CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Phil.  
20           Questions for Phil? Thank you.

21           Next on the line is Leon -- Leon Jaim- --  
22   Jaim- -- Jaimes.

23           Good morning, Leon. Are you there?

24           MR. JAIMES: Hello. Good morning. Yes.

25           This is Leon Jaimes. I'm calling back in on



1     behalf of myself, and -- and thank you for taking  
2     testimony.

3             And the -- I -- I was listening to some of the  
4     testimony earlier on the -- on the definition of  
5     "contiguous," and I was reading the -- the Article VI  
6     of the constitution, and the last sentence in there  
7     is: "Drainage and other geographic features shall be  
8     used when describing boundaries wherever possible."

9             And so I just wanted to point out that if you  
10    look at the -- the topography, the -- the drainage for  
11    District 22 goes into both the Turnagain Arm and the  
12    Knik Arm of the Cook Inlet, and District 9 only drains  
13    into the -- the Knik Arm of the Cook Inlet.

14            So I think it's significant that they -- they  
15    chose to put "drainage" in there and "other geographic  
16    features." But I think, you know, if you look at the  
17    highest elevations in the -- the area between Whittier  
18    and Eagle River, you know, those are -- that's a  
19    pretty distinct boundary there. So I think that, you  
20    know, is something that could also be taken into  
21    consideration in the debate on whether or not the --  
22    the Supreme Court means "contiguous" on -- to only,  
23    you know, refer to the geographic map as a  
24    two-dimensional map.

25            And my -- after I'd already called in, I -- I

1 did hear that this might be settled already. So,  
2 yeah, that was -- that was all I wanted to say today.

3 Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Leon.  
5 Nicole.

6 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Thanks, Leon.

7 I -- I didn't hear. Do you have a preference  
8 on either Option 2 or 3B at this point?

9 MR. JAIMES: Oh, yes. I think that Option 2  
10 is really the only map that is practical --  
11 practicable for a Senate district pairing for Senate  
12 District K.

13 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Thank you for  
14 your time today.

15 MR. JAIMES: Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. We'll go back to  
17 the LIO office.

18 Mr. Ruedrich, Randy Ruedrich.

19 (Pause.)

20 Good morning, and welcome back.

21 MR. RUEDRICH: Good morning.

22 And I have a question for staff: Is --  
23 is the map that I filed at 9:15 this morning available  
24 to be shown, Peter?

25 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: I do have

1 the e-mail.

2 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: Point --

3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: I could  
4 just show --

5 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: Point of order  
6 here: We agreed as a board, Randy, last week that  
7 yesterday was going to be the final time for options of  
8 corrections to be considered. So if you're insisting on  
9 amending 3B again, that's out of order.

10 MR. RUEDRICH: That is not what I'm doing. I'm  
11 trying to clarify what 3B is all about.

12 Thank you, ma'am.

13 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: Thank you for  
14 that clarification.

15 With -- with that explanation, I have no  
16 objection to being shown the map.

17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: I need a  
18 second to...

19 (Pause.)

20 Is that what you want to show?

21 MR. RUEDRICH: That does show it.

22 I'm Randy Ruedrich. I'm representing myself  
23 this morning to just provide some clarification. I  
24 actually sent in a map that only focused on the new  
25 Senate E and Option 3B, but this will suffice since it

1 clearly shows the boundary, the full length of the  
2 boundary from East Anchorage where District 9,  
3 District 22, and District 12 meet. The boundary  
4 extends to the east in various segments to the far  
5 side -- to the far east side of the Anchorage  
6 municipality.

7 This map is clearly contiguous; therefore, the  
8 words of being "close to contiguous" are not relevant.  
9 We have a map here which has been materially the same  
10 as a Senate district that has existed in the past, and  
11 a House district has actually gone across that to show  
12 that that whole area is socioeconomically integrated,  
13 which is even a higher standard on what you need for a  
14 Senate district.

15 I just wanted to point out that this is  
16 potentially 35-plus miles of contiguous territory.

17 Any questions?

18 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Nicole.

19 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Thank you.

20 Randy, this is going to be a point of  
21 contention, I believe, for you and I going forward,  
22 because as a trained lawyer, I have to fall back on  
23 the constitution, and the constitution does say in  
24 Article VI, Section 6 that the Senate pairings -- each  
25 Senate district shall be composed as near as

1 practicable to two contiguous House districts.

2 So I want to very strongly object to your  
3 observation that "as close to contiguous" is not  
4 relevant. It is indeed exactly what this board is  
5 followed -- is -- is required to do, and I intend to  
6 follow the constitution all the way until the end of  
7 the process. I'm not suggesting that you are not, but  
8 you and I have different readings of the constitution,  
9 and I'm going to follow what words are written in it.

10 Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you, Nicole.

12 And I would certainly agree with Mr. Ruedrich.  
13 I'm not a trained attorney, but my plain reading of the  
14 constitution, I agree with him, so we can all disagree  
15 respectfully.

16 Any other questions for Mr. Ruedrich?

17 Bethany.

18 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: There we go.

19 Found the mute button.

20 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

21 So there are definitely different  
22 interpretations of what the language in the  
23 constitution means. Do you know of any place that it  
24 is a settled law or that is -- or is it a -- a point  
25 that would need to be litigated in order to determine

1     what the actual meaning is?

2                 MR. RUEDRICH: Through the Chair, Ms. Marcum,  
3     in the maps that have been drawn since '94, I believe  
4     we have had physical contact with one district on land  
5     with another district for them to be paired. You meet  
6     that standard in this case with one of the longest  
7     contact areas in Anchorage as possible.

8                 Before '94, when Southeast had more districts,  
9     I do not recall exactly how it was done, but there  
10    were districts that were, I think, connected island to  
11    island -- touched island to island -- that's not going  
12    to make sense. Let me try again.

13                The district would contain a group of islands.  
14    Another district would contain an adjacent group of  
15    islands. There was no place where they physically  
16    touched on the same island because that would have  
17    been splitting the island, and they were, therefore,  
18    connected across water.

19                That might be as close to an interpretation as  
20    one can get to creating 20 districts in certain parts  
21    of the state just due to the complexities of geography  
22    itself.

23                BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Thank you.

24                CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you, Mr. Ruedrich.

25                Nicole, another question.

1           BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: I just want to  
2   make sure that Randy has seen page 27 of the Superior  
3   Court opinion, because Judge Matthews addresses this  
4   very point where he talks about citing Hickel.

5           The Court has defined the contiguity criteria to  
6   require, quote, "territory which is bordering or  
7   touching, or more specifically that" -- quote -- "every  
8   part of the district is reachable from every other part  
9   of the district without crossing the district boundary."

10          So, Peter, pull up the route map here so we  
11   can take a look at it.

12          You --

13          MR. RUEDRICH: (Indiscernible). Thank you.

14          BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Thank you. Then  
15   you can rely on your memory, but Peter will still pull  
16   it up.

17          Because if I look at the route map, you cannot  
18   get from District 9 communities, like Whittier,  
19   Portage, Girdwood, Indian, without crossing through at  
20   least six other districts to get to Eagle River.

21          Is -- is that your assessment of the -- the  
22   transportation corridors that doesn't involve the Dall  
23   sheep?

24          MR. RUEDRICH: At this time, as several people  
25   have testified today -- sorry.

1           BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: Thank you. Thank  
2   you, Ms. Fischetti. Nobody's going to ride a Dall  
3   sheep, I agree.

4           MR. RUEDRICH: Okay. Several people have  
5   testified today.

6           BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: Right.

7           MR. RUEDRICH: We have been blessed with Teams  
8   and Zoom and most meetings no longer require physical  
9   attendance, and as a matter of fact, it saves energy; it  
10  saves time; it saves, in the case of a little more  
11  complicated logistics, long trips on airplanes or  
12  ferries.

13           So the argument that you must be able  
14  (indiscernible) creates many problems for many parts  
15  of the state, and I think our technology has moved  
16  beyond this as a reliable sitting standard.

17           BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: Thank you,  
18  Mr. Ruedrich, for that, and I'm going to have to  
19  respectfully disagree. I'm going to fall back on the  
20  constitution, the words of the constitution, and the  
21  esteemed jurists who we've appointed to the Alaska  
22  Supreme Court to interpret that constitution when, once  
23  again, they have said in Hickel, quote, "Every part of  
24  the district must be reachable from every other part  
25  without crossing the district boundary."



1 MR. RUEDRICH: And what year was Hickel?

2 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: 1992.

3 MR. RUEDRICH: My point exactly. I  
4 respectfully --

5 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Is -- is your  
6 point that the constitution has changed --

7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Could you let him --

8 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: -- between  
9 (indiscernible) --

10 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Nicole, could you let  
11 him finish, please, without interrupting?

12 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: There's a little  
13 bit -- there's a little bit of a lag here, John, so  
14 don't worry. Randy and I are interacting just fine.  
15 Go ahead.

16 MR. RUEDRICH: We're having a significant  
17 engagement, John.

18 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: We are having a  
19 significant engagement, and I -- I -- I -- I appreciate  
20 the engagement.

21 MR. RUEDRICH: (Indiscernible) making is that  
22 the constitutional law is constitutional law. Findings  
23 are findings. And the reasons that new court decisions  
24 are made frequently is because the world has changed  
25 somewhat, and our means of communication have changed

1 radically. My need to be at my desk has substantially  
2 disappeared because anybody can reach me 24 hours a day  
3 as long as I don't forget my cellphone.

4 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: And I would agree  
5 with that. I also agree that the constitution is our  
6 most foundational document and that it should be  
7 strictly adhered to.

8 MR. RUEDRICH: I'm positive that we're in  
9 compliance -- that 3B is in compliance.

10 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: You're pos- --  
11 you're -- you're positive that 3B is in compliance with  
12 the constitution?

13 MR. RUEDRICH: I would not have put this map  
14 forward with it being -- with the District 9 and  
15 District 22 pairings if I did not think that it met the  
16 specific clause in the constitution, Article VI,  
17 Section 6, which says they must be contiguous.

18 Thank you.

19 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Thank you very  
20 much.

21 Do you have an opinion on the Court's  
22 observation of second-rate contiguity?

23 MR. RUEDRICH: I have not looked at that.

24 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Okay. Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Randy, thank you very

1 much. We appreciate -- and all of the public too, we  
2 appreciate you participating, and -- and (indiscernible)  
3 keep respectful. The -- the -- people are here to give  
4 their opinion, and we don't necessarily need to  
5 challenge them on their opinions.

6 At this point, we don't see anybody else  
7 either in person or online to testify.

8 Nicole, you've got your hand up again.

9 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: I -- I just have  
10 a response, John, and I understand that you and I are  
11 going to agree to disagree and that's the way that it  
12 will be from here on out. But if a member of the public  
13 intends to present a plan, I do intend to ask questions,  
14 and whether or not you phrase that as a challenge,  
15 that's a subjective observation, but I will continue to  
16 ask about the constitution.

17 So to Alaskans listening across the state,  
18 back in September when I presented v.4 and other  
19 third-party mappers presented their maps, I told  
20 Alaska, "At the end of the day, you may not like the  
21 maps that we agree on and we adopt, but I'm going to  
22 be able to defend every single line," and I'm still of  
23 that opinion. I will be able to defend every single  
24 line and every single pairing, and if it takes  
25 questioning the members of the public to make sure

1 that we're under the same reading of the constitution,  
2 that's just how it's going to be.

3 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I would just ask you to  
4 be respectful of their opinion if they may have a  
5 different opinion, and we should respect that.

6 And so I wouldn't agree with you -- I couldn't  
7 agree with you more, and I think every member of this  
8 board expects to follow the constitution, but the  
9 basic fact is we may have a difference of opinion, and  
10 sharp legal minds can have differences of opinion. If  
11 there weren't, there probably wouldn't be a need for  
12 attorneys.

13 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: And I -- I agree  
14 with you, but I -- I'm not going to accept the  
15 classification that because I'm asking questions I'm  
16 being disrespectful to the public.

17 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. It looks like we  
18 still don't have any --

19 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: (Indiscernible).

20 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- any more testifiers  
21 either in person or online.

22 Let's take a bit of an at-ease, and then we'll  
23 come back at, say, 11:20 and see if there's anybody  
24 either in person or online that has queued up to  
25 testify.

1                   So we'll stand at ease -- okay. Online to  
2   testify, Peter?

3                   EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: Yes. We  
4   have Judy Eledge.

5                   CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yep. Judy, good  
6   morning. Can you hear us?

7                   MS. ELEDGE: Yes, I can.

8                   Thank you very much for allowing me to testify.  
9   I know that -- I hope all of you are having a blessed  
10   day. I know it's pretty difficult to sit there and  
11   listen to testimony for so many days, but I did want to  
12   call in today. I had the opportunity during my lunch  
13   break today to be able to listen to some of the  
14   interactions, and I haven't been able to do that before.

15                  And before I give my testimony, I would like  
16   to say that it seems to me that -- that -- that there  
17   is one person -- I don't know her -- that seems to  
18   already have her mind made up on what map she wants,  
19   and that -- I -- I get that feeling just by the  
20   aggressiveness in her questions to people that don't  
21   support the map she does, and I just -- you know, we  
22   all have a difference of opinion. And you're correct,  
23   we just need to all be respectful to everyone, because  
24   I respect everyone and the work they've put in.  
25   And -- and I think that they don't need to question

1     what we're saying. So I just wanted to say that  
2     before I began my testimony in support of Map 3B.

3             So one of the things that bothered me the most  
4     was the Board was accused of gerrymandering District  
5     K -- K, but the proposed Option 2 simply gerrymanders  
6     in another place to protect the State Senator  
7     Tom Begich, who was actually caught sending  
8     instructions to one of the board members in November,  
9     and Option 2 is his plan. So we do all have a plan.

10            Also, the new controversy is whether to pair  
11     the two Eagle River Districts 24 and 24 (as spoken) or  
12     to use a more logical combination of 23 and 24  
13     following the transportation corridor and common  
14     interests between JBER and Eagle River. But remember,  
15     importantly, 3B makes the obvious logical pairings of  
16     the two more rural and sparsely populated areas in  
17     Districts 9 and 22.

18            Looking at the full page -- the full map, as I  
19     did last night, anyone can see that 22 is the best --  
20     best map for District 9 to share the common boundary.  
21     They most certainly are the (indiscernible) most  
22     contiguous districts.

23            And I will remind people that I did live on  
24     the Hillside, and I both lived in Eagle River, and I  
25     do remember that when Senator Cathy Giessel was

1     elected in office, she went from the -- the first time  
2     she went all the way from Hillside to Kenai, which I  
3     think was very difficult for her to have to do, but  
4     that was what was passed. So we've oftentimes had --  
5     had districts that were not easy to reach. Most  
6     certainly if you lived in rural Alaska, that would be  
7     the reason. So -- and I also think that every  
8     person -- Anchorage muni is generally socio and  
9     economically tied in some way.

10           But I do believe that 9 and 22 make the most  
11    sense overall, just like the 23/24 makes sense to the  
12    JBER and Eagle River connection. It also protects the  
13    interest of any minority community in East Anchorage,  
14    Muldoon, and Mountain View, and I just think that the  
15    3B pairing is logical and makes common sense.

16           And so that is my testimony. I know that  
17    there's some that don't agree with me, but those are  
18    my reasons.

19           CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Judy.

20           Questions for Judy?

21           Bethany and then Nicole.

22           (Pause.)

23           All right. Give us just a minute here, Judy.

24    Bethany's --

25           BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Sorry. There we

1 go.

2 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: If we can get her  
3 unmuted. There we go.

4 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: There we go.  
5 Thanks.

6 Thank you for testifying. In your testimony  
7 you mentioned a legislator, a senator who had  
8 districts that were not necessarily close to each  
9 other but were contiguous. Was it your experience  
10 that the senator only had, like, town halls and  
11 meetings in one of those districts or, you know, had  
12 different meetings in -- in both districts to  
13 accommodate those residents who lived in -- in the two  
14 different areas?

15 MS. ELEDGE: I -- you're going to have to  
16 repeat that. I'm not sure what you're asking me.

17 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: So you said you  
18 lived in the Hillside; right? And so I --

19 MS. ELEDGE: Yes.

20 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Did -- did the  
21 senator or -- I don't know if you said it was a senator  
22 or a representative -- but did that person have meetings  
23 and town halls and such and invite Hillside residents?

24 MS. ELEDGE: Yes. Yes.

25 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: And then --



1 MS. ELEDGE: It was -- you're talking about  
2 Cathy Giessel? Is that what you're talking about?

3 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yeah. If  
4 that's -- if that's the one that you referenced before,  
5 so...

6 MS. ELEDGE: Yes. Okay. Yes.

7 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: And then -- and  
8 then when -- and then when she represented other parts  
9 of -- of the area, did she have town halls and meetings  
10 with those folks as well?

11 MS. ELEDGE: Yes. That happens in a lot of  
12 Senate districts because they're different communities.  
13 So if you're an elected official, you're going to go to  
14 each community. And this was before we had Zoom and  
15 things like that, so she had to drive to each one of  
16 those communities to have everything, and it was very  
17 difficult, but she did it, and she was re-elected, so I  
18 assume she did it very well. So --

19 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: So --

20 MS. ELEDGE: -- this is not the first time this  
21 has happened, and --

22 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: So I guess my  
23 question is: The burden is really more so on the  
24 legislator, not on voters? It's not on residents.  
25 Residents --

1 MS. ELEDGE: Right.

2 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- will have the  
3 opportunity to -- to meet with their legislator. It's  
4 really more of the burden on the -- the elected official  
5 as far as making sure they accommodate those people;  
6 right? Okay. Got it. Thank you.

7 MS. ELEDGE: And that's -- that's -- yeah. And  
8 that's -- okay. And that's common among people that  
9 are -- that live in rural Alaska, Bush Alaska, or most  
10 certainly the more rural areas, like in Kenai and maybe  
11 Mat-Su.

12 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you.

13 Nicole, you've got a question for Judy?

14 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: I do. Thank you  
15 for -- for calling in, Judy. And -- and you're right.  
16 I -- I do have my mind pretty made up at this point,  
17 which, again, is that I'm going to follow the  
18 constitution and stick very -- stay very far away from  
19 the type of actions that got the first proclamation  
20 declared as an unconstitutional gerrymander. And I will  
21 continue, as I told John earlier, to ask questions.

22 My -- my question to you, Judy, is: How would  
23 you travel from Portage to Eagle River?

24 MS. ELEDGE: The same way everybody does that  
25 lives there. I mean, that's -- you just have to go

1 around that way. But you know what? If I'm going  
2 to -- if I'm going to probably meet -- since we do  
3 that in town across the street -- I'm probably going  
4 to do a Zoom meeting.

5 As Randy Ruedrich said, you know, our day has  
6 come to where things are not distance -- I mean, how  
7 does someone in rural Alaska, in Kotzebue meet all the  
8 villages? They have to get on a plane and fly to  
9 those communities. So that's not uncommon.

10 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: And I appreciate  
11 that as a Bush kid. I grew up in McGrath.

12 But how --

13 MS. ELEDGE: Yeah, I -- I grew up in --

14 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: -- do you  
15 advise --

16 MS. ELEDGE: -- the Bush in rural Alaska, yes.

17 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Fantastic. I'm  
18 happy to hear that.

19 How -- how would you advise the Board, then,  
20 that we should interpret the guidance from the Supreme  
21 Court in Hickel that said very clearly, quote, "every  
22 part of the district is reachable from every other  
23 part without passing the district boundary" and that  
24 that should be our criterion for contiguity?

25 MS. ELEDGE: Well, first of all, I -- you

1 know, everyone has an opinion on what the constitution  
2 says and how it reads. So that is -- when you say,  
3 "I'm going to follow the constitution," well, you know  
4 very well that all of us have a different opinion on  
5 that.

6 I assume that those re- -- re- -- vehicles --  
7 you know, I don't know how to answer that, because how  
8 did they approve Cathy Giessel crossing district lines  
9 to get to Kenai? So I just guess -- you know, I have  
10 seen it over and over again, so I'm not really sure  
11 why that is such a big concern right now, because it  
12 hasn't been in the past.

13 And, so, you know, I think that -- I think  
14 that -- that the 3B is arguably -- it can be argued  
15 because it's happened in the past. Like I said, we  
16 have been -- when Con Bunde and others in Eagle  
17 River -- we have been -- we have been paired with  
18 South Anchorage before. This is not the first time.  
19 And so I'm not sure how that stood in the  
20 constitutional view, if it doesn't now.

21 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: I'm assuming,  
22 then, that that was under different census populations.  
23 Again, if -- if we were going to keep the same lines,  
24 there would be no point to redistrict, but we are  
25 here --

1           MS. ELEDGE: Right. Well, I -- you know, I  
2   don't think that -- I don't think that there's been that  
3   much. I think probably South Anchorage has maybe lost a  
4   little more than Eagle River, and I -- I don't see the  
5   numbers in the population, but, you know, every time we  
6   go through this for ten years, you know, people think  
7   this isn't a political process. Yes, it is. Because I  
8   have seen -- you know, I've seen districts change that  
9   absolutely just didn't need to change that much. It's  
10  all an opinion of the Redistricting Board and what they  
11  do.

12           And so I just don't think -- unless I could  
13  see the numbers, I couldn't tell you whether or not  
14  that population has changed that much. I think it had  
15  more to do -- I mean, was not Eagle River with East  
16  Anchorage (as spoken)? That's happened for many  
17  years, and all of a sudden that's not okay. And so --  
18  and I know that South Anchorage has been with part of  
19  Muldoon and that was okay.

20           So I guess it just depends on what's happening  
21  and what people want at that time. At least that's  
22  how I -- it appears that way to me, that it's much  
23  more political than it should be.

24           BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME: I -- I appreciate  
25  that. I -- I will extend an invitation if -- if you

1 want to come in and review some numbers. I'm -- I'm  
2 happy to meet with you either before or after public  
3 testimony. I'm also happy to share my contact  
4 information and we can go over the numbers, because I  
5 think they would be a little illuminating in -- in your  
6 future testimony.

7 But I do thank you for your time today --

8 MS. ELEDGE: You're welcome.

9 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: -- and I'm --

10 MS. ELEDGE: Thank you for listening.

11 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: -- I'm -- I'm  
12 really happy to see you engaged.

13 MS. ELEDGE: Thank you very much. Bye-bye.

14 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you, Judy.

15 Next we have Forrest McDonald who just dialed  
16 in.

17 Forrest?

18 MR. McDONALD: Yeah. Thanks for taking my  
19 call. I'm calling in support of Map 3B, and the  
20 reason why -- so I've -- I've heard a number of  
21 comments from previous people testifying and from  
22 board members being very critical of people who are  
23 supporting Map 3B and accusing them of being the same  
24 people that were against the Assembly district  
25 pairings, and that's not how this works.

1           First off, you don't get to assume or  
2 criticize people for their opinion on this call and  
3 accuse them of making calls previously when you have  
4 no evidence of that happening.

5           But, furthermore, if you're going to make the  
6 argument that it was appropriate to link the Assembly  
7 -- and Eagle River, which did happen, if that's  
8 appropriate, now you also have the burden of evidence.  
9 You have to prove that this is somehow not  
10 appropriate, because as of right now, it seems like  
11 you're just changing standards willy-nilly. You're  
12 specifically targeting Eagle River voters through your  
13 actions and through your commentary. You're making it  
14 clear that you're trying to reduce their voting power  
15 as much as you probably can and reduce their  
16 footprint. You haven't given an explanation on why  
17 you feel like that's appropriate.

18           And, furthermore, I'm really upset that board  
19 members have been coaching testimony as people are  
20 calling in, asking very confrontational questions,  
21 pushing people to reevaluate their opinions if it  
22 doesn't match your personal views. People can have  
23 whatever opinion they want, because guess what? They  
24 might have different values than you. They might have  
25 different priorities than you. They're trying to add

1     that to the equation so that their voice is heard so  
2     that we can have a diverse array of views and opinions  
3     represented, not just one person, who happens to be a  
4     board member, just dictating the entire process and  
5     talking down on anybody who has a different opinion.

6             Thank you very much.   3B.

7             CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY:  Thank you, Forrest.  
8             Questions?

9             Nicole.

10            BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO:  Thank you,  
11     Forrest, for calling back in.  We seem to have gotten  
12     disconnected the other day before I was done asking you  
13     my questions.

14            I want to make very clear that we're not  
15     trying, or at least I'm not trying, to reduce the  
16     voting power in Eagle River, but I'm also not of the  
17     opinion that we need to walk down the same road that  
18     was already declared an unconstitutional gerrymander  
19     by the Superior Court and affirmed on appeal to the  
20     Supreme Court.

21            Can you give your -- your opinion as to why  
22     the two Eagle River districts should not be linked?

23            MR. McDONALD:  Yeah.  I'd like to know why it  
24     was appropriate to do it with the Assembly but it's  
25     not appropriate now, and I'd like to know why



1 specifically Eagle River has all of these additional  
2 qualifications and constitutional questions that are  
3 applied in the process when you didn't apply it to any  
4 of the other districts in the entire state.

5 This -- this incredible criteria of evaluating  
6 racial distribution and then applying it to one Senate  
7 district and only one Senate district without any  
8 explanation of why you didn't look at any of the other  
9 districts in Alaska with the same criteria, that --  
10 we've -- that seems like something that you should  
11 offer an explanation to.

12 If you're trying to make these arguments only  
13 looking at one area, then I don't have to prove  
14 anything to you. You need to dem- -- you have to make  
15 the case for that. You have to tell us why it's  
16 appropriate for you to be looking at racial  
17 demographics in only one case when there's -- that's  
18 not even a statutor- -- a statutory requirement  
19 anymore. Okay? The statutory rules have nothing to  
20 do with this really contrived constitutional argument  
21 that you're trying to make about racial distribution.

22 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Thank you very  
23 much. I -- I have not been looking at racial data as it  
24 relates to Eagle River. I -- I don't impugn that motive  
25 to any of my other colleagues on the Board either. And

1 the only thing that I'm -- I'm looking toward is the  
2 constitution, that, again, says each Senate district  
3 shall be composed as near as practicable to two  
4 contiguous House districts.

5 So I -- I appreciate your testimony today. I  
6 understand that you are in favor of 3B, and I  
7 appreciate that we had a better connection and we  
8 didn't lose each other as we engaged in question and  
9 answer.

10 Thank you.

11 MR. McDONALD: Yeah, and the -- the record is  
12 well established that the constitutionality of this  
13 pairing was never previously an issue. This is a  
14 precedent that's well established going back decades,  
15 this pairing. This is not the first time this pairing  
16 has come up.

17 And if you want to make the argument that this  
18 pairing is not appropriate because the districts are  
19 too far apart, we already had a map where all the  
20 map -- where all of the districts were right on top of  
21 each other and touching, and you didn't like that one.  
22 You threw that one out.

23 I also agree that the previous map was better  
24 than this one, but since you already threw that one  
25 out, now you're trying to throw this one out. You're

1     trying to throw out four out of five maps and just get  
2     your way with the map that was re-selected by the  
3     Senate Democrat minority leader in a text conversation  
4     with you several weeks ago. It's very transparent  
5     what you're doing.

6             Thank you very much. Have a great day.

7             BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEIO: Okay. So that --  
8     that map actually was Option 1 that Senator Begich  
9     favored for his preferred Senate pairings, and that's  
10    not under consideration today. So let's keep facts to  
11    facts and slander for another day, but --

12            MR. McDONALD: Okay. Here -- here's a fact:  
13    Why is only this district -- only this pairing -- why  
14    are you applying all of these constitutionality  
15    questions to just this one specific area, only Eagle  
16    River? In -- in all of the maps you looked at, you were  
17    only applying these criteria to Eagle River.

18            BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEIO: Because in my  
19    opinion, Forrest, this is the pairing that the Supreme  
20    Court had an issue with, because we have a member of the  
21    Board who said during public testimony that Eagle River  
22    was being split to get Eagle River more representation.  
23    That's an unconstitutional gerrymandering move, and I  
24    believe it's going to get the Board right back into the  
25    same hot water that we found ourselves in a few months

1     ago.  So that's why I continue to have great heartburn  
2     over splitting Eagle River to increase its reach in the  
3     Senate.

4                 MR. McDONALD:  So there you go again, saying  
5     that you're specifically targeting Eagle River, that you  
6     don't want Eagle River residents to have a level of  
7     representation --

8                 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME:  No.  I'm -- I'm  
9     not saying that I don't want them to have --

10                MR. McDONALD:  -- that you don't feel it's  
11    appropriate.  So --

12                BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME:  Oh, sorry.

13                MR. McDONALD:  -- why don't --

14                BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME:  I thought you  
15    were done.

16                MR. McDONALD:  -- why don't you feel like Eagle  
17    River rep- -- why -- why doesn't Eagle River deserve to  
18    have representation?  What is it specifically about  
19    Eagle River voters that you're very cautious about them  
20    having a voice in this Senate?

21                BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME:  Oh, thank you for  
22    that follow-up question.

23                I do believe Eagle River should have  
24    representation.  I don't believe Eagle River should  
25    have any more representation, though, than it's

1 entitled to. I don't believe we should split two  
2 Eagle River districts so that they can swallow up  
3 their neighboring districts and control the Senate  
4 seats. That's where my -- that's -- that's where I  
5 have been on record. That is going to be my position  
6 going forward.

7 So I'm not saying that --

8 MR. McDONALD: If that's not an appropriate  
9 action, then why are you trying to do that with the  
10 downtown Democrat districts? Why are you trying to  
11 split up Democrat districts downtown and push them  
12 into the base and Eagle River so that those districts  
13 can be swallowed up so that your people can have a  
14 disproportionate amount of representation?

15 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Oh, again, I  
16 appreciate that question, too, because if you look at  
17 the maps that were presented in the House, my maps were  
18 by far the less advantageous to the Democrats. They  
19 paired -- my map paired Democrats against each other in  
20 two different districts. My map also paired a very  
21 popular Republican against a Democrat in another  
22 district. So I don't know --

23 MR. McDONALD: If your -- if your map --

24 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: -- what you're  
25 referring to.

1           MR. McDONALD: -- is the least advantageous to  
2 the Democrats, then why is the Democrat minority leader  
3 and the Senate pushing them behind closed doors? That  
4 seems a little bit confused on his part. I think that  
5 Tom Begich is a very savvy, very intelligent man. I  
6 think that it would be very questionable to assume that  
7 behind closed doors he's acting against his best  
8 interests.

9           BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME: I'm having a hard  
10 time following that -- that comment, but I -- I don't  
11 think --

12          MR. McDONALD: You said that -- you said that  
13 your map is -- and, also, I mean, if you're saying that  
14 your map is not advantageous to the Democrats, then that  
15 means that you're factoring bias into the equation.

16          BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME: That's not  
17 exactly what I'm saying.

18          MR. McDONALD: Well, you just admitted --

19          BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME: I'm --

20          MR. McDONALD: -- that your consideration --

21          BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME: I'm saying  
22 that --

23          MR. McDONALD: -- specifically --

24          BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME: -- I'm -- I'm not  
25 factoring either party into the consideration.

1           And I've -- I've drawn this map of Anchorage,  
2   Forrest, and I did so using major transportation  
3   corridors. I grouped schools as well. So that's --

4           MR. McDONALD: You just said on the record --

5           BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEEO: -- what I was  
6   looking --

7           MR. McDONALD: -- in a recording that you  
8   considered the strength of the Democrat Party in your  
9   drawing of this map, that you specifically drew it in a  
10   way that you consider the Democrats not to be  
11   particularly advantage- -- advantaged by.

12          BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEEO: I didn't say that  
13   at all. I said if you look at the maps, mine was  
14   definitely the less advantageous to the Democrats.  
15   That's what I said.

16          MR. McDONALD: Okay. I'd like you to explain  
17   how you -- how you came to that conclusion, and --  
18   and...

19          BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEEO: I'm -- I'm really  
20   happy to, but it's beyond the scope of what the Board  
21   has been asked to do on remand. So if you leave your  
22   contact information with Peter or Yohan (phonetic), I'm  
23   very happy to give you a call later today and --

24          MR. McDONALD: I -- I just called in --

25          BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEEO: -- we can

1 schedule some time to talk about it.

2 MR. McDONALD: -- to say I support Map 3B. You  
3 wanted to have all of these additional conversational  
4 questions, and now you're talking about how you were  
5 evaluating these districts based on whether or not  
6 they -- they benefited the Democrat Party. And if  
7 you --

8 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: No. I -- I --  
9 I --

10 MR. McDONALD: -- wanted to bring that up, I  
11 think that it --

12 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: -- I never said  
13 that, and I'm not going to admit to saying it just  
14 because you say it. So I never said that.

15 MR. McDONALD: I mean, the conversation --

16 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: I -- I -- I  
17 appreciate that that's --

18 MR. McDONALD: -- (indiscernible) on the record  
19 that you just said that you're evaluating --

20 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: -- that that's  
21 your position and that's what you think that happened,  
22 but, again, just because you think it happened doesn't  
23 make it so.

24 MR. McDONALD: You just said that you drew a map  
25 that specifically didn't -- Democrats -- that didn't



1 benefit -- like, you just said that a second ago.

2 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: And that's my  
3 position. It's true. My House map of Anchorage didn't  
4 benefit the Democrats.

5 MR. McDONALD: Okay. So now you're saying that  
6 you're evaluating that question in your decision-making  
7 process, but you're not offering any explanation.  
8 You're saying you're evaluating whether or not this  
9 ben- -- benefits the Democrat Party specifically.

10 I was under the impression that this was a  
11 non-partisan process where you did not consider whether  
12 or not it would ben- -- benefit the Democrat Party. Now  
13 you're telling me that that was an important part of  
14 your decision-making process. And I don't think that  
15 you've -- you -- you haven't offered an explanation  
16 anywhere on how you did that or why you think that  
17 that's appropriate.

18 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORRAMEO: I -- I have.  
19 You're -- you're just not listening. I drew the map  
20 based on transportation corridors and school systems.  
21 That's -- those are my two primary guiding forces.

22 And, again, just because you say it so doesn't  
23 make it true. I appreciate that you are firmly tied  
24 to Map 3B. I'm not hearing any strong constitutional  
25 reasons, though, and perhaps over the next couple of

1 days, we'll hear that from you, Forrest.

2 MR. McDONALD: Yeah, the constitutional reason  
3 is you're applying questions and legal standards to  
4 this specific district in a way that targets  
5 Eagle River voters that you're not applying to any  
6 other district. You can apply all of those same  
7 arguments to Down- -- you're trying to -- you're  
8 attempting to do a Downtown and -- and base pairing.  
9 All of the same arguments you're applying against  
10 Eagle -- Eagle River residents could be applied to  
11 Map 2B (as spoken) when you're looking at, like,  
12 (indiscernible) Downtown people into Republican areas  
13 to try to drown out the Republican vote on base.  
14 Okay. All of those arguments cut against you as well.  
15 You have a very myopic one-sided view of this.

16 Anyways, thank you very much for your time.  
17 Appreciate it.

18 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: You're right, and  
19 that view is the constitutional view.

20 Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you,  
22 Forrest.

23 Next up is Yarrow Silvers there in the LIO  
24 office.

25 Good morning, Yarrow. Welcome back.

1           BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Really quick  
2 before she starts to testify, I -- I want to make a note  
3 here that I have a previous obligation. The Board knows  
4 about it. Peter knows about it.

5           So I'm going to be leaving here in a couple of  
6 minutes, but I didn't want to be rude and interrupt you,  
7 so just continue as I pack up.

8           Thank you.

9           MS. SILVERS: Thanks. This is going to be  
10 really quick. I hadn't actually been planning to speak  
11 today, but I did just want to discuss really quickly the  
12 burden of proof, the burden of proof for using what has  
13 been described by Justice Matthews and Matthew Singer on  
14 behalf of the Board as second-rate contiguity and false  
15 contiguity, as well as the splitting apart of the  
16 communities of Downtown, Eagle River, South Anchorage,  
17 and JBER residents from their gated communities in  
18 Anchorage, falls on those suggesting that these actions  
19 are logical and rational and not just a gerrymander  
20 restated.

21           So I think that the burden of proof falls on  
22 the people that are suggesting that 3B is a rational  
23 and logical set of pairings when it splits every  
24 community in Anchorage apart. Keeping communities  
25 together is not gerrymandering; splitting communities

1     apart is, unless you have a really rational, logical  
2     argument for it, and I have not heard that, and I have  
3     not heard a rational, logical argument for using  
4     second-rate contiguities, false contiguities. I have  
5     not heard a rational, logical argument for any of  
6     this.

7             So that's all. That's all I have to say.

8             Thank you.

9             CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you, Yarrow.

10            Questions for Yarrow?

11            Thank you very much.

12            Let's see. Peter, we do have somebody,

13     Mike Edgington from Anchorage, online.

14            Mike, are you with us?

15            MR. EDGINGTON: Can you hear me now?

16            CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yes, we can. Go ahead,  
17     Mike.

18            MR. EDGINGTON: Thank you.

19            So my name is Mike Edgington. I live in  
20     Girdwood, but I'm actually representing the -- I'm  
21     cochairing the Girdwood Board of Supervisors, and I'm  
22     representing the Girdwood Board of Supervisors in this  
23     call today in my testimony.

24            We had the opportunity to meet on Tuesday  
25     evening. At the time, there were three maps -- or

1 three options being presented: Option 1, Option 2,  
2 and Option 3.

3 We discussed in some detail -- and we are the  
4 body -- we are an elected body. We are elected to  
5 represent the community of Girdwood, and we also have  
6 the functions of the community council, but unlike the  
7 community council, as individuals, we're elected by  
8 the -- by the whole of Girdwood in the municipal  
9 elections.

10 So we considered all three maps. The  
11 unanimous feeling of the Board was that, at the time,  
12 Maps 1 and 2 represented the -- a much more compact  
13 and contiguous Senate district than Map 3. We did  
14 discuss if there were going to be any additional  
15 changes, what the features were that we considered  
16 better, but we supported Maps 1 and 2 and did not  
17 support Map 3. It really was the issue of continuity  
18 or contiguousness across the Chugach National Forest  
19 and Chugach State Park.

20 The idea that -- to -- when there are  
21 options -- again, we're not talking about places where  
22 there are no options here. There are many options.  
23 So when you look at the -- Map 2, in this case, or  
24 Map 3B, one uses the continuity of literally, you  
25 know, houses and residential areas right next to each

1 other. The other uses miles and miles and miles of a  
2 major mountain range to get continuity. There's no  
3 population there. There's no practical way of getting  
4 from one side to the other unless you have  
5 mountaineering skills, which would take several days.  
6 It's not -- just not a -- it's not contiguous in any  
7 practical sense. But we do have Option 2.

8 So the -- the census the Board has had in a  
9 unanimous vote was that we supported Map 3 -- sorry --  
10 we supported Map 1 or 2 over Map 3 or any similar maps  
11 which combine Eagle River with South Anchorage,  
12 Hillside, or Turnagain.

13 And I'm happy to take questions.

14 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you.

15 Any questions for Mike? Hearing none.

16 Let's see. Peter, is there anybody else that  
17 you see there in person or online?

18 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: Thank you,  
19 Mr. Chairman. I do not see anyone else off-net or in  
20 the room who would like to testify at this time.

21 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. We can -- we've  
22 got -- we were going to go until noon. I don't know  
23 what the wishes of members are. We're going to convene  
24 again tomorrow, so if people didn't get a chance to  
25 testify today because it was a workday or couldn't make

1 the schedule, they can certainly call in tomorrow and  
2 testify as well. That's our current schedule.

3 I don't know if members want to stick around  
4 and see if in the next 11 minutes anybody else comes  
5 on, or if we should just adjourn until tomorrow when  
6 we have our next public hearing.

7 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Mr. Chairman?

8 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. Go ahead,  
9 Bethany.

10 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: I'm happy to stay  
11 on. I have no problem with other members dropping off.  
12 I'm happy to stay on. And since we know that the -- the  
13 testimony will be recorded as well as transcribed, other  
14 members will be able to see it. But I'm happy to stay  
15 on and -- and hear the testimony of anybody who calls in  
16 in that time period or comes into the office.

17 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you. And  
18 that is very handy.

19 And I appreciate, Peter, all the work that you  
20 do -- do to get those transcribed to us by the evening  
21 of the day that people are actually testifying.  
22 That's incredibly helpful. I know it's a tremendous  
23 amount of work, and your time and effort are very much  
24 appreciated.

25 So with that, I think I'm going to ring off.

1           And, Budd and Bethany, if you two want to stay  
2   on or -- oh, go ahead, Budd. You have your hand up  
3   there.

4           BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: I -- I was just  
5   going to say I can stay on too. I may do some other  
6   chores or something, but I'll -- I'll leave the Zoom on  
7   in case someone comes on.

8           CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Great. Okay.

9           BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: All right. Bye,  
10   John.

11          CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: See you tomorrow. Thank  
12   you.

13          BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Take care. See  
14   you tomorrow, John.

15          CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you.

16          (Chairman John Binkley leaves meeting.)

17          EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: Doug Robins  
18   just signed up to testify.

19          BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Peter, you broke up  
20   there. I -- I couldn't hear what you said.

21          EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: We have a  
22   Doug Robins who just signed in to testify, if members  
23   would like to hear his testimony.

24          BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Okay.

25          EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: Mr. Robins,



1 are you with us?

2 MR. ROBINS: Yes. I'm on the line. Can you  
3 hear me?

4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: Yes.  
5 Please proceed.

6 MR. ROBINS: Okay. Thank you.

7 Yeah, so this is Doug Robins from the  
8 Anchorage Hillside representing myself. I've -- I've  
9 spoken before. I -- I had another -- I'll be brief  
10 here and quote the Alaska Constitution from the  
11 Redistricting Board website.

12 After describing the criteria for legal  
13 standards for redistricting, the final words are  
14 "drainage and other geographic features shall be used  
15 in describing boundaries whenever possible."

16 So it does seem to me that the Option 3, as  
17 modified, is clearly contrary to the criteria defined  
18 in the constitution for designating Senate districts.  
19 This is under the description of Senate districts.

20 And either -- to -- to validate that -- that  
21 pairing, you either have to consider that the Chugach  
22 Mountains are not a geographic feature, which is false  
23 because they're -- they're virtually impassable for  
24 ordinary civic interaction, (indiscernible).

25 Well, I guess that's -- that's just it. You

1 have to say that -- that the mountains are not a  
2 geographic feature or -- or that there is no other  
3 possible way to join districts, which there clearly  
4 is. You can join Eagle River to Eagle River, South  
5 Anchorage to South Anchorage.

6 So, anyway, that's -- I -- I -- I think that  
7 Option 3 can't stand according to the constitutional  
8 criteria.

9 That's all I have to say. Are there any  
10 questions?

11 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Budd, do you have  
12 any questions for Mr. Robins?

13 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: No questions. Thank  
14 you --

15 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: All right.

16 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: -- for testifying.

17 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Thank you,  
18 Mr. Robins.

19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: We have --  
20 Gretchen Stoddard has dialed in. She's from Anchorage,  
21 but she's through the teleconference system.

22 Gretchen, can you hear us?

23 MS. STODDARD: Hi. Thank you. I -- I'm not  
24 really ready to testify. I thought that -- but I was  
25 wondering if I could request for tomorrow, like, a

1 time, or that people could call in and request that --  
2 I'm not -- I'm not comfortable enough with these  
3 topics to be questioned on it, but I'd like my  
4 comments to help, perhaps.

5 You know, some things are more of, like, a --  
6 you have a three-minute time limit and you talk and  
7 then it's done. Is -- is that something that could be  
8 requested in this?

9 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yeah. Gretchen,  
10 if you -- yeah. If you would like to -- to give your  
11 comments and -- and decline to answer questions, that's  
12 certainly your prerogative. You -- you are -- you are  
13 not required to -- to answer questions of the Board.

14 We want to hear your opinion. We want to hear  
15 from every Alaskan, and if you don't feel, you know,  
16 that you have, you know, the -- the expert background to  
17 answer some of the technical questions that might be  
18 posed, by all means there's nothing that requires you to  
19 answer those questions. So always feel free to give  
20 your testimony. Your voice matters.

21 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: The other option is  
22 just to submit written comments or testimony online, and  
23 then nobody -- nobody's going to cross-examine you on  
24 that.

25 MS. STODDARD: Okay. All right. Thank you.

1 That's all I had.

2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: Okay. And  
3 you are on record --

4 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Thank you for  
5 contacting us.

6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: -- now. If  
7 you have testimony, you're free to give it now if you  
8 wish.

9 MS. STODDARD: No. I'm not really comfortable  
10 doing it now.

11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: Okay.

12 MS. STODDARD: I -- you know, I was in -- I was  
13 asking questions in the chat. I -- I was in there  
14 earlier in person, and I kind of didn't -- didn't  
15 realize the way to do it was, yeah, to call -- you know,  
16 yeah. Anyway, no, I'll -- I'll -- I'll call back  
17 tomorrow if I'm ready.

18 Thank you.

19 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: I was going to  
20 say, do you have the information about tomorrow and next  
21 week's hearings?

22 MS. STODDARD: Yes. Yes, I do.

23 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Okay. All right.  
24 Great. Thank you.

25 MS. STODDARD: All right. Bye.

1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: All right.  
2 No one else is signed up presently, so we'll just wait  
3 for an additional five minutes or so.

4 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Will do.  
5 (Pause.)

6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: We have  
7 Julie. I'm going to mispronounce her last name.  
8 Julie Coulombe.

9 Julie, can you hear us?

10 MS. COULOMBE: Can you hear me?

11 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: We hear you,  
12 Julie.

13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON:  
14 (Indiscernible).

15 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Hi, Julie. Hi,  
16 Julie. Could you state your last name for us?

17 MS. COULOMBE: Yes. Julie Coulombe.

18 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Coulombe.

19 Okay. Great. Thank you for calling, Julie.  
20 You may proceed with your...

21 MS. COULOMBE: Yeah. Hi.

22 So I've been listening, and I am a resident of  
23 the Hillside. I was very engaged in the  
24 reapportionment process. And so I have not called  
25 because I've been really torn. I hate both maps that

1 are left.

2 One of the things that we did was -- in  
3 reapportionment was we fought really hard to combine  
4 south side with Eagle River. My main issue with that  
5 is because in reapportionment they were taking a  
6 pretty small population of the Hillside and combining  
7 it with a large population in Eagle River, so I didn't  
8 feel like the representation for the Hillside would be  
9 there.

10 So when I look at this and I'm listening to  
11 people calling in, sometimes I think we -- we get in  
12 the weeds, and I'm not saying that the constitution is  
13 just the weeds, but -- it -- it's obviously -- it  
14 needs to be constitutional, but the bigger picture is:  
15 Are the people being represented? Is representation  
16 happening?

17 And I really struggle with Map 2, and I  
18 struggle with 3B just because of the combination of  
19 Hillside and Eagle River because that's what I fought  
20 against in the Assembly districts. But as I -- as I  
21 thought about it, when you -- when you're making lines  
22 for Senate districts, that's much different than an  
23 Assembly. The -- the -- the issues that a  
24 representative has to tackle as a senator are going to  
25 be different than an Assembly member.

1           And so I'm not a fan of both maps. I would  
2    veer towards 3B just because I think JBER's better  
3    represented in that. And I do believe that the -- the  
4    area that Eagle River is being combined -- I feel like  
5    they would have fair representation. They would not  
6    be overwhelmed by Eagle River. We would still have --  
7    because it's going all the way to Whittier, and the  
8    majority of the Hillside, at least the representation  
9    there, the population is more even than what we were  
10   talking about in reapportionment.

11           I also super struggle with all these -- these  
12   arguments against being contiguous. I went through  
13   all of those reapportionment meetings, and there were  
14   so many fights that those should be combined, that the  
15   Chugach State Park makes it contiguous, and now in a  
16   different setting somehow it's not contiguous.

17           I've lived in Eagle River. I live on the  
18   south -- I lived in Eagle River for 20 years. I've  
19   lived on the south side for 15 years, and I've lived  
20   on base. And I -- we're a military family, and I want  
21   JBER well represented. I don't think they're well  
22   represented by a town -- a Downtown representative. I  
23   think -- I know Eagle River very well. I have my son  
24   who is in the military. His family lives in  
25   Eagle River. That is a very heavy military

1 population.

2           And, so, yes, they work on base, in JBER, but  
3 they live in Eagle River, and their families go to the  
4 schools and everything. I -- I just look at the  
5 people that are being represented. Are they being  
6 represented well in 2 -- in 2 or Map 3B? If I have to  
7 look at the numbers and the -- and how people are  
8 being represented, I would prefer 3B. But I'm -- I  
9 struggle because I -- I really -- we fought hard to  
10 not do that in reapportionment.

11           But I do -- I guess the point of my call is  
12 there is a difference in what's happening now and what  
13 we did with the Assembly representation. And I have  
14 been hesitant to call because there's been such a  
15 third degree.

16           I'm no expert on redistricting. I'm not a  
17 constitutionalist, but I look at it from a commonsense  
18 point: Who -- how are -- how's the population being  
19 represented? Is it equal? Is it fair? And I just  
20 want the best for JBER and Eagle River and South  
21 Anchorage.

22           And I know that it's a trek from Eagle River  
23 to the Hillside physically, but what was stated  
24 before, with this day in age, it's very easy to  
25 connect with your district. Most of my -- most of my



1 representatives connect with me through e-mail and  
2 Zoom. I very rarely see them in person anywhere. So  
3 that, to me, doesn't hold much weight.

4 The other point I wanted to make was the --  
5 the decision -- the court decision right now that's  
6 being cited over and over again. Part of that  
7 decision was that the Board -- the Court had a problem  
8 with the Board's refusal to consider and make good  
9 faith effort to incorporate public feedback.

10 So I would just give the Board a warning on  
11 some of these calls and how they're being treated --  
12 the callers are being treated, that is sounding like  
13 they're refusing to make a good faith effort as well,  
14 just like they did the first time around.

15 So I don't -- there's definitely plenty of  
16 people that are intimidated to call. I'm not. The  
17 main reason why I struggled with calling has been, you  
18 know, that -- that I went through the reapportionment  
19 process. I was very active. But this -- this isn't  
20 challenging callers. This is intimidating callers and  
21 the public, and that's not going to bode well for the  
22 record.

23 So that's all I have to say.

24 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Julie, thank you  
25 very much for that very insightful testimony.

1           I did want to let you know that, because you  
2 brought up the issue of population, I -- I wanted to  
3 check on that, and so I went to our website and was  
4 able to see that in the -- in District 22,  
5 Eagle River -- in our proclamation map, Eagle River  
6 has 18,205 people in District 22, and the --  
7 District 9 of the Hillside has 18,284 people. So that  
8 is -- you can see the numbers there that Peter's  
9 bringing up there for you.

10           So 18,284, the Hillside, and then 22 is  
11 18,000 -- so, you know, as you pointed out, much more  
12 balanced in terms of the population, and then  
13 therefore quite different than what you were talking  
14 about for the Assembly reapportionment.

15           So thank you for bringing that to our  
16 attention. I appreciate that.

17           MS. COULOMBE: Yeah, sure, because in  
18 reapportionment we were looking at about 15 -- 12 to  
19 15,000 people on the Hillside to 35,000 in  
20 Eagle River. That -- that just wasn't -- that wasn't  
21 balanced. So that's why I've kind of changed my  
22 opinion, just to see the -- the population even like  
23 that.

24           I appreciate those numbers. I knew it was  
25 closer. I didn't have the exact number. But, yeah, I

1 think that should be weighed into the discussion.

2 Just -- I guess just a reminder, like, the  
3 whole point of this is to make sure that people are  
4 being represented, and I -- I feel like that's a  
5 better representation than chopping off JBER to  
6 Downtown. I'm -- I'm very opposed to that.

7 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Thank you very  
8 much, Julie.

9 Budd, do you have any questions? It looks  
10 like he does not.

11 So, Julie, thank you for -- for testifying.

12 MS. COULOMBE: No problem. Thank you.

13 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Uh-huh.

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: Okay.  
15 That's -- I don't see anyone else online, and this room  
16 is needed for a Budget and Finance Committee meeting, so  
17 let's wrap it up.

18 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: All right. Good- --  
19 goodbye.

20 (Off record.)

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15 Members Present:

16 John Binkley, Chair of the Board

17 Melanie Bahnke, Board Member

18 Nicole Borromeo, Board Member

19 Bethany Marcum, Board Member

20 Budd Simpson, Board Member

21 Peter Torkelson, Executive Director

22 Matt Singer, Legal Counsel

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 MR. TORKELSON: Okay. We have a few folks  
4 on the audio today and nobody off net, so I believe  
5 we can call the meeting to order.

6 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. We'll go ahead and  
7 call the meeting to order of the Alaska Redistricting  
8 Board. It's Saturday, April 9th, at 12:06 p.m.

9 Peter, if you call the roll to establish  
10 that we have a quorum.

11 MR. TORKELSON: Member Bahnke?

12 MEMBER BAHNKE: I'm here.

13 MR. TORKELSON: Member Borrromeo?

14 MEMBER BORRROMEO: Good morning -- afternoon.

15 MR. TORKELSON: Member Marcum?

16 MEMBER MARCUM: Here.

17 MR. TORKELSON: And Member Binkley?

18 MEMBER MARCUM: Peter, can you hear me?

19 Okay.

20 MR. TORKELSON: Member Binkley, are you with  
21 us?

22 CHAIR BINKLEY: I'm here.

23 MR. TORKELSON: Great. We have four members  
24 present and accounted for.

25 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. My understanding is

1     that Member Simpson is on the line and able to  
2     listen, as well.

3                 MR. TORKELSON: Yes. Member Simpson is with  
4     us telephonically and able to listen to today's  
5     testimony.

6                 We have a number of folks signed up to --

7                 CHAIR BINKLEY: Do you have -- do you have a  
8     copy of the draft agenda, Peter, that you can put  
9     up --

10                MR. TORKELSON: Oh, yeah. Let me bring up  
11    the draft agenda first.

12                CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. We have a copy before  
13    us of the draft agenda for today's meeting. Is there  
14    discussion on the agenda or can we look for a motion  
15    to adopt the agenda as presented?

16                MEMBER MARCUM: Mr. Chairman, I move that we  
17    adopt the agenda. Member Marcum.

18                MEMBER BAHNKE: This is Member Bahnke. I'll  
19    second that motion.

20                CHAIR BINKLEY: Motion before us and  
21    seconded to adopt the draft agenda as presented.  
22    Discussion on the motion? Any objection to the  
23    motion?

24                Hearing none, the motion to adopt the agenda  
25    is passed.

1                   The first item we have is public testimony.

2   Are there any members of the public who wish to  
3   testify?

4                   I think, Peter, you indicated that nobody is  
5   on the off-net currently, but several people at the  
6   LIO. And if you could give me the order of those, I  
7   would appreciate it.

8                   MR. TORKELSON: Sure. The first person who  
9   signed up today is Catherine McDonald. Catherine  
10   McDonald.

11                  CHAIR BINKLEY: If you're there and can join  
12   us, we would appreciate it.

13                  MS. MCDONALD: Can you hear me?

14                  CHAIR BINKLEY: We can. It's helpful to  
15   speak directly into the microphone if you can, and  
16   fairly loudly. It's not bad, but --

17                  MS. MCDONALD: Is this better?

18                  CHAIR BINKLEY: -- anything you can do to  
19   project would be helpful.

20                  MS. MCDONALD: Is this better?

21                  CHAIR BINKLEY: Actually we've got a bit of  
22   an echo right now for some reason. My audio  
23   (indiscernible).

24                  MEMBER MARCUM: I'm hearing it, too,  
25   Mr. Chairman.

1 MR. TORKELSON: Say something.

2 MS. MCDONALD: Let me try again.

3 CHAIR BINKLEY: It's still there.

4 MS. MCDONALD: I think they're attempting  
5 technical assistance.

6 MEMBER MARCUM: We didn't have the feedback  
7 that time, oddly enough, so maybe it's resolved. We  
8 could hear you just fine that time, Catherine.

9 MS. MCDONALD: Is it better now?

10 MR. TORKELSON: Yeah. I think we fixed it.

11 MS. MCDONALD: All right.

12 MEMBER MARCUM: Yes.

13 MS. MCDONALD: All right. Wonderful. All  
14 right. Thank you.

15 Good afternoon. My name is Catherine  
16 McDonald, and I'm speaking for myself today. I have  
17 been an Anchorage resident for almost three decades.  
18 I've lived on JBER, I've lived off South Muldoon, off  
19 Abbott, and now I'm currently a district -- a  
20 resident of the proposed District 9, on the Hillside.

21 I wanted to summarize my history of written  
22 comments to the board over the course of the process  
23 to give context for the support of my proposed map.

24 My first written comment was on  
25 September 18th. I noted the importance of providing

1 Senate district pairings early to be able to provide  
2 public comment on feedback for one-half of the  
3 legislature.

4 Then to be informed in the process I took a  
5 shot at drawing the Anchorage map, mostly using  
6 traffic corridors, that I then submitted.

7 I attempted to put myself in your shoes to  
8 understand the complexities and nuances of your work,  
9 balancing the constitutional requirements. It wasn't  
10 easy drawing a House map just for Anchorage, and I  
11 commend your work on drawing a full 48-district map  
12 that withstood legal challenges.

13 My second written comment was on  
14 November 7th. I proposed Senate district pairings  
15 within Anchorage. That testimony didn't even include  
16 the two Eagle River districts of 24 and 22 because  
17 while part of the municipality, many individuals  
18 within Anchorage, myself, even from a former JBER  
19 family, consider them to be separate communities.

20 On November 8th the board for the first time  
21 began discussing Senate pairings within Anchorage.  
22 At five hours into the recording on November 8th  
23 Board Member Marcum, she was discussing her four  
24 proposed maps of the Senate district pairings within  
25 Anchorage and how each of her iterations contained

1 joining of District 24 Chugiak/Eagle River with  
2 District 23 JBER.

3 And then the following conversation occurred  
4 around a different House pairing. Board Member  
5 Marcum stated, "Another commonality I think that is  
6 in all four of my maps, yes, is the pairing of the  
7 Hillside districts of Anchorage, Districts 9 and  
8 District 15." Please note for the record that's the  
9 current District 11 in the renaming.

10 Continuing on, Board Member Marcum stated,  
11 "That is South Anchorage. Those are considered the  
12 Hillside areas typically, so it is really important,  
13 I think, to restore that part of District 15 to the  
14 Hillside area. And I think we heard unanimous  
15 testimony today from all testifiers that were in  
16 favor of pairing Districts 9 and 15."

17 To which the chairman replied, you know, "So  
18 fireworks?"

19 And Board Member Bahnke responded,  
20 "Fireworks."

21 Board Member Borrromeo said, "Can we lock  
22 that in before anyone changes their mind? Going  
23 once, going twice, consensus, Mr. Chairman?"

24 To which the chairman responded, "Yes, we  
25 have consensus."



1           The board continued discussing the Anchorage  
2 map but couldn't reach consensus on most of the other  
3 pairings. The board went into hours of executive  
4 session that afternoon and the following morning.

5           It's understandable then that a District 9  
6 resident trying to be informed went to bed the night  
7 of November 8th believing that the board had  
8 consensus on pairings of 9 and the now named 11. I  
9 noted as such in my written testimony of  
10 November 8th, applauding the board for proposing to  
11 pair my District 9 with the O'Malley district.

12           Imagine my surprise, when catching up on the  
13 hearings later, to see in the video of November 9th's  
14 meeting that the board emerged from executive session  
15 to put a vote on the record with no justification  
16 given for Senate pairings for Anchorage, and that  
17 those pairings didn't even include the singular  
18 consensus of Districts 9 and the now named 11 that  
19 the board had agreed to the day before.

20           In that plan District 9 was paired with  
21 District 10 of Klatt area. While not aligned with  
22 the, quote, unquote, unanimous testimony of the  
23 public or the complete consensus of the board the day  
24 prior, Districts 9 and 10 both attend South Anchorage  
25 High School, they shop at Carrs on Huffman. You can

1 drive directly from one district to the other. At  
2 least it made sense, a second ranked option to the  
3 prior unanimous rank 1 choice of District 9 and the  
4 now named 11.

5 That brings us to where we are today with  
6 the two proposed maps. I provided written testimony  
7 on April 5th, back when there were three maps for  
8 consideration. I arranged my order of support with  
9 justifications.

10 In that testimony I had supported map 1  
11 first as a District 9 resident for the sole reason  
12 that it was the only map that paired Districts 9  
13 and 11, which, as noted previously, was the singular  
14 point of agreement of the board on record.

15 Becoming more educated on the issue in  
16 recent days, I discovered that option 1, while  
17 aligned with the constitution, the terms of pairings  
18 as near as practicable, it doesn't comport with the  
19 limited scope of authority of the Court's remand. I  
20 applaud the board for removing it for consideration.

21 In that same testimony I contended that my  
22 secondary support was for map 2 and provided  
23 justification. Today I'm here in support of map 2.

24 I understand that some members of the board  
25 may state that contiguity or touching is all that

1 matters. If that is the case, then how could the  
2 Courts have found that the pairings of Districts 22  
3 of Eagle River and District 21 of South Muldoon are  
4 illegal, as they also touch over the Chugach  
5 Mountains? It speaks to intent, to quote the  
6 opinion, of political gerrymandering of the  
7 fragmentation of Eagle River into two separate Senate  
8 districts to increase representation of a majority  
9 political party in the Alaska Senate.

10 Therefore, intent can be shown first legally  
11 in ignoring the charge from the remand of the Court,  
12 and second in spirit in ignoring the will of the  
13 citizens who have come forward with testimony that  
14 includes socioeconomic linkages between communities.  
15 Not necessarily with the volume of that testimony,  
16 but with the content of it.

17 I understand we all live busy lives, but if  
18 someone can't take time to articulate in a few  
19 sentences their justification, merely states "I  
20 support map X" or submits a form letter, it really  
21 smells of political motives.

22 So now, like my exercise in drawing the  
23 House map, I attempt to put myself again in your  
24 shoes.

25 If I was a board member who held the belief,

1    which I want to state for the record I do not, that  
2    contiguity is all that matters and that the charge of  
3    the Court is not to correct the fragmentation of  
4    Eagle River but merely to avoid any verbal assertion  
5    of that gerrymander -- I'm sorry, the verbal  
6    assertion of political gerrymander owning the record  
7    in performing that gerrymander and fragmentation, I'd  
8    have to wonder why -- at this point, why anyone,  
9    public or board member, is having any discussions on  
10   socio and economic linkages between districts for  
11   pairing Senate. If one district is touching is all  
12   that matters, then both maps meet that criteria.

13               Again, putting on my board member hat, I  
14   think that the Court reprimanded my actions based on  
15   intent. I would be of concern that my actions,  
16   especially to pair Eagle River once more over a  
17   non-populated mountain range, would have at least the  
18   appearance of political gerrymandering to the Court.

19               Not only that, I would be concerned that by  
20   then selecting District 9 as the one to pair with the  
21   Eagle River district I would again be showing intent  
22   of political gerrymandering.

23               The JBER and Chugiak/Eagle River pairing was  
24   in all four of Board Member Marcum's maps, a  
25   characteristic that was also afforded to the Hillside

1 and the O'Malley districts. What is so compelling in  
2 the JBER and Eagle River pairings that the board must  
3 maintain it at all costs, against little  
4 consternation in breaking the November 8th verbal  
5 consensus pairing the Hillside and O'Malley  
6 districts, not once to pair the Hillside with the  
7 Klatt district in the proclamation, but twice in  
8 remedying the finding of the Court by selecting  
9 map 3B?

10 To attempt this political gerrymandering,  
11 the board has to resort to what must be considered  
12 the rank 3 option for pairings for District 9, in  
13 both the words and actions of the board, to once  
14 again fragment Eagle River.

15 We still live in the universe where the  
16 Board Member Marcum used the words "more  
17 representation" in regards to that fragmentation. We  
18 still live in the universe where Board Member  
19 Borromeo stated the chairman had told her that,  
20 "Haven't you won enough," and it was time for someone  
21 else to have a win in the process.

22 I guess I naively assumed that this process  
23 would be as nonpartisan as possible to provide fair  
24 representation to every Alaskan. We still live in a  
25 universe where the interpretation of the Courts are

1     that those actions and other actions constitute an  
2     unconstitutional political gerrymander.

3             Therefore, by continuing to insist on the  
4     fragmentation of Eagle River and the pairings of JBER  
5     and Eagle River at the expense of every surrounding  
6     district, one cannot help but be concerned that the  
7     political gerrymander may continue. I again implore  
8     the board to make their selection based on the ruling  
9     of fact and law and to help restore trust in our  
10    institutions.

11            Thank you for taking my comment.

12            CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you, Catherine.

13            Questions for Catherine? Nicole?

14            MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you, Catherine. I  
15    appreciate your testimony today.

16            Peter, can you put up the map?

17            AUTOMATED VOICE: This meeting is being  
18    recorded.

19            MEMBER BORROMEO: It's okay. Can you put up  
20    the route map, please? Let's explore the notion of  
21    contiguity a little bit more, because you seem very  
22    well-versed in the subject, and I appreciate your  
23    position as a now District 9 resident of Upper  
24    Hillside.

25            MS. MCDONALD: I live near Huffman.

1                   MEMBER BORROMEO: Oh, you live near Huffman.  
2    Okay. Okay. Article VI, Section 6 of the Alaska  
3    Constitution requires the board to pair districts as  
4    contiguous as possible for the Senate pairings.

5                   And when I look at this map here that shows  
6    the main transportation routes from District 9 to  
7    District 22, it appears as though residents as far  
8    south as Whittier and Portage and Girdwood can take  
9    two different routes. The black is the New Seward  
10   Highway, and the red is Elmore to Lake Otis, around  
11   the Muldoon curve, and then on to the Glenn Highway.

12                  How many districts, if you live where your  
13   House is, do you have to cross through to get to 22?

14                 MS. MCDONALD: Sure. So I live right near  
15   the New Seward Highway and Huffman, so right down  
16   further, down more. So I would jump onto the  
17   frontage road. I would go around the Huffman  
18   roundabout. I would go down the Seward Highway all  
19   the way until when you reach the Glenn Highway and  
20   continue on.

21                 So I don't know if you would count the  
22   yellow and the green as touching two or one, but  
23   let's just say it's one. So one, two, three -- it  
24   looks like four, five, six to cross it.

25                 But I also have family who lives at the top

1 of Huffman, and so -- and family who lives in  
2 District 12, so I often do take the other route.

3 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. One follow-up  
4 question, because you did touch a lot on the  
5 unconstitutional party gerrymandering that the Court  
6 found the board guilty of in the Matthews decision  
7 that the Supreme Court unanimously upheld, too.

8 If we split Eagle River the first time  
9 around to give Eagle River more representation and  
10 hurt poor brown voters, but this time we're splitting  
11 Eagle River again to potentially hurt rich white  
12 voters, is the intent still the same no matter who  
13 you're hurting? So is -- does -- would it matter why  
14 we're splitting Eagle River if the reason to split  
15 Eagle River is for more representation of that  
16 community?

17 MS. MCDONALD: No, I wouldn't think it  
18 matters, the characteristics of the individuals at  
19 all. As you note, I think it matters, fair  
20 representation for most people.

21 And I just keep on -- I'm confused by the  
22 notion that as long as it's contiguous it meets the  
23 standard. If that really was what -- if I was a  
24 board member and I really thought that, why would  
25 there have been any kind of discussion on any



1 pairings anywhere throughout the state on pairings?  
2 If I really held that belief, oh, it touches and  
3 that's good, okay, well, then start in Southeast  
4 Alaska and do a random number generator as you  
5 combine all the things around.

6 So it just seems odd that if I really held  
7 that view I would hold it from the beginning instead  
8 of at the back end now, after I've been found to have  
9 intent of gerrymandering, that I then use that to try  
10 and gerrymander more skillfully.

11 MEMBER BORROMEO: Is that your baby in the  
12 back of the room?

13 MS. MCDONALD: No. That is my sister's  
14 baby. I have three children, and right now they're  
15 being -- they're all under the age of four, and so  
16 they're being watched by my grandparents.

17 MEMBER BORROMEO: Well, I note that  
18 Ms. McDonald's nephew is in the room. He's four  
19 months old, and what a fantastic exposure to the  
20 public hearing process watching his aunt kick things  
21 off today.

22 Thank you. I'm done.

23 MS. MCDONALD: All right. Thank you very  
24 much.

25 MEMBER BORROMEO: Catherine, I don't know

1     that John --

2                   CHAIR BINKLEY:   Excuse me, Catherine.   I  
3     think Bethany -- Member Marcum has a question.   I was  
4     calling on Bethany.

5                   MS. MCDONALD:   Oh, yes.   I'm so sorry.

6                   MEMBER MARCUM:   Thank you, Member Chair- --  
7     thank you, Mr. Chairman.

8                   Yes.   I just wanted to assure Ms. McDonald,  
9     as well as other listeners, that, in fact, I did  
10    have -- the pairing that I'm presenting now is one of  
11    many pairings that I put together at the time.

12                   The ones that I chose to produce in the open  
13    meeting were because of consensus that other members  
14    had.   So we were trying to move toward consensus, and  
15    so those are the ones I decided to put forward.

16                   But I certainly had worked on multiple other  
17    options, including the ones that I'm putting forward  
18    today.   So thank you.

19                   CHAIR BINKLEY:   Okay.   Further questions?  
20    Comments?

21                   Okay.   Thank you again, Catherine.

22                   MS. MCDONALD:   Thank you.

23                   CHAIR BINKLEY:   Denny Wells in the LIO  
24    office.

25                   MEMBER BORROMEO:   As Denny --

1 CHAIR BINKLEY: (Indiscernible.)

2 MEMBER BORROMEO: As Denny makes his way up,  
3 I do have a follow-up question to what Bethany just  
4 said, because that's new information to me that you  
5 had other pairings.

6 Were any other of your Senate pairings that  
7 you had explored going to pair the two Eagle River  
8 districts?

9 MEMBER MARCUM: Yes, Member Borromeo. Yes,  
10 I paired Eagle River -- actually, Eagle River with  
11 Chugiak and Peters Creek together. I paired a  
12 variety of options, so -- and I moved forward with  
13 the ones that I thought made the most sense based  
14 upon the guidance we've been given. Thank you.

15 Mr. Wells, looking forward to hearing from  
16 you.

17 CHAIR BINKLEY: Some graphics you said, I  
18 was able to see those. And I don't know if Peter's  
19 able to get them on the screen or not for the other  
20 members, and I don't know if you've all gotten those.

21 But, Peter, were you able to get those on  
22 the screen?

23 MR. WELLS: He is nodding yes.

24 CHAIR BINKLEY: Oh, perfect. Okay. Great.

25 MR. WELLS: (Indiscernible.)

1 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. (Indiscernible),  
2 Denny, so go ahead (indiscernible).

3 MR. WELLS: (Indiscernible) they're  
4 numbered, so 01 is the first one I want. Okay.

5 CHAIR BINKLEY: The Iditarod one first?

6 MR. WELLS: Yeah. And I'll get there in a  
7 moment.

8 So as the board approaches the end of this  
9 initial round of Senate pairing testimony, I would  
10 like to focus in on what the Court directed in the  
11 realities of the shared boundaries in the House  
12 districts. In creating the House districts, you were  
13 constrained by the number 18,335. That was your  
14 target number of residents per district.

15 In the urban core of Anchorage, that number  
16 was small enough that it necessitated many  
17 neighborhood splitting districts. You did your best  
18 to make those neighborhood divisions rational and  
19 equitable.

20 Now with Senate pairings, you have the  
21 opportunity to pair some of those communities that  
22 you divided in the House districts. In decades past  
23 this chore has been a challenge because the  
24 population of the Municipality of Anchorage did not  
25 divide neatly into an even number of House seats.

1                   This year you were lucky. With the small  
2   addition of Whittier, the Municipality of Anchorage  
3   divides neatly into 16 House seats. Further, the  
4   Chugiak/Eagle River area fit neatly into two House  
5   seats.

6                   This gives you the maximum possible  
7   opportunity to bring communities back together with  
8   your Senate pairings. Future boards may not be so  
9   lucky and may again need to pair Chugiak or South  
10   Anchorage with some community outside the  
11   municipality, or Eagle River may grow so large that  
12   they need three House seats and will necessarily be  
13   divided again in the Senate.

14                  But today you are lucky. With the 2020  
15   census data you have no need to divide Eagle River or  
16   South Anchorage or need to pair one of them with  
17   another community.

18                  The Superior Court said, quote, "Senate K  
19   pairs two districts that, while contiguous in the  
20   strict definition of the word, ignore communities of  
21   interest in Eagle River and Muldoon," end quote.

22                  The Court further stated, quote, "The Court  
23   sees Senate districts ignore the Muldoon and Eagle  
24   River communities of interest with very little  
25   justification," end quote. The Court specifically

1 reviewed your arguments and laid them out in their --  
2 in their brief, the ones you still are making today,  
3 that there is a JBER connection to Eagle River and  
4 that the mountains make contiguity, and still they  
5 found they were, quote, "very little justification,"  
6 end quote, for splitting both Eagle River and  
7 Muldoon.

8 So what can you do? What communities are  
9 split by your House districts that you could put  
10 together in the Senate pairings? Both of the plans  
11 on the table put Muldoon together.

12 So let's start with downtown Anchorage. You  
13 split downtown Anchorage along 4th Avenue.

14 If you could put the image up, that would be  
15 great.

16 You split downtown Anchorage along 4th  
17 Avenue. This is the traditional start line of the  
18 Iditarod and the Fur Rondy. This is the home of my  
19 favorite Anchorage camera shop. For several years I  
20 lived right on the boundary of this district, at 315  
21 Barrow Street. I definitely lived downtown. The  
22 opposite commute and the ability to easily walk to  
23 community events was great. The two ends of the  
24 chain in holding up that Iditarod sign should be in  
25 the same Senate district.

1                   District 23 is comprised of 10,832 residents  
2   of JBER and 7,191 residents of Anchorage. 2,389 of  
3   those Anchorage residents are in Muldoon, the  
4   remainder in downtown on Government Hill. If  
5   anyplace in Anchorage constitutes a community of  
6   interest it is downtown, the heart of the city. You  
7   pair downtown with downtown.

8                   Now let's consider Eagle River. You split  
9   Eagle River along the Glenn Highway, Old Glenn  
10   Highway, Eagle River Road and Eagle River Road. But  
11   you also split along a residential street in Eagle  
12   River, War Admiral Road. I've shot listing photos of  
13   houses on this road. This is a small neighborhood  
14   road where people definitely know their neighbors.  
15   The neighbors in this picture should be in the same  
16   Senate district.

17                  In conversation with a community member at  
18   public testimony yesterday, Board Member Marcum  
19   stated there's only one Eagle River House seat. The  
20   other seat is Chugiak -- Chugiak, Peters Creek, and  
21   JBER.

22                  This is factually inaccurate. District 24  
23   has 7,586 residents of the Eagle River and Eagle  
24   River Valley community councils, including the  
25   residents on the left side of the previous image.

1 That's 33 percent of the total population of Eagle  
2 River community councils. The Eagle River Carrs,  
3 Eagle River Fred Meyer, and Eagle River business  
4 Boulevard are all in District 24. This is most  
5 definitely a second Eagle River seat.

6 The claim that District 24 is a district of  
7 JBER is -- is true, only in the most obscure academic  
8 sense. District 24 includes a small portion of JBER,  
9 but this portion of JBER has exactly zero population  
10 except in precisely one census block.

11 And (indiscernible) put that up on the  
12 screen. Awesome.

13 That -- that block appears to be noise from  
14 the Census Bureau's anonymization efforts. This is  
15 the block outlined in red. It is bounded by Eagle  
16 River, the squiggly line on the upper right by the  
17 Inlet above, and by Otter Lake down to the south.  
18 That -- that block has a stated population of 197  
19 people, but no physical infrastructure in which those  
20 people might live.

21 Further anomalies in that block -- in the  
22 data for that block include that the population is  
23 100 percent adult and that it is 38.6 percent white  
24 versus 74 percent adult and 59 percent white for the  
25 rest of JBER.



1           In my map drawing of the Anchorage assembly  
2   seats, I spotted several anomalous census blocks like  
3   this in the Anchorage Bowl. The most obvious was a  
4   block that covered the Hickel/Minnesota Parkway, what  
5   name you want to apply to it, between International  
6   Airport and Raspberry Roads. It is not a census  
7   block that encompasses surrounding land, just the  
8   road itself, yet it has a population of 19.

9           While state statute, Article 2,  
10   Section 15.10.200(b) precludes you from adjusting  
11   census numbers in your work does not preclude you  
12   from putting the census numbers in context. The  
13   context in this case is that District 24 is only a  
14   JBER district inasmuch as it has a single census  
15   block with a population of 197, which appears to be  
16   anomalous. In all likelihood there will be no -- no  
17   one living on JBER who will be able to provide the  
18   state an address that places them in District 24.

19           I have heard that the District 23 and 24  
20   pairing justified because Eagle River and Chugiak  
21   have a strong military connection. Anecdotally, I  
22   agree. I shoot a lot of houses -- a lot of homes  
23   with military officers in Eagle River.

24           Also anecdotally, I shoot a lot of homes  
25   with military families in Anchorage. On Thursday,

1 while you were hearing public testimony here, I shot  
2 one of each. I currently have military tenants in my  
3 duplex in Muldoon. I've had military tenants in my  
4 three-plex in Sand Lake. Those people are all  
5 represented where they live.

6 I have heard the concern that  
7 demographically and socially JBER is more similar to  
8 Chugiak/Eagle River than downtown. There are two  
9 problems with this argument. First, it ignores the  
10 7,200 residents of District 23 who live in downtown  
11 and Muldoon. Those residents unequivocally have more  
12 in common with downtown than Eagle River and Chugiak.  
13 They live in houses that are smaller, on older blocks  
14 that are smaller, older, on smaller lots. They are  
15 on city water and sewer, city maintained roads.

16 The parts of downtown and Muldoon inside  
17 District 23 are only 40 percent white, District 17 is  
18 51 percent white, and District 24 is 73 percent  
19 white. The downtown and Muldoon parts of District 23  
20 are absolutely more similar to the population of  
21 District 17 downtown than District 24.

22 The JBER part of District 23 is 59 percent  
23 white. Again, 59 is closer to District 17's  
24 51 percent white than District 24's 73 percent white.  
25 As a whole, the district -- District 23 is 52 percent

1 white.

2 Making a minority -- taking a minority  
3 population like that and burying it in a 73 percent  
4 white district when there are other good, available  
5 options, is a classic sign of a racial gerrymander.  
6 The concern that JBER is more similar to  
7 Chugiak/Eagle River when it is demographically not so  
8 seems a weak justification for splitting established  
9 communities like downtown and Eagle River.

10 I've heard that the District 22 and 9  
11 pairing (indiscernible) justified because both  
12 districts had rural road service, well, and septic,  
13 and they share a long, continuous border along the  
14 mountains.

15 These exact same justifications also support  
16 pairing the Eagle River districts, 22 and 24.  
17 Districts 22 and 24 both have many houses with wells  
18 and septic. They share a long, contiguous border --  
19 and they share a long, contiguous border through the  
20 mountains. The District 22 and 24 connection is even  
21 stronger because they not only share the concept of a  
22 road service area; they share the exact same road  
23 service area.

24 I've also heard argument the pairings in 3B  
25 are justified due to the Ship Creek hunting area.

1 This is a really tenuous claim for three reasons.

2 One, people from all over the state can  
3 apply for the hunt. Two, this hunt area is entirely  
4 contained in District 22. And three, if you are  
5 relying on the constitutional verbiage that drainages  
6 justifies Senate pairings, the Ship Creek drainage  
7 would support pairing Districts 22 and 23 rather than  
8 23 and 24. In fact, if you're using drainages for  
9 justification, Districts 22 and 24 certainly belong  
10 together due to their sharing of the Eagle River  
11 drainage.

12 In the end, you have House districts that  
13 divide communities by necessity and Senate districts  
14 that can pair those communities. Imagine if we were  
15 discussing pairings in my old hometown of Fairbanks.  
16 Imagine you drew House districts which divided  
17 downtown Fairbanks along the classic Open North  
18 American start line on 2nd Avenue. You would want to  
19 pair those two House districts into one Senate  
20 district if you could.

21 Or imagine we were discussing pairings in  
22 Nome and you had House seats that divided down Front  
23 Street where the Iditarod burlled arch flies. You  
24 would pair those House districts into one Senate  
25 district if you could.

1                   Or imagine we were discussing Juneau and you  
2    had House districts that divided along North and  
3    South Franklin Street. You would pair those House  
4    districts into one Senate district if you could.

5                   You have an option on the table that clearly  
6    corrects the error the Courts saw in splitting Eagle  
7    River and Muldoon. It puts together clear  
8    neighborhoods and brings Muldoon together. It brings  
9    neighbors on War Admiral Street in Eagle River  
10   together. It puts the ends of the chain holding the  
11   Iditarod sign on 4th Avenue into one district.

12                  You should adopt Senate pairings map No. 2.  
13   Thank you.

14                  CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you, Denny.

15                  Melanie, you've got a question for Denny?

16                  MEMBER BAHNKE: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Wells,  
17   for your testimony.

18                  Peter, can you get that -- I think it was  
19   the map, the aerial --

20                  MR. WELLS: Aerial photo of JBER?

21                  MEMBER BAHNKE: -- back up on the  
22   (indiscernible)?

23                  So when I think about these House districts  
24   and in terms of a Venn diagram, looking at Eagle  
25   River and Eagle River has significant overlap in

1 terms of being contiguous and all the other things.  
2 So those two, in my mind, have the most connectivity.  
3 And then 22 and 29 have some partially, and then 24  
4 and 23 have some together.

5 But are you saying -- in my mind, if this  
6 was a Venn diagram -- that between 24 and 23, Eagle  
7 River and JBER, the part in my mind that's the Venn  
8 diagram connecting them, the little sliver, is this  
9 unpopulated -- well, no structures, right, in homes?

10 MR. WELLS: Right.

11 MEMBER BAHNKE: Is that -- am I getting that  
12 right?

13 MR. WELLS: Yes. This -- JBER extends a  
14 little -- a little further north of Eagle River here,  
15 but all of the census blocks that are on JBER and  
16 north of this -- of Eagle River, the river, all of  
17 those are vacant census blocks.

18 The only census block that is in District 24  
19 as drawn right now with a population that is on JBER  
20 is the one that is drawn with the red line here. And  
21 your boundary between Districts 23 and 24 follow  
22 the -- the westernmost line here in the southern edge  
23 of -- of this census block.

24 MEMBER BAHNKE: All right. Thank you very  
25 much for explaining that to me.

1 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you, Melanie.

2 Any other questions for Denny?

3 Okay. Next we have, I believe off-net,  
4 Jason Warfield.

5 MR. WARFIELD: Yeah, I'm here. I'm here.

6 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Go ahead.

7 (Indiscernible.)

8 MR. WARFIELD: Thank you. So my name is  
9 Jason Warfield. I've lived in Anchorage a little  
10 over 40 years.

11 First, I'd like to thank you all for your  
12 service to the community. You have a tough job, and  
13 I know how challenging it can be to -- and thankless,  
14 for that matter, to be on a volunteer-appointed  
15 board. Thankfully this only has to happen, you know,  
16 what, every decade?

17 Next I'd like to speak briefly about  
18 redistricting, and specifically map 3B. There seems  
19 to be a lot of pushback joining Districts 22 and 9,  
20 and some point to the fact that the Hillside just  
21 spoke out against it, the municipal reapportionment  
22 committee was making that case and taking part of the  
23 Hillside and throwing it into municipal District 2.  
24 In a nutshell, this is why it's completely different.  
25 Throwing a portion of District 6, about

1 12,000 people, into municipal District 2 would cause  
2 them to be far underrepresented due to the population  
3 disparity. I don't have the population numbers in  
4 front of me, but I know it wouldn't be an equal  
5 pairing.

6 In map 3B, the district pairings -- while  
7 not optimal, nobody likes change -- represent the  
8 most fair map on the table in my opinion. The two  
9 districts share a 35-mile border and are  
10 demographically similar.

11 This is the argument that was made by the  
12 municipal reapportionment committee, you know, when  
13 they were trying to put 6 and 2. The glaring  
14 differences in pairing these two similar districts is  
15 that both have a very similar population and would be  
16 equally represented by their state senator.

17 This map also puts JBER with Eagle River --  
18 the Eagle River district instead of lumping it in  
19 downtown. And while this is purely anecdotal, I  
20 spent decades in the automotive industry here in  
21 Anchorage, and the vast majority of our military  
22 clients lived in Eagle River or on the Base itself  
23 and not in the downtown district.

24 What is not anecdotal is that the  
25 majority -- that a majority of middle and high school



1 children from the Bases attend school in Eagle River  
2 and not downtown.

3 In closing, you know, I respectfully request  
4 that you support map 3B. And thank you again for  
5 your service to the community.

6 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Jason.

7 Questions? Melanie, you've got a question  
8 for Jason?

9 MEMBER BAHNKE: Yeah. Thank you, Jason, for  
10 your testimony.

11 I was confused, because you were talking  
12 about District 6 and 2. Are these districts from the  
13 municipal reapportionment that you're referring to?

14 MR. WARFIELD: That's right, yeah.  
15 District 6 in South Anchorage, and District 2 is  
16 Eagle River.

17 MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay. All right. Thank you  
18 for that clarification.

19 MR. WARFIELD: Uh-huh.

20 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you. Nicole.

21 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you, Jason. As I  
22 look at the testimony, a lot of it has been coming in  
23 related to the municipality's reapportionment  
24 process. And while that is not mandatory authority  
25 for us to follow, it is persuasive.

1 MR. WARFIELD: Right.

2 MEMBER BORROMEO: The weight of the  
3 evidence, though, was very much for keeping Eagle  
4 River and Anchorage -- South Anchorage separate.

5 Of course, that's not what our job here is.  
6 Our job is very limited, to look at the constitution.  
7 The constitution, in Article VI, Section 6, says that  
8 we need to pair the most contiguous as practicable  
9 districts.

10 But that aside, assuming that we didn't have  
11 the constitution to follow, which we do and I intend  
12 to, how do we square the weight of the evidence in  
13 the municipality's process from what seems to be a  
14 contradictory approach now?

15 MR. WARFIELD: Well, the municipality is  
16 making the argument that -- you know, the argument  
17 that they were contiguous, that they had a similar  
18 demographic, and that's all correct.

19 What they weren't taking into account -- and  
20 I live on -- and I live on the Hillside. What they  
21 weren't taking into account is throwing 12,000 --  
22 taking 12,000 people out of District 6 and throwing  
23 them into District 2. I mean, there would be a  
24 massive underrepresentation, where this is completely  
25 different.

1           You're taking two House districts that are  
2   equal in population roughly -- I don't have the  
3   numbers right in front of me, but you have equal  
4   representation. And the City made the argument  
5   already that they're similar in demographic and they  
6   are contiguous and they share a huge border.

7           So it wasn't that the City was -- was wrong  
8   in saying that they were contiguous and that they  
9   were demographically similar. It's the fact of  
10  taking 12,000 Hillsiders and throwing them into a  
11  district where they would be basically completely  
12  underrepresented. They would never, ever have equal  
13  representation as the district -- as the district  
14  they were going into, as the majority of the people  
15  in the district.

16           MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you.

17           CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Bethany? I think  
18  you're still on mute.

19           MEMBER MARCUM: Yes. Can you hear me?

20           CHAIR BINKLEY: Yes, we can hear you.

21           MEMBER MARCUM: Okay. Thank you for your  
22  testimony, Mr. Warfield.

23           We did hear this. The last testifier of the  
24  day yesterday raised this point, which was a very  
25  interesting point. But I just wanted to give you the

1 same information that we gave to her and put it on  
2 the record, that we did take a look. Peter brought  
3 them up yesterday during the hearing. I'm sorry, was  
4 that yesterday? Yeah, I guess it was. Seems like it  
5 was a long time ago.

6 And District 9 has population of 18,284.  
7 That's the South Hillside district. And then  
8 District 24, the Eagle River district, has population  
9 of 18,205. So they're both 18,200 approximately, so  
10 your presumption is correct in the sense that the  
11 districts are essentially the same in terms of  
12 representation. So thank you for that.

13 MR. WARFIELD: Right. I appreciate that.  
14 And, you know, while nobody likes change, you know,  
15 in my humble opinion, this map is the fairest map on  
16 the -- on the table right now. That's why I urge you  
17 all to support it, please.

18 CHAIR BINKLEY: Nicole, did you have another  
19 question?

20 MEMBER BORROMEO: I do. One follow-up  
21 question.

22 Because, Jason, I'm not sure if you've been  
23 following the litigation process or not, but the  
24 Supreme Court upheld the Superior Court's  
25 determination that the three-member majority was

1     unconstitutionally partisan gerrymandering, which, in  
2     my mind, is the exact opposite of fairness.

3             And option B continues to split Eagle River.  
4     So, again, looking for guidance on how you square  
5     what's been deemed as unfair already and  
6     unconstitutional with the proposal.

7             MR. WARFIELD: I just disagree with it.

8             MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. Thank you.

9             CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. One quick question,  
10    just so I understand it, Jason.

11            And I have not followed the municipal  
12    redistricting process. But what you're saying is the  
13    municipality had suggested that Hillside and Eagle  
14    River be combined into one assembly seat or assembly  
15    district?

16            MR. WARFIELD: No. What they were -- no.  
17    What they were proposing is taking a portion of  
18    District 6, the mid Hillside, and throwing it into  
19    District 2. So, you know, you're basically taking,  
20    you know, a disproportionate amount of people who  
21    would end up being underrepresented, obviously.  
22    Not -- not combining the district, but just taking a  
23    small portion of the district and throwing it into  
24    District 6 in order to, I don't know, reach whatever  
25    population they needed to have in each district. So

1 they were basically cutting the districts up.

2 But the argument they made was that these  
3 are -- you know, that these are -- these districts  
4 are similar in demographics and, you know, share a  
5 border, and they were right about all those things.

6 The thing that -- the thing that wasn't  
7 correct is the fact that, you know, you can't -- you  
8 know, there wasn't an equal pairing, not like what  
9 this would end up being with 9 and -- and 22.

10 You know, as somebody -- as one of the board  
11 members said, you basically have 18,000 people in  
12 each -- roughly in each district that are going to be  
13 represented by a senator. That would be equal  
14 representation.

15 What the City was trying to do was not that.  
16 It's just carve out a small portion.

17 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you. So I think I  
18 follow that. So the -- I know there was a lot of  
19 criticism of people who supported pairing those in  
20 our process because they had testified to something  
21 that may have been different or that was perceived to  
22 be different during the assembly process.

23 But what you're saying it really wasn't  
24 because of contiguity or socioeconomic closeness. It  
25 was really an imbalance in the populations or the

1 representation?

2 MR. WARFIELD: That's right. In my -- in my  
3 humble opinion, that's the difference here. You  
4 know, the -- the City -- the reapportionment  
5 committee made the points. And you're absolutely  
6 right. There was -- there was a lot of Hillside  
7 people that pushed against it.

8 And on a perfect world, yes, we all have  
9 districts that are side by side by side by side and  
10 are joined. But in my -- once again, in my opinion,  
11 this map is the fairest map on the table. And I'm  
12 not concerned with underrepresentation like I was  
13 when the City was recommending taking 12,000 people  
14 off the Hillside and throwing them into Eagle River,  
15 because we have two districts that are going to have  
16 the similar amount of population that are going to be  
17 represented by a senator.

18 And they're -- and, you know, go back and  
19 look at the City. They made it -- laid out a  
20 clear -- a clear case that the demographics are very,  
21 very similar, that the -- you know, that the -- that  
22 they're -- you know, they're contiguous, they share a  
23 huge border, at least 35 miles.

24 This map also, once again, keeps JBER with  
25 Eagle River, which is, you know -- once again,

1 it's -- it's the right thing to do.

2 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Jason.

3 That was very helpful, that explanation, because I  
4 did not follow the municipality proceedings or  
5 process.

6 Nicole, did you have another question?

7 MEMBER BORROMEO: Not a question for  
8 Jason --

9 CHAIR BINKLEY: Just a second. I see your  
10 hand up.

11 Yeah. Jason, if you could bear with us,  
12 Nicole's got another question.

13 MR. WARFIELD: Okay.

14 MEMBER BORROMEO: I don't actually have a  
15 question for Jason, so he can -- if he's got other  
16 things to do, he's willing to -- or he's able to do  
17 those. But if not, he can stay on the line.

18 I just wanted to refer you, John, for  
19 purposes of easy review, to the letter from Chris  
20 Constant dated the 5th of April, because I don't  
21 believe that Jason correctly summarized the testimony  
22 from other Anchorage residents regarding the pairing.  
23 It wasn't due to the disproportionality in the  
24 numbers. It was a lot of objection to them being  
25 paired for socioeconomic reasons, et cetera.



1                   But the packet there is -- is in our  
2   material. And maybe Peter would be so kind to just  
3   pull it up separately and circulate it to the board  
4   so we all have it. Because that's the actual  
5   testimony versus someone else's interpretation of the  
6   testimony. Thank you.

7                   CHAIR BINKLEY: (Indiscernible) testify,  
8   Jason. He's got his opinion, and that's what he  
9   stated it was just then, his opinion. So I think we  
10   can all respect that and he can --

11                  MEMBER BORROMEO: But you -- you know me,  
12   John --

13                  CHAIR BINKLEY: -- have that position and --

14                  MEMBER BORROMEO: I'm a stickler for the law  
15   and stickler for not interpreting other people's  
16   testimony.

17                  CHAIR BINKLEY: Nicole -- Nicole --

18                  MEMBER BORROMEO: So just be sure to please  
19   read what they say, not what others have opined that  
20   they said.

21                  CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you very much, Nicole.  
22   But -- and please don't interrupt.

23                  It is instructive to me, and the gentleman  
24   indicated that it was his opinion and only that. And  
25   I think we should respect people's opinion, even

1     though we may not agree with them.

2             Bethany, you (indiscernible).

3             MEMBER BORROMEO: Hey, Bethany, I'm sorry  
4     here. Can I just interject really quick to finish  
5     the conversation with John here?

6             MEMBER MARCUM: If it's -- it's up to the  
7     chairman.

8             MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you very much.

9             MEMBER MARCUM: If he recognizes  
10    (indiscernible).

11            CHAIR BINKLEY: Bethany, go ahead, and then,  
12    Nicole, if you've got a follow-up question you can  
13    have it afterwards.

14            MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. That works.

15            CHAIR BINKLEY: Go ahead, Bethany.

16            MEMBER MARCUM: Okay. Thank you,  
17    Mr. Chairman.

18            So, Mr. Warfield, are you still on?

19            MR. WARFIELD: I am still here.

20            MEMBER MARCUM: Okay. Thank you. I just  
21    wanted to ask a follow-up question. So there might  
22    have been some misinterpretation of what you said.

23            So my understanding of what you said, you  
24    were not the arguments for -- you were talking about  
25    the fact that people from the public were opposing

1 it, but you were stating that the argument for  
2 pairing Eagle River with South Anchorage were put  
3 forward by the muni, by the reapportionment  
4 committee, right? That's what you're referring us  
5 to, is that -- am I correct in understanding that?

6 MR. WARFIELD: Yeah, that's correct. Now,  
7 there are people that are my neighbors that disagreed  
8 with that and said -- and I don't know which board  
9 member was talking.

10 I'm looking at a screen of the -- the people  
11 in the gallery right now, so I don't know who was  
12 talking and who said whatever they said about what I  
13 said.

14 But what I said is -- is, you know, the  
15 municipality made the argument that, you know, these  
16 are contiguous, that these are demographically  
17 similar. That's why these people shouldn't have a  
18 problem going into Eagle River.

19 And -- and that's not -- that wouldn't be  
20 my -- that wasn't my concern. My concern is not  
21 that. My concern is underrepresentation. My concern  
22 is that if you take, you know, a small group of  
23 people that are -- and throw them into a larger group  
24 of people, they're not necessarily going to be  
25 represented equally.

1                   Whereas if you pair two of these --  
2   according to the municipality, you pair two of these  
3   districts together that are demographically similar  
4   and contiguous and share a huge border and they're of  
5   equal population, they each have their own state  
6   representation and they share a senator, it seems  
7   incredibly fair to me.

8                   Now, is it optimum? Would I like to have my  
9   district -- you know, my -- my districts side by side  
10  by side by side, you know, all laid out like a grid?  
11  Yeah, of course. Would I not like to have a mountain  
12  range there? Yeah.

13                  But, once again, I'm going to say this. And  
14  I'm just a simple guy. I'm just a simple citizen.  
15  I'm not some scholar or some legal expert. But it's  
16  the simplest, fairest map on the table, and I -- and  
17  I really -- I really would say that I would -- I  
18  would think that I would respectfully request that  
19  you support it.

20                  I think that, you know, nobody likes change,  
21  but we've got to do this every ten years. And I --  
22  and I -- you know, I think that it's the right map.

23                  But yes, you're correct. Some people argued  
24  that, you know, these aren't contiguous. Some people  
25  argued that, you know, I don't care if we're

1 demographically similar.

2 But my argument would be that -- you know,  
3 that they would be underrepresented if they were  
4 thrown into that -- if they were thrown into that  
5 district. It has nothing to do with any other  
6 things. The City made the argument that they were  
7 demographically similar and that they were contiguous  
8 and shared a border.

9 MEMBER MARCUM: Thank you, Mr. Warfield. I  
10 appreciate you clarifying that.

11 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Nicole, then Melanie.

12 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thanks. I just wanted to  
13 correct the record that I was not disputing what  
14 Mr. Warfield was testifying to, but rather John's  
15 interpretation of what he was testifying to. And I  
16 wanted to make sure that John knew about the letter  
17 from the 5th and that he could refer to it later.  
18 Thank you.

19 CHAIR BINKLEY: I had seen the letter and  
20 read it. I think it came to us probably that same  
21 day that Peter (indiscernible), so you're welcome.

22 Melanie?

23 MEMBER BAHNKE: Yes. Not a question to the  
24 testifier. It's a question for Peter.

25 The testifier just said that he can't see

1 who's speaking, so for those who can't see who's  
2 speaking, this is Melanie.

3 Are we able to -- I'm looking behind Nicole,  
4 and I see the public. But are we able to do speaker  
5 view, so that people can see who's speaking? I just  
6 see -- I think that got corrected. Is that  
7 (indiscernible)?

8 MR. WARFIELD: I don't know if I'm -- I  
9 don't know if I'm still on, but whatever happened  
10 when you started speaking, I could just see you all  
11 of a sudden. So I was looking at the gallery before,  
12 and whoever is controlling the video just allowed me  
13 to see you for the first time.

14 MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay. I think -- yeah, I  
15 think we've changed it to speaker view, so hopefully  
16 that will help the public.

17 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. Thank you, Melanie.  
18 And thanks for pointing that out, Jason.

19 Any other questions for Jason? Thank you  
20 very much. You've been very patient. We appreciate  
21 you coming forward and testifying.

22 MR. WARFIELD: All right. Well, like I  
23 said, thank you for all your -- your work on these --  
24 on these tough topics, so thank you.

25 CHAIR BINKLEY: Next what I show, and I hope

1 I've got it right, it's Queen Parker, I believe from  
2 Sterling.

3 MS. PARKER: Yes. This is Queen --

4 CHAIR BINKLEY: Good afternoon.

5 MS. PARKER: Good afternoon. I live in  
6 Sterling, and I'm speaking for myself.

7 I'm with the fellow from Hillside. I would  
8 just -- for the board, I would like you to vote for  
9 the compromise pairing in the map 3B. And it would  
10 be just as fair for all residents, which should make  
11 the board proud. I urge the board to support 3B for  
12 fair, contiguous pairing that is not just one-sided  
13 because you put Anchorage voters first rather than  
14 special interests.

15 And I thank you for your time. And I have  
16 to go, but bless you all. Thanks.

17 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you. Do you have time  
18 for any questions for Ms. Parker? Okay. Thank you.

19 Peter, who's next there? Is there somebody  
20 in the LIO that's signed up?

21 MR. TORKELSON: Laura Bonner, who's in  
22 Anchorage but off-net. She's been signed up since --  
23 for quite a while.

24 Laura are you on?

25 MS. BONNER: I think I am. Can you hear me?

1 Oh, I see it coming up on the --

2 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yes, we can.

3 MS. BONNER: All right. I live in South  
4 Anchorage. And I didn't realize until this morning  
5 that it was only the two maps that were -- that you  
6 were deciding on.

7 And I guess to me the most logical map was  
8 to pair the two House districts in Eagle River  
9 together in the same Senate district and to keep  
10 Girdwood in the South Anchorage district, since the  
11 only proximity to Eagle River Valley is through a  
12 mountain pass that can only be crossed by foot,  
13 weather permitting, and of course the season.  
14 Pairing Eagle River with Anchorage Hillside is  
15 illogical, and Eklutna is closer.

16 And I couldn't tell where the line was  
17 there. I'm not as -- haven't studied the  
18 redistricting process as much as some of the previous  
19 speakers have.

20 But keep Eagle River with other -- in Eagle  
21 River area, and East Anchorage is East Anchorage,  
22 Anchorage Hillside and Girdwood with South Anchorage,  
23 and Anchorage downtown with Anchorage downtown.  
24 That's the most logical pairing for the Senate.

25 It's nice to have a senator that -- what I



1 would like to be in the -- I live in Lower Hillside,  
2 and I would rather be paired with my neighbors that  
3 are -- live above me. And I know of no one in  
4 Girdwood that lived there that they drive to Eagle  
5 River, so their interests are completely different.

6 So I think that it's maybe map 2 that --  
7 that I support, but I can't tell. It's really  
8 difficult to see what the streets are when I go to  
9 your website.

10 So I just think that South Anchorage should  
11 be paired with Anchorage. And Eagle River should be  
12 paired with Eagle River. Eklutna is a lot closer and  
13 it's connected by the road system.

14 Anyway, that's my comments.

15 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Laura.

16 And I think it is confusing. We apologize  
17 for that. The process is moving fairly quickly and  
18 things have changed over time.

19 But, I think, given the context of your  
20 testimony, map 2 is the one that you would be  
21 supporting. It really purports with what the content  
22 of your testimony was.

23 MS. BONNER: Thank you. I do appreciate the  
24 complexity that you have had to deal with. But yeah,  
25 thanks.

1 CHAIR BINKLEY: Well, we appreciate you  
2 calling in and testifying. And we do -- if you would  
3 be kind enough to entertain questioning, you have a  
4 question from one of the members.

5 Member Bahnke, Melanie?

6 MEMBER BAHNKE: Yeah. Again, it's not a  
7 question for the testifier. It's an observation.

8 In the chat box here we've got a member of  
9 the public saying they would like to testify.

10 Peter, can you announce the way that people  
11 can call and testify so that people who are seeking  
12 that they can testify to Zoom know that they actually  
13 have to call in to a different number? Thank you.

14 MR. TORKELSON: Sure. So I've chatted back  
15 to that person, as well.

16 CHAIR BINKLEY: It looks like I saw a number  
17 just came up in -- on something in the screen, so I'm  
18 assuming that's the number that's given to dial in.  
19 Melanie?

20 MEMBER BAHNKE: Yeah. So thank you, Peter,  
21 for putting it in the chat box.

22 For those who are listening and want to call  
23 in, the number is (907)563-9085. (907)563-9085.  
24 Thank you.

25 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you.

1                   Next back to the LIO office, Yarrow Silver.

2                   Yarrow, can you join us, please? Good

3                   afternoon. How are you today?

4                   MS. SILVERS: Good morning. Thank you. My

5                   name is Yarrow Silver. I would like to respond to

6                   various comments and characterizations that I've

7                   heard over the past week.

8                   First, I want to discuss this idea that I've

9                   heard that map 2 is partisan. I introduced this map,

10                  which was arrived at by the East Anchorage plaintiffs

11                  with the benefit of legal counsel who advised us that

12                  the approach of pairing Muldoon, pairing Eagle River,

13                  and then pairing the districts that were left

14                  unpaired pass the method that most closely followed

15                  the remand order from the Court, which had ruled that

16                  the splitting of Eagle River in order to increase

17                  their representation at the expense of muffling the

18                  voices of East Anchorage residents was a partisan

19                  gerrymander violating equal protection.

20                  No partisan data nor incumbent information

21                  was accessed, nor do I care to access it. Other than

22                  my own representatives in 21, I have no idea where

23                  any incumbent lives nor what districts they represent

24                  for the vast majority of them.

25                  It is, however, a known fact that both

1 independent makers of map 3B, Ms. Marcum and  
2 Mr. Ruedrich, have looked at political and incumbent  
3 information during the mapping process.

4 By contrast, the pairings for map 2 were  
5 based solely on logic, reason, pairing like  
6 communities, and the constitutional as well as the  
7 remand requirements.

8 In fact, I bucked the trend of a majority of  
9 the testimony which favored map 1 to introduce map 2,  
10 which the ADN has quoted Cathy Giessel, who appointed  
11 John Binkley to the redistricting board, by the way,  
12 as stating was a very elegant solution and one that  
13 she prefers.

14 I believe that the majority of support and  
15 testimony backs up the non-partisan and inherently  
16 fair nature of this map, which indeed has had broad  
17 bipartisan support. I have heard well-reasoned and  
18 passionate testimony detailing in clear terms why  
19 map 3B is irrational, from HALO, Girdwood Board of  
20 Supervisors, Rabbit Creek Community Council, Shawn  
21 Murphy of Eagle Exit, Lloyd Thurman, Randy Phillips,  
22 and many others, all of whom are, obviously, not  
23 partisan left-wing organizations or individuals.

24 By contrast, the majority of the testimony  
25 favoring map 3 is based on partisan considerations,

1 number of Republican Senate seats, specific  
2 incumbents: Do it because you can, or one-liners  
3 based on no reasoning at all.

4 Despite the quick time frame of this  
5 process, we have the benefit of mounds of testimony  
6 against this same pairing in the municipality  
7 process, and yet Mr. Binkley has indicated that all  
8 this testimony should be discounted because the  
9 numbers and considerations are different.

10 And I ask: What numbers? What  
11 considerations are different, other than the clearly  
12 partisan ones? The false contiguity, distance,  
13 broken community, and lack of commonality are all the  
14 same.

15 The one thing that is different is that the  
16 lowest deviations were sacrificed in order to use  
17 meaningful contiguity in the municipal districts,  
18 which resulted in a municipal map with deviations of  
19 5 percent and where Eagle River was underpopulated by  
20 several thousand people.

21 While it was originally believed by the  
22 mapmakers that South Anchorage and Eagle River had  
23 socioeconomic connections, South Anchorage and Eagle  
24 River residents were quick to correct this impression  
25 and the municipality listened.

1 I also want to point out that the same  
2 compromise of deviations will not be required here in  
3 the municipal map. Population was being added to  
4 equal -- to Eagle River to equalize the population.

5 In this process here, Eagle River is being  
6 split despite having enough population for one Senate  
7 seat. I believe strongly in an inherently honest,  
8 ethical, and fair process that (indiscernible)  
9 closely to the constitution, and I believe that most  
10 people want effective, local representation that  
11 reflects their unique communities, regardless of  
12 their political affiliation, and map 2 reflects that.

13 If this board instead chooses a map that  
14 does not provide these things and that must use  
15 second rate or false contiguity for pairings, then  
16 the burden of proof falls on them to show why a more  
17 rational and constitutional map is not possible.

18 Now let's have a quick review of the  
19 justifications that I've heard for the  
20 unconstitutional map 3B, so are, quite frankly,  
21 beyond ridiculous.

22 I heard yesterday that District 23 was  
23 actually not Eagle River. Well, pulling up the map,  
24 I clearly saw that, yes, District 23 does include the  
25 northern part of Eagle River, including parts of its

1 business district. Come on now, let's be honest,  
2 please. Eagle River is literally cleaved in half,  
3 and the only justification for that is an attempt at  
4 a false narrative? This is ridiculous.

5 I have heard that South Anchorage and Eagle  
6 River share the longest border. I would like to ask  
7 the board to now consider how long the populated area  
8 along that border is as compared to the unpopulated  
9 area, which Budd Simpson referred to as basically a  
10 fiction in reference to another part of the map.

11 That number is not one single inch of  
12 populated area, and Budd's sentiment holds true here,  
13 as well. Even if it is possible to pair 9 and 22  
14 just because they touch, it is wholly irrational to  
15 pair them when there is a pairing available that has  
16 meaningful contiguity.

17 Some people have said in reference to JBER  
18 and Eagle River that like communities should be  
19 paired together, while obtusely ignoring that the  
20 like communities of downtown, Eagle River, and South  
21 Anchorage have to be split apart to accommodate this  
22 false vision of JBER.

23 Let's not forget that JBER is integrated  
24 heavily into all the municipality, including  
25 Government Hill and downtown. In fact, there is a

1 Government Hill gate that is used by the majority of  
2 service members that utilize the Elmendorf half of  
3 the joint base.

4 Let's also not forget that service members  
5 who live off Base are already represented in their  
6 community of residence, while those living on Base  
7 are most strongly connected to the communities within  
8 Anchorage proper outside their respective gates, not  
9 far away north Eagle River.

10 This supposed justification falls flat in  
11 the face of reality. Some say it's been done  
12 historically. That doesn't make it the right choice  
13 for today. And, in fact, one of the legislators that  
14 represented one of these past districts has testified  
15 about the irrationality of pairing 9 and 22.

16 The rest of the justifications for map 3B I  
17 have heard are mostly based on partisan  
18 considerations, which I briefly mentioned earlier but  
19 will not spend any time refuting due to the simple  
20 fact that partisan considerations are not permitted  
21 in our Alaska State Constitution.

22 I just want to close with this: I feel  
23 relief that through the legal remedy East Anchorage  
24 residents have received their voice back. However, I  
25 feel deep regret that we're pairing one wrong. Some



1 members of this board seem tempted to simply shift  
2 the burden of harm and silence to another community.

3 I implore this board to stop wasting time  
4 and money fighting for maps that you know to be  
5 unconstitutional and to choose to do the right thing  
6 instead. Thank you.

7 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you. You know, I  
8 might mention I appreciate that. If for some reason  
9 you thought that I said that it doesn't matter what  
10 numbers people are testifying to, I might have  
11 misspoke or maybe it was a misunderstanding, so --  
12 but every bit of public testimony is important. I  
13 listen to it, as all board members do. And we try  
14 and help if there's some confusion on the numbers.  
15 But, at any rate, just wanted to clear that up.

16 And also I would note for not only people  
17 who are calling in or they're in person, but also for  
18 board members, there's quite a queue of people that  
19 are waiting to testify, and if we could try and keep  
20 the testimony to three minutes that would be helpful,  
21 so that everybody has an opportunity.

22 And also for board members ourselves, too,  
23 if we could try and keep our questions short.

24 With that, Melanie, you've got a question?

25 MEMBER BAHNKE: I was just going to thank

1 her for her continued testimony. I know she  
2 (indiscernible) since we started the process, I  
3 think. It must feel like we're in Groundhog Day for  
4 some of us. But I appreciate your continued  
5 involvement.

6 MS. SILVERS: Thank you.

7 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you, Yarrow.

8 Next in the queue we've got Senator Holland.  
9 Senator Holland, are you still on?

10 SENATOR HOLLAND: Yes. I guess you can hear  
11 me, correct?

12 CHAIR BINKLEY: We can. Good afternoon. Go  
13 ahead, please.

14 SENATOR HOLLAND: Hello. This is Roger  
15 Holland, Alaska State Senator, District N.

16 Currently I am in my office in Juneau, but I  
17 reside in South Anchorage. I've been an Anchorage  
18 resident for 13 years.

19 I'll tell you, honestly, the first speaker,  
20 Catherine, embodied everything that I wanted to hear,  
21 except for the last speaker before me. I believe her  
22 name was Joan [as spoken]. She was a great, great  
23 clean-up hitter right there.

24 I do believe map 3B will probably have  
25 constitutional problems. I am in support of map

1 No. 2.

2 You know, when I first -- I'll try to keep  
3 my comments to three minute, but I saw challenges  
4 when I was first campaigning in District N, which  
5 was 27 and 28. 27 is the Muldoon curve. 28 is South  
6 Anchorage. They are very different family types  
7 there, and different -- different needs, different --  
8 it became clearly evident to me during the CAPSIS  
9 proposals that we were working on just recently.

10 Everything in Muldoon was very big ticket  
11 intersection problems, very expensive, lots of  
12 concrete work, and everything in District 28 was  
13 pretty much a lot of small -- I mean, the typical  
14 project in District 27 was millions of dollars. The  
15 typical project in District 28 was hundreds of  
16 thousands of dollars.

17 And it's important to me, as a senator who  
18 has to represent both of them. You try to balance  
19 your representation, but you worry about, you know,  
20 just not being able to -- if you push something in 27  
21 too hard, that could literally break the bank, while  
22 District 28, these smaller -- more numerous smaller  
23 projects don't get covered.

24 I think the idea that there's a 33-mile  
25 contiguous border between Eagle River and South

1 Anchorage, as in map 3B, that border might as well be  
2 the Berlin Wall for being impassable. I would -- I  
3 understand the -- you know, let's just read the  
4 constitution, and if it says contiguous -- but I do  
5 believe they indicate contiguous by meaning access  
6 and flow. And there is absolutely no flow of trade,  
7 commerce, or anything between Eagle River and South  
8 Anchorage.

9 I believe the map No. 2 pairings -- I  
10 thought, what a great pairing. It really resolved in  
11 my mind a lot of the complications I had seen in  
12 District N.

13 And then I was saddened to see map 3B raise  
14 its head. There is a reason to have discontiguous  
15 parts of a district, for instance, having Cordova,  
16 Valdez, and Whittier all in the same district. Well,  
17 they're all poor communities.

18 But I really appreciated the opportunity to  
19 have Whittier added to District N. I am a regular.  
20 I go down to Whittier at least every other week or so  
21 during the summer, and I thought it was a great  
22 chance to increase the representation.

23 As a senator, having to represent Eagle  
24 River and South Anchorage, there are challenges to be  
25 present and be a meaningful participant in the

1 community when, by my count, I have to travel through  
2 or touch parts of 11 districts getting from  
3 District 9 to its paired district of -- well, let's  
4 see if I have the map up right now. It's paired  
5 district of, what was that, 22?

6 I'll tell you, with that being said, I think  
7 I'm at or beyond three minutes.

8 CHAIR BINKLEY: Well, thank you very much,  
9 senator. Appreciate your hanging in there. I know  
10 you've been on the line quite a while, and I'm sure  
11 you have plenty to do there, so thank you very much.

12 I believe the next one on -- off-net online  
13 is Senator Reinbold. Senator, are you with us still?

14 SENATOR REINBOLD: Yes. This is Senator  
15 Lora Reinbold. Can you hear me?

16 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yes, we can. Go ahead.

17 SENATOR REINBOLD: Okay. Thank you. Again,  
18 I'm also calling from Juneau. We have an extremely  
19 busy session, although the media doesn't report about  
20 that. And I am a state senator right now for  
21 District G, but I am speaking on behalf of myself at  
22 this time.

23 And I would like to let you know that I did  
24 spend about ten years in Huffman. I spent about  
25 15 years in Eagle River. The majority of my life was

1 in Midtown area, as growing up.

2 I have also had a cabin in -- my family -- a  
3 member of my family -- two or three members of my  
4 family have Girdwood. So I know the areas extremely  
5 well.

6 I never liked when Representative Hawker was  
7 my representative and he was from South Anchorage,  
8 and I'm not sure he ever even singly came to a  
9 community council.

10 Map 3B is absolutely ridiculous, that's all  
11 I can say, trying to have us paired with Girdwood and  
12 India -- excuse me -- Indian, Whittier area.

13 So bottom line is I have been trying to  
14 follow this process, even amongst an extremely busy  
15 legislative session. Yes, I followed the lawsuit. I  
16 actually thought Judge Matthews did a very good job  
17 exposing the gerrymandering in the district. And I  
18 believe map 3B actually makes it much worse.

19 So I am calling in to support 22 and 24  
20 being paired together, although I really appreciate  
21 being paired with JBER. The -- 22 and 24 is an  
22 option that is available to us right now, so I  
23 strongly encourage keeping Eagle River together.

24 We are a very strong community, and I think  
25 that is the one that makes the most sense. And

1 community councils are -- you know, there's five or  
2 so of them in the area. I just think it makes far,  
3 far more sense to keep Eagle River together.

4 So with that, I'm going to be supporting map  
5 No. 2. Thank you.

6 CHAIR BINKLEY: Well, great. Thank you very  
7 much, Senator. That was quick, though. It was just  
8 two minutes, so thank you for your brevity and  
9 clarity.

10 Nicole?

11 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you very much. This  
12 is Nicole Borromeo. And I appreciate your testimony,  
13 Senator Reinbold.

14 A couple of questions. I don't know, and I  
15 don't want to know, whether or not you live in  
16 District 22 or 24, but if 22 or 24 was paired -- or  
17 sorry. If 22 was paired with 9, that representative  
18 in the Senate has to travel through six or seven  
19 different House districts to reach District 9.

20 And I'm concerned that that is going to run  
21 afoul of Article VI, Section 6 of the constitution  
22 that requires us to pair Senate districts as near as  
23 practicable into contiguous House districts as  
24 possible.

25 If you retain the seat and you had to travel

1 from your home in Eagle River to District 9 all the  
2 way down to Whittier, what is going to be your  
3 preferred route of getting there?

4 SENATOR REINBOLD: Well, I will tell you  
5 this. There's only a road, and it's a long -- I  
6 would say hour and a half plus the tunnel maybe, so  
7 maybe at least two-hour drive, which is ridiculous.

8 I will tell you, my mother-in-law helped  
9 build a (indiscernible) trail, and I'm a huge  
10 advocate for (indiscernible) Iditarod. You know, you  
11 could walk over the trail, but that's ridiculous.

12 The bottom line is, I think it was, you  
13 know, driving two-plus hours, when we are part of  
14 Anchorage Municipality, absolutely makes no sense.  
15 So I think there would be constitutional issues, as  
16 well.

17 And I hope that answers your question. But  
18 that is a long, long way away. Our children wouldn't  
19 be going to schools together, et cetera.

20 And I never thought that map where Giessel  
21 had Stuckagain Heights, Girdwood, and part of Eagle  
22 River -- we never felt represented in Eagle River.  
23 So I believe map 3 will very much hurt Eagle River.

24 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you, Senator.

25 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Senator.



1                   Next, back to the LIO office, is former  
2   representative Lance Pruitt. Lance, are you there?  
3   Can you join us? Good afternoon.

4                   MR. PRUITT: Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman.  
5   Thank you, each one of you, for being a part of this  
6   process. I know if this was an easy process and we  
7   could create perfect maps, of course, this wouldn't  
8   be needed. So -- but I appreciate your time and the  
9   public service that you're putting in.

10                  I'm here to -- there's several thoughts that  
11   I've had over the course of -- and I've watched the  
12   process actually from a little bit of a distance. I  
13   haven't been watching you guys every single day.

14                  But I will say that what is -- the reason I  
15   have decided to come in, what kind of compelled me,  
16   is because I watched the process initially,  
17   especially as we dealt with an area for which I used  
18   to represent.

19                  I should be clear, I had three separate  
20   senators over ten years. I had one senator where our  
21   district went west, I had one senator where my  
22   district went into Eagle River or that Senate  
23   district went into Eagle River, and then the  
24   remaining six years that district went into the  
25   Hillside area.

1                   And so the initial conversation related to  
2   the district that I used to represent, and indicated,  
3   you know, I've heard -- I've used the former  
4   Massachusetts governor, Gerry. His name has been  
5   used a lot over the last couple of days. Of course,  
6   he's the guy that created salamander in  
7   Massachusetts.

8                   And -- but yet if you look at the district  
9   that I came from already, you'd have to make that  
10  same argument with just the House district, because  
11  why would you go and carve out -- you go out and  
12  carve Nunaka Valley, which has never been a part of  
13  that district, when right south of it was an area  
14  that was in it, at least when I first represented it.  
15  You had the Reflection Lake area.

16                  And to argue that East Anchorage was all the  
17  same, you can't do that. I think you're kind of --  
18  as we go into the conversation today, the same thing  
19  applies.

20                  What I'm not hearing is I'm not hearing a  
21  lot of dialogue about JBER and the -- our military  
22  personnel. And I think they've been left out of the  
23  conversation that I've heard. That's what's  
24  compelled me to come in. They do not have enough for  
25  their own Senate district, but they are more closely

1 tied to Eagle River and East Anchorage than any other  
2 part of Anchorage.

3 As East Anchorage at this point is no longer  
4 on the table, based on both of the maps, based on the  
5 conversation that we've heard related to trying to  
6 pair that District 20 and 21, I believe the two are  
7 left with the only option to make sure that our  
8 military personnel are taken care of, to make sure  
9 that the people that are not -- not going to --  
10 they're not going to be as engaged in this process,  
11 is you're going to have to keep them in the Senate  
12 district paired with Eagle River.

13 Eagle River High School would not exist --  
14 this is a fact. It would not exist if it were not  
15 for our military. It wouldn't be there. There are  
16 whole hallways at Chugiak High School that are empty.  
17 If we did not have the military, Eagle River High  
18 School could fit in Chugiak High School. You have to  
19 tie those two together because they have the closest  
20 socioeconomic situation.

21 And then you also have to consider when  
22 you're going to put them on the ballot, because we  
23 see higher turnout as well from our military. It  
24 comes during that time frame when we have a  
25 presidential year, so you have to -- that's

1 another -- I know it's separate, but when you get to  
2 that point I think any district that includes our  
3 military, you have to consider when that Senate  
4 district comes up.

5 That automatically pairs you with -- well,  
6 then you do have to put -- you do have to put the  
7 second Eagle River district somewhere else. And as  
8 the Courts' (indiscernible) process, and engagement  
9 here has said, it can't be East Anchorage, well,  
10 really your only other option is going to be another  
11 district very similar to it that's going to allow for  
12 someone from either one of those districts to have  
13 just as good of a chance of representing that area.

14 I've heard -- I've heard here said that it's  
15 a long way to drive, that people won't show up. But  
16 the reality is that if you only went in and carved a  
17 small portion of Eagle River out and paired it  
18 with -- with the Hillside or vice versa, you might be  
19 able to make that case or that argument.

20 But the fact that you're going to have a  
21 whole district that is both in Eagle River as well as  
22 in the other, I think you will find that the person  
23 that lives in whichever district that is the senator,  
24 you -- they will probably spend a lot more time  
25 trying to prove to the other district that they are

1 thinking about them.

2 It's what I saw actually with Cathy Giessel  
3 when she represented my district. She lived in --  
4 she lived in the Hillside, but she spent a lot of  
5 time coming to my district because she wanted to make  
6 sure they did not feel that way. Why? Because if  
7 you don't take that into consideration, you won't be  
8 a senator. Because they will reject -- there will be  
9 a rejection of you.

10 So I think it's important to -- as you're  
11 looking at these maps, to go back and consider our  
12 military. And then when you do that, the only one  
13 that you can pair it with, because you've taken East  
14 Anchorage off the table with all of the process, is  
15 Eagle River. And then the dominoes start to fall.

16 And so that is what makes -- makes 3B really  
17 the only option that you have if you want to consider  
18 a key group that I have not heard testify from. It's  
19 all been Anchorage centric, it's all been Eagle  
20 River, it's been the Hillside, East Anchorage. But  
21 you're probably not going to have those military  
22 personnel come here, because that's just -- this  
23 isn't going to be on their radar. It's just the  
24 reality.

25 So to take care of them, you're going to

1 have to pair them.

2 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay.

3 MR. PRUITT: Thank you.

4 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you, Lance.

5 Nicole, question?

6 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you, Lance, for  
7 coming to testify today.

8 As a military spouse, I appreciate your  
9 commitment to making sure that JBER is heard and the  
10 military is heard, as well.

11 Unfortunately, that doesn't square with our  
12 constitution. Our constitution doesn't let us single  
13 out one particular member of the community, even if  
14 they do represent the military, and pair them  
15 together.

16 What our constitution does say when it comes  
17 to Senate pairings, which is what we're talking about  
18 today, is that each Senate district shall be composed  
19 as near as practicable to two contiguous House  
20 districts. Do you have any thoughts on that?

21 MR. PRUITT: Well, first, I would say that  
22 the military personnel at -- because of the fact that  
23 they live there -- and I'm not saying that you carve  
24 out the person. Their socioeconomic integration  
25 within that community is pretty in depth.

1           The fact that Eagle River would not -- Eagle  
2 River High School would not exist if it weren't for  
3 the military personnel, if it weren't for JBER there,  
4 it shows that they are interconnected, that they are  
5 actually tied together.

6           So it's not a carving out and saying this  
7 one group of people should stand above another. It's  
8 actually recognizing how much that community is -- is  
9 integrated.

10           And with that being said, they are -- they  
11 are contiguous, in terms of the fact that you will  
12 find that majority of the people that are in that --  
13 especially because of the new developments that are  
14 taking place in the east side of JBER, most of the  
15 housing that has been built over the last ten years  
16 has been over on the east side.

17           They are either going to go to school at  
18 Bartlett or Eagle River. They are going to go eat at  
19 Tikahtnu or they're going to go eat out in Eagle  
20 River, or they've actually moved out into one of  
21 these communities. You have a higher level of the  
22 active military service that live in Eagle River.  
23 East Anchorage is second in comparison.

24           So the integration between the military that  
25 are active that are on Base, as well as where they

1 might live, which may not be where they work, I think  
2 that deep integration that they have, because -- and  
3 at this point Eagle River -- East Anchorage is off  
4 the table. It's not a conversation based on I think  
5 what -- I feel the board is going.

6 You are left then with Eagle River being the  
7 closest in proximity, as well as the closest in terms  
8 of socioeconomic ties, as well as just basically  
9 integration in terms of where the people not just  
10 live, but where they also go to school, where they --  
11 they spend their money, those kinds of things.

12 CHAIR BINKLEY: For example, sometimes they  
13 use the word communities of interest. They would be  
14 potentially communities of interest, JBER and Eagle  
15 River?

16 MR. PRUITT: Absolutely they are communities  
17 of interest. They are -- you know, the only thing  
18 that separates them in some capacity is the fact that  
19 there's a big gate there or there's a big fence  
20 there.

21 I mean, they are -- someone once actually  
22 explained to me that -- and this was a military  
23 individual that said that their expectation is if  
24 someone were to say, "Hey, Eagle River, we want to  
25 shut the school down," that the military would not



1 allow that to happen. That's how closely and tied  
2 into that community that they are, that that -- they  
3 are passionate about that school, that that's where  
4 they want their kids to go.

5 And so I think it's really important to see  
6 that tie and to understand that tie, because they  
7 are -- they are one in the same, essentially, in that  
8 sense.

9 CHAIR BINKLEY: Nicole, and then Melanie.

10 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you very much.

11 Just a matter of comment for the record.

12 Where you suggested that we consider where the  
13 military are in the voting cycle, that is not  
14 something that I am ever going to advocate for. That  
15 takes incumbent data into consideration. That  
16 brushes up against really impermissible  
17 considerations for this board.

18 So while I appreciate your testimony today,  
19 I won't be following at least that instruction from  
20 you. Thank you.

21 MR. PRUITT: And, Mr. Chairman, if you don't  
22 mind me saying, I don't care about incumbents.

23 CHAIR BINKLEY: Go ahead.

24 MR. PRUITT: I don't care about incumbents.  
25 It's not about who -- what I will say is the

1 military -- I think whether -- and maybe it's not  
2 something that's ingrained in the constitution, but I  
3 do think that we do believe that we want to engage  
4 people. We want more people to vote. I think that's  
5 kind of -- that's kind of something that you hear  
6 around the United States in general today.

7 If you want to have as many people active  
8 and engaged in your election process, then that's  
9 when you need to consider -- the military is engaged  
10 during that -- during that time frame of the  
11 presidential elections.

12 Look at the data -- you can look at the data  
13 of all of our military facilities, and you can see a  
14 considerable decrease in the number of people that  
15 participate. I don't know why. I don't want to get  
16 into that.

17 But I will say if you want to see as much  
18 participation from those individuals that happen to  
19 be in those -- on our military bases throughout the  
20 state, that would be why you should consider having  
21 the elections during those presidential year cycles.

22 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you. Melanie, go  
23 ahead.

24 MEMBER BAHNKE: Yes. Thank you.

25 I don't think we have any control over when

1 elections are held. That's beyond the scope of our  
2 authority here as part of the redistricting board.

3 Last, so looking at 24 and 22, Eagle River  
4 and Eagle River, would you consider those two to be  
5 communities of interest? And also, are they  
6 contiguous?

7 MR. PRUITT: They are communities of  
8 interest and contiguous, yes.

9 MEMBER BAHNKE: Thank you.

10 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Let's see. Do we  
11 have -- Joelle, hello.

12 I think that's Lance. Thank you very much.

13 MR. PRUITT: Thank you.

14 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you, Joelle, for  
15 moving up closer to the (indiscernible).

16 MS. HALL: I got it, Mr. Chairman.

17 CHAIR BINKLEY: Attention to detail.

18 MS. HALL: I've been in this room a couple  
19 of times, you might imagine.

20 First, I want to say thank you for your  
21 service. As you know, I've been here since the very  
22 beginning, so I've watched you and all of the work  
23 and all the time you've dedicated to this important  
24 endeavor. I'm sure you're looking forward to this  
25 process being over. I know I am.

1           Today we find ourselves debating four Senate  
2   seats. As you know, AFFR testified earlier in  
3   support of the recently withdrawn map 1.

4           We, too, have read what the Superior Court  
5   asked you to do, pair Muldoon, pair Eagle River, then  
6   minimally fix what needs to be fixed. So to support  
7   the move -- to support the move to withdraw -- so we  
8   support the move to withdraw map 1 and to focus on  
9   proposals with a narrower scope, leaving us with 2  
10   and 3B.

11           The Court has been very clear as to why we  
12   find ourselves here today. An improper pairing broke  
13   apart Eagle River with no basis and paired it with  
14   other parts of Anchorage that resulted in the  
15   dilution of votes and gerrymandering.

16           Unbelievably, the board appears to be giving  
17   real consideration to a map that commits the same  
18   illegal action, breaking up Eagle River with no  
19   rational explanation to spread its voting power  
20   across other districts, when mathematically this  
21   community is rightfully entitled to one Senate seat.  
22   I live in the Senate seat, House 24 to be specific.

23           Since the remands, I've listened to  
24   contorted explanations explaining -- attempting to  
25   justify the pairing in 3B. None of them stand up to

1 the most basic question: What is more compact,  
2 contiguous, and socioeconomically integrated than  
3 keeping a community whole?

4 The Court last found that Eagle River is a  
5 community of interest whose needs can be considered  
6 within the context of the larger MOA.

7 So that leads to the debate to one of the  
8 other constitutional provisions, contiguity.

9 Dividing -- the dividing line between 22 and 24 is  
10 the majority of Eagle River Road, which runs through  
11 the heart of Eagle River. Turn left you're at 24,  
12 turn right you're in 22. A 13-mile road running from  
13 Pizza Man to the Eagle River Nature Center.

14 Neighborhoods on both sides of the road feeding the  
15 same elementary schools, the same parks paid for with  
16 our local Eagle River parks assessment, and shopping  
17 at the same grocery stores.

18 The contiguity of 2 is clearly better than  
19 the contiguity of 3B. You've made some really tough  
20 contiguity calls in this process. Valdez springs to  
21 mind. A tough challenge requiring all the  
22 flexibility that the constitution has built into it.

23 But this is not a tough call. Eagle River  
24 is not a tough call, downtown is not a tough call,  
25 and South Anchorage is not a tough call. No

1 flexibility should be needed here. There is a  
2 simple, rational, legal, constitutional solution.

3 Testifiers have endeavored to give you  
4 rationals to break these communities apart, but the  
5 underlying question -- constitutional question still  
6 remains, what is more practicably contiguous? It's a  
7 relative question. Is 3B more practically contiguous  
8 than 2? No, obviously not.

9 Choosing a map that is demonstrably less  
10 contiguous brings this board perilously close to  
11 running afoul of the exact same issue that brought  
12 this map back, brought this map before Judge Matthews  
13 and to the Supreme Court. I cannot imagine how  
14 you'll go to justify to any judge the passing of 3B  
15 when map 2 was on the record.

16 I want to refer back to a previous  
17 testifier, Jason, who said in a perfect world we  
18 would have districts that were side by side by side.  
19 Lucky us, the perfect world sits before you. It's  
20 called map 2, with districts that are side by side by  
21 side, exactly the way the constitution envisions. No  
22 contortions required, no contiguity, sleights of hand  
23 and close one eye and look carefully.

24 I encourage you to adapt the map to  
25 discharge your duties to the people of Alaska and be

1 proud of the work that you've done. Thank you again  
2 for your service. We appreciate it.

3 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you, Madam President.  
4 And we appreciate -- equally appreciate your  
5 participation. I know you and your organization and  
6 so many individuals have worked extremely hard on  
7 this from the very beginning, probably even before we  
8 started.

9 And although we might not agree in all of  
10 it, I know I do, and I think all the board members  
11 have a tremendous amount of respect for you and your  
12 organization and all the people that have put so much  
13 time into it, so thank you, as well.

14 MS. HALL: Well, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I  
15 think we are on the cusp of greatness here if we just  
16 are bold enough to get it. Thanks.

17 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you. Mike Edgington  
18 is on net. Mike, are you online with us?

19 MR. EDGINGTON: Hello. Can you hear me?

20 CHAIR BINKLEY: We can. Go ahead.

21 MR. EDGINGTON: Thanks. Thank you very  
22 much.

23 So, yeah, my name is Mike Edgington. I'm  
24 from Girdwood. I also sit on the Girdwood Board of  
25 Supervisors (indiscernible) for the last five years.

1     However, I am speaking on behalf of myself as an  
2     individual, although of course my experience has been  
3     colored by that last five years of representing my  
4     community.

5             When I spoke last Saturday -- I testified  
6     last Saturday. At the time maps 1, 2, and 3, I  
7     think, were under consideration.

8             And my sense, and I think still my sense, is  
9     that if we were to start the process from the  
10    beginning, map 1 -- or (indiscernible) Senate pairing  
11    from the beginning, map 1 is the preferable of the  
12    three.

13            But I appreciate now, understand better why  
14    that appears to be outside of the remand order. So  
15    given the choices of map 2 and now map 3B, I think  
16    without a doubt map 2 is the far more rational of the  
17    choices.

18            I had various points I was going to make,  
19    but honestly other testifiers have done a better job  
20    than I would have done. In particular, I have a lot  
21    of data I could have discussed, but Mr. Wells went  
22    into -- I think presented that better than I would  
23    have done.

24            So I have a few (indiscernible) questions,  
25    really -- or (indiscernible) points, really just



1 anecdotes. The first one is I think one of the  
2 discussions is -- is the -- in the communities of  
3 interest, is how much people travel between them and  
4 where you go shopping, et cetera.

5 I use -- I have history set on my Android  
6 phone, so I went back and looked at the last four and  
7 a half years of every single place I've been to. And  
8 I notice in that four and a half years, I've been to  
9 Eagle River exactly once. I think I went to Jitters  
10 coffee shop, which is great and I should go again.  
11 But, you know, to do shopping, one occasion Eagle  
12 River.

13 In contrast, areas of South Anchorage I'm at  
14 typically weekly, at least biweekly, and often more  
15 than one time a week. So clearly, in terms of  
16 connectivity. And I think that would be true for  
17 probably most of -- most of my neighbors here in  
18 Girdwood. South Anchorage is very closely aligned,  
19 and Eagle River is a distant location that I rarely  
20 go to unless there's some specific thing.

21 My second thought is I listened to some of  
22 the -- some of the core case in front of Judge  
23 Matthews, and I remember -- because Girdwood was  
24 mentioned, I remember one interaction fairly clearly,  
25 where there was discussion about continuity

1 (indiscernible). And I think the example that was  
2 being discussed was whether Girdwood could be tied to  
3 downtown Anchorage, because there is a connection via  
4 Turnagain Arm, effectively by the sea.

5 And what I recall is the -- is the  
6 discussion was while I -- while I suppose in the  
7 abstract it could be considered contiguous, it would  
8 absolutely be a second rank contiguity. They are not  
9 in any way really connected, only in that sort of  
10 artificial way.

11 And I think the other example was actually  
12 quoted in that very exchange between your attorney  
13 and the judge, was the examples where the sea is used  
14 for continuity, and (indiscernible) where unpopulated  
15 areas of mountains were used as continuity.

16 And, obviously, that's exactly the situation  
17 that people are attempting to justify in map 3B.  
18 There's no population on that border. There's no  
19 connectivity at all for much of the year. There's  
20 high avalanche risk in (indiscernible) between those  
21 two locations. It just makes no sense. There's no  
22 practical way of traveling along that border  
23 (indiscernible) much of the crossings.

24 And my third point was to (indiscernible)  
25 some of the discussion that's being had around the

1 municipality reapportionment process. I think  
2 several testifiers supporting map 3B have pointed out  
3 that there was objection to a proposal that included  
4 parts of Hillside -- a smaller population of Hillside  
5 with Eagle River. That is true later in the process.

6 At the very beginning of the reapportionment  
7 process, there were a set of candidate maps,  
8 discussion maps put out by the contractor. And one  
9 of those joined South Anchorage, Girdwood, Indian,  
10 Turnagain Arm, with Eagle River, where the  
11 populations were roughly equivalent.

12 Again, I heard a huge amount of opposition  
13 to that from my community. It was not a case where,  
14 you know, we -- we are in the South Anchorage area in  
15 general would be a very small population  
16 (indiscernible). It was just a disagreement that  
17 these two communities are connected in any way.

18 So just a little bit more color on that  
19 topic. The statement was from one of the testifiers  
20 (indiscernible) during part of the process is not  
21 true through the whole process. There was a lot of  
22 opposition to examples where it wasn't a large  
23 population, a small population (indiscernible).

24 And my last (indiscernible), I've heard a  
25 lot of -- a lot of things about, you know, this isn't

1 a very easy process. Honestly, it is a very easy  
2 process. You have one sensible map in front of you  
3 that passes constitutional muster and I think basic  
4 constitutional sense, and one which is extremely  
5 tortious, violates many of the principles you're  
6 supposed to follow, and all of the justifications  
7 I've heard from it just, you know, don't -- they are  
8 very, very contorted and don't pass basic -- basic  
9 (indiscernible) test.

10 So -- but I appreciate all the work that's  
11 been done so far in this process, but I think you  
12 have a very easy decision to make now. So I  
13 recommend you choose map 2. Thank you.

14 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you, Mike.

15 Any questions? If not we'll go back, Judy  
16 Eledge. Are you on here, Judy?

17 MS. ELEDGE: Good morning. Once again,  
18 thank you for being here on a beautiful Saturday. It  
19 is cold here, so maybe that's -- maybe that's good.  
20 It's not as bright as it looks outside.

21 But I wanted to call and testify again  
22 today, because I continue to listen to the -- this  
23 testimony. And I have some people -- I know that  
24 Yarrow keeps saying that there's political  
25 organizations representing the side that supports 3B,

1 and I know that both she and Denny that testified  
2 during this supported Eagle River and the Hillside  
3 during the assembly reapportionment. I heard that,  
4 and I believe that is documented.

5 And I know Yarrow's testifying, but please  
6 don't be accusing people of things, because I believe  
7 you are involved in a legal blog. So it doesn't do  
8 any good to start accusing people on why they're  
9 testifying.

10 One of the things I did want to say also,  
11 when Cathy Giessel was the senator I assure you Eagle  
12 River was represented because I know she attended  
13 every meeting that was out there. So that was not  
14 true. She made that (indiscernible). It is the  
15 representatives' responsibility to get to those  
16 communities they represent. They most certainly have  
17 to do that in rural Alaska.

18 Once again, I'm going to say the residents  
19 of Anchorage and Eagle River, they share a very  
20 similar socioeconomic background. And I keep hearing  
21 over and over again that -- that it is not  
22 constitutional, that because they have to be part of  
23 a road system -- and I did call a friend that is very  
24 good -- I think the best constitutionalist we have in  
25 Alaska, and she happens to be an attorney.

1           And nowhere in the constitution does it say  
2   there has to be a transportation corridor. There  
3   most certainly is not one in Valdez and other places  
4   throughout the state, so that just absolutely cannot  
5   be true. And it keeps being repeated and repeated.

6           It says you had to share a geographical  
7   link. You don't have to share a road. If that was  
8   true then everybody in rural Alaska, I don't know how  
9   they would be represented.

10           So I just keep hearing this over and over  
11   about what is constitutional, what is not. You know  
12   what? I believe that both -- maybe both of the maps  
13   would withstand it. You don't know. We've always --  
14   before, we were always -- Eagle River was always with  
15   Muldoon and East Anchorage, and all of a sudden that  
16   wasn't constitutional.

17           So I -- I really think it's hard when you  
18   say something's not constitutional. I think that  
19   just depends on the interpretation of the judge  
20   making the decision.

21           So, once again, I wanted to call and  
22   support 3B. I think it is -- I think it is fair. It  
23   has happened before, and in the past it wasn't  
24   unconstitutional then.

25           So I hope all of you have a great day, and

1 thanks, once again, for testifying on a Saturday.

2 Appreciate it. Thank you.

3 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you. Next in the  
4 queue (indiscernible) is Leighan Gonzales. Are you  
5 with us online?

6 MS. GONZALES: Yes. Hi. Am I connected?

7 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yes, you are. We can hear  
8 you fine. Please go ahead.

9 MS. GONZALES: Hi. Fantastic. My name is  
10 Leighan Gonzales, and I am a lifelong -- lifelong  
11 resident of East Anchorage calling in support of map  
12 No. 2.

13 And I hadn't actually planned to testify  
14 until I watched yesterday's hearing and saw frankly  
15 how disrespectfully my neighbors have been treated  
16 during and (indiscernible) testimony. I just wanted  
17 to note that public testimony is an opportunity for  
18 us, the public, to share our input with the board,  
19 and it was pretty intimidating to watch, you know,  
20 some of the back and forths with board members, and  
21 my neighbors, who are not subject matter experts,  
22 being grilled on constitutional law.

23 Anyway, we -- you know, it's a big deal, and  
24 we're all taking (indiscernible) to participate in  
25 this process because we do care about our

1 communities. So I'm just asking the board to follow  
2 not only the Alaska Constitution, but community  
3 member requests to keep East Anchorage together, keep  
4 downtown downtown and Eagle River in Eagle River.

5 So, again, thank you all so much for your  
6 time and work. I know it's not easy, but, again,  
7 thank you. And please vote for map No. 2.

8 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Leighan.  
9 That's a good reminder to us, as board members, too,  
10 is people are just citizens calling in to give their  
11 opinion, and many don't know the constitution, don't  
12 follow the process closely.

13 But we need to be very respectful always  
14 (indiscernible) regardless of whether we support them  
15 or not, and encourage people to testify and not be  
16 intimidated in any way. So it's a good reminder.  
17 Thank you.

18 Next we have Margaret Leeds.

19 MS. LEEDS: Good afternoon.

20 CHAIR BINKLEY: Margaret, are you still with  
21 us?

22 MS. LEEDS: Yes. Can you hear me okay?

23 CHAIR BINKLEY: We can. Please go ahead.

24 MS. LEEDS: Thank you. And thanks for  
25 taking my comments. I'm calling in today because I



1 would like to support option 2 and speak against  
2 option 3B.

3 I'm a long-time resident of Girdwood.  
4 Option 2 paired me with South Anchorage and the  
5 Hillside, who are people who have similar lived  
6 experiences and similar concerns to I, which allows  
7 (indiscernible) to be fairly represented.

8 Option 3B paired me and Girdwood with people  
9 who have very different concerns, who are  
10 demographically very different than I and live a very  
11 different experience.

12 For one example, Eagle River has  
13 well-developed infrastructure, whereas Girdwood has  
14 underdeveloped critical infrastructure, including  
15 police and fire and emergency medical services.  
16 Because Eagle River still outnumbered Girdwood,  
17 option 3B leaves me unrepresented.

18 Considering other neighborhoods, option 2  
19 also gives representation to East Anchorage and  
20 maintains representation of Eagle River. Option 3B  
21 seems to violate the Alaska Supreme Court ruling that  
22 Eagle River should not be split, as this represented  
23 partisan gerrymandering.

24 Option 3B map would give no representation  
25 of my (indiscernible) at all, and this may damage my

1 town of Girdwood.

2 Thanks for hearing my comments.

3 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you.

4 My understanding is that Erik Steinfort is  
5 also sharing a phone line, Margaret. Is he there, as  
6 well?

7 MS. LEEDS: Yes. It's (indiscernible) his  
8 office here.

9 MR. STEINFORT: Hi. Yeah, this is Erik  
10 Steinfort. We are sharing a line.

11 CHAIR BINKLEY: You --

12 MR. STEINFORT: Thank you for acknowledging  
13 me. Are you able to hear me?

14 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yes, we are, Erik. Please  
15 go ahead.

16 MR. STEINFORT: That's great. Yeah, great  
17 comments from other folks, like Margaret and Mike. I  
18 appreciate their time putting in.

19 But, yeah, I just wanted to -- to testify  
20 that I am in support of option 2 and against  
21 option 3B. It seems really obvious to me what's  
22 going on here. It's, like, oh, we've got an intent  
23 to dilute Girdwood's voting representation, and I do  
24 not support that. Sounds like you're making a lot of  
25 reasons and special -- special ideas to try to tie

1 things together that are -- you're just kind of  
2 hiding behind some pretty obvious gerrymandering to  
3 control the (indiscernible).

4 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you.

5 Melanie, do you have a question for Erik?

6 MEMBER BAHNKE: Not a question, but I wanted  
7 people to know I am going to turn my camera off. I'm  
8 going to grab a bite to eat, but I'll be listening.

9 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Melanie.  
10 Thank you, Erik.

11 And next, I believe, we have Lisa Gentemann.

12 MS. GENTEMANN: Hello. This is Lisa  
13 Gentemann. Can you hear me?

14 CHAIR BINKLEY: We can, Lisa. Please  
15 proceed.

16 MS. GENTEMANN: Thank you. I'm here  
17 representing myself, and I'm from Eagle River.

18 And I'm asking you to please support map  
19 No. 2. I really like the 22 and 24 pairing because  
20 I'd like to keep Eagle River together.

21 I've lived on Eagle River Road, that a prior  
22 testifier mentioned, and I've lived on that road for  
23 about 25 years, two different homes but right off the  
24 road.

25 And so the map No. 3 just seems to work if

1 we were mountain goats. I really don't want to walk  
2 over the mountains back and forth. It's just not  
3 efficient. And so it just doesn't make logical  
4 sense, that 3B, at all. And you are navigators or  
5 board members, things like that. I think that you  
6 can appeal to logic. If you just communicate with  
7 our neighbors and help them, and also with our  
8 legislator, it's much easier.

9 And I helped campaign before, and door  
10 knocking is already hard enough to get people, and  
11 our houses are already far enough apart out here in  
12 Eagle River, because many of us have septic and  
13 wells and things like that, and it takes quite a bit  
14 of time.

15 And it would make it even more difficult  
16 with the hazardous roads. Many of us have had people  
17 that we know of that have died on the roads, so  
18 there's a safety concern (indiscernible).

19 And gas prices are really high. And I  
20 understand, I used to live in rural Alaska. That is  
21 a totally different situation. You fly or boat or,  
22 you know, all that.

23 So the constitution, it starts with con, and  
24 con is together. And so you are trying to support  
25 our Alaska Constitution. I would hope that you would

1 consider the basic part of con is coming together,  
2 and we'd really like to keep our community together.

3 So thank you so much for taking time to  
4 listen. It really means a lot to me.

5 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you, Lisa. Much  
6 appreciated.

7 MS. GENTEMANN: Okay. God bless. Bye bye.

8 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you. Next online is  
9 Shelley Chaffin.

10 MS. CHAFFIN: Hello. My name is Shelley  
11 Chaffin. Good afternoon.

12 CHAIR BINKLEY: Good afternoon.

13 MS. CHAFFIN: I am calling in support of  
14 map 2. You've heard a lot of testimony, or at least  
15 I have while I've been on the line this afternoon,  
16 that outlines the reasons for that already, so I will  
17 not repeat. I would like you to follow the  
18 guidelines that were set forth by Judge Matthews and  
19 affirmed by the Alaska Supreme Court. Map 2 is the  
20 constitutional choice. Thank you.

21 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you very much,  
22 Shelley.

23 Next is Robert Hockema. And we really  
24 appreciate the conciseness of the testimony and  
25 people being to the point so that everybody has the

1 chance to -- to testify that wishes.

2 Next we've got Robert Hockema.

3 MR. HOCKEMA: Hi there. Can everybody hear  
4 me?

5 THE COURT: We can, Robert. Go ahead,  
6 please.

7 MR. HOCKEMA: Okay. Great. Hi, everyone.  
8 My name is Robert Hockema. I am here representing  
9 myself. I testified fairly recently to the  
10 redistricting board, and I testified before the  
11 Senate and (indiscernible) pairings were struck down  
12 by the Court.

13 I'm calling in today to discuss the debate  
14 about pairing the primarily JBER, Government Hill,  
15 northeast Muldoon district with Eagle River, which is  
16 what is currently presented in option 3. And a lot  
17 of people have called in to kind of debate this and,  
18 you know, there were some comments about, you know,  
19 the fact that Eagle River High School would not exist  
20 without, you know, JBER.

21 And I think kind of at the crux of all this,  
22 what I have a problem here and what a lot of people  
23 have a problem with their explicitly discussing is  
24 the automatic assumption that JBER belongs to Eagle  
25 River and vice versa, that because a lot of JBER

1 folks share conservative attitudes and because a lot  
2 of folks with JBER -- JBER end up moving out to Eagle  
3 River or there's a lot of housing development has  
4 been built to accommodate JBER's population means  
5 that they automatically belong to Eagle River.

6 That is false. JBER belongs to all of  
7 Anchorage. Folks from JBER that go on Base live and  
8 play in Anchorage, right? And, you know, people  
9 frequently forget that there's two different sides of  
10 the Base that have completely different social habits  
11 and economic behaviors, and that they ought to be  
12 more realistically divided between these communities  
13 rather than dumped into one giant House district.  
14 But that debate has sort of long passed, right?

15 So you know, folks from the -- from the Air  
16 Force side of JBER are most associated with downtown  
17 and Government Hill, right? You go to Subway, you go  
18 to Pho Vietnam in Government Hill, you hang out in  
19 downtown, you see a lot of military folks, right?

20 Vice versa, if you go to the Army side and  
21 if you're in Eagle River you're going to see a lot of  
22 JBER folks there. If you're in northeast Muldoon  
23 you're going to see a lot of JBER folks.

24 But even then that distinction neglects the  
25 fact that JBER folks live and play in the entirety of

1 Anchorage's municipality at large, especially south  
2 of the bowl.

3           So I just reject this characterization that  
4 because we have gotten away with the assumption that  
5 JBER belongs to Eagle River means that that has to  
6 continue, right? People's strongest rebuttal to  
7 map 2 seems to be, oh, well, we've done all of these  
8 things in the past, right? 20 years ago, 10 years  
9 ago we got away with these other House districts, so  
10 why can't we just do it again, right?

11           I think that's a huge logical fallacy. It  
12 assumes what has been done in the past must be done  
13 in the future, even if that thing was never fair in  
14 the very first place, right?

15           So I think the board had a chance to correct  
16 a lot of mistakes from the previous map, right? I  
17 think they have the chance to rectify a lot of  
18 things. And (indiscernible) same sorts of  
19 (indiscernible) arguments and sort of, you know,  
20 logical fallacies that assume the past must be the  
21 future, I think (indiscernible) mistakes.

22           When you break down House District 23,  
23 right, you're looking at 56 JBER residents, okay, in  
24 terms of people's voting age. And then if you break  
25 it down even further, Government Hill -- well,



1 downtown represents about 9 percent, and then  
2 Government Hill represents another, you know,  
3 12 percent, and then northeast Anchorage represents  
4 another 14 percent.

5 We're disenfranchising the residents -- the  
6 minority of residents in that district by  
7 automatically assuming that they also belong with  
8 Eagle River, right? I mean, we're talking about a  
9 district -- an area within this district JBER  
10 (indiscernible). That's low, low, low voter turnout  
11 and participation that we're -- frankly, I don't  
12 think we need to be prioritizing those voters over  
13 the people who would be disenfranchised by being  
14 paired with a community that they have absolutely  
15 nothing to do with.

16 So I'm just frustrated that this debate has  
17 boiled down to, you know, are we going to give JBER  
18 to Eagle River or are we going to do nothing at all  
19 with (indiscernible) problem, right? I think that's  
20 the (indiscernible), and I think it needs to be  
21 considered by the board.

22 So that's why I called in. I wanted to make  
23 the comments, you know, as someone who comes from a  
24 military family, someone who myself has spent a lot  
25 of time on Base, knows a lot of folks on Base. I

1 just am frustrated by this discussion and wanted to  
2 add that piece of clarification.

3 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you, Robert.

4 Next online is Corwyn Wilkey.

5 MR. WILKEY: Hi. Yeah. My name is Corwyn  
6 Wilkey. I am an East Anchorage resident,  
7 District 21. Forrest Dunbar is my rep.

8 And I just wanted to call in today to voice  
9 my support for district map 2. I think it is the  
10 constitutional choice. I think it makes sense to  
11 keep communities together, and I think that map 3B is  
12 an obvious attempt at gerrymandering and for the far  
13 right conservative element to bolster its support by  
14 digging into areas of other communities where they  
15 know they have a conservative stronghold. So I think  
16 No. 2 is the obvious choice, makes the most sense,  
17 it's the simplest, and it is the constitutional  
18 choice.

19 That's all I have to say. Thank you very  
20 much for taking my comments.

21 CHAIR BINKLEY: You bet. And thank you,  
22 Corwyn, for coming forward (indiscernible) being so  
23 concise. Appreciate it.

24 Next in line is Miles Baker.

25 MR. BAKER: Good afternoon.

1 CHAIR BINKLEY: (Indiscernible) can you hear  
2 us okay?

3 MR. BAKER: Yes, I can hear you.

4 CHAIR BINKLEY: Go ahead. You're a little  
5 bit broken up, but go ahead.

6 MR. BAKER: Okay. So thanks for taking the  
7 time. I'm calling in today in support of map 2,  
8 keeping District 23 paired with District 17 downtown.

9 I'm calling in for myself. I'm a lifelong  
10 Alaskan. I've lived and worked all over the state,  
11 but spent most of my life in Anchorage, and I feel  
12 like I have a very good understanding of the culture  
13 and the community of this part of our state.

14 I've lived in the Turnagain neighborhood of  
15 West Anchorage, Rabbit Creek Road in South Anchorage,  
16 and for the last six years I've been a homeowner in  
17 Government Hill, which is a wonderful community that  
18 is very much part of downtown Anchorage.

19 As Chairman Binkley knows well, Government  
20 Hill is one of the oldest neighborhoods in Anchorage.  
21 It was part of the original tent city for building  
22 the Alaska Railroad in 1915 here in Ship Creek. So  
23 we are a sizeable community in Government Hill of  
24 individuals who do not live or work on JBER to a  
25 large extent and don't have access to JBER.

1           This isn't about doing anything to  
2   disenfranchise the military. I'm a veteran. I'm a  
3   huge supporter of our military. I understand their  
4   importance to the economy of our state and to the  
5   general security of the country.

6           But the combination of Elmendorf with Fort  
7   Rich into JBER and the other defense security  
8   concerns post 9/11 have significantly limited public  
9   access to JBER. And as a consequence, it's simply  
10   not realistic to use a purely geographic sort of  
11   bird's-eye view to develop district boundaries.

12           Residents of Government Hill are in  
13   District 23. I live and work downtown. I'm .8 miles  
14   from my house to my office in downtown. It's a  
15   16-mile drive through downtown Anchorage for me to  
16   get to someplace like (indiscernible) and Eagle  
17   River.

18           We simply -- we can't access, unless you're  
19   retired military, active duty military, or you're a  
20   dependent or DOD employee, you can't go through that  
21   part of the rest of what would be proposed to be  
22   the -- be adjacent House district and Senate district  
23   under the other plan.

24           So I'll keep it at that, Mr. Chairman. I  
25   appreciate the time, and I appreciate all the work

1     you've done and the rest of the group. I know it's  
2     been a long haul, and good luck with the rest of your  
3     deliberations.

4                 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you very much, Miles.  
5     And thank you for your service, too, with the  
6     military and for the state over many, many decades.  
7     It's much appreciated.

8                 And, yes, I do know Ship Creek and  
9     Government Hill area well. I've got a great picture  
10    of my grandfather's tent city storefront in 1915 down  
11    in Ship Creek, and it's what I treasure. So thank  
12    you for that.

13                Moving along next is Representative Dan  
14    Saddler. Dan, are you with us? I'm not sure if  
15    you're off-net or you're on net (indiscernible)  
16    office.

17                REPRESENTATIVE SADDLER: Thank you very  
18    much. I won't go through the can you hear me now,  
19    can you hear me now. So if you can, again, for the  
20    record, Mr. Chairman, this is Dan Saddler from Eagle  
21    River.

22                I would like to add my voice to the many of  
23    those who have called this week supporting map 3B.  
24    And I hope the map numbers haven't changed overnight,  
25    but the task before you is to remedy the previous

1 Eagle River pairings, and it looks to me like map 3B,  
2 that pairs Districts 9 and 22 together in a single  
3 Senate district, best accomplishes that.

4 Here's why. I guess the standards require  
5 that district pairings be socioeconomically and  
6 geographically integrated. District 22 includes  
7 Eagle River Valley, which encompasses a semi-rural  
8 area characterized by people living on or near the  
9 Chugach Mountains.

10 District 9 Anchorage encompasses a  
11 semi-rural area, also characterized by people living  
12 on or near the Chugach Mountains.

13 The standard requires that the Senate  
14 pairings be contiguous, and I've heard people say  
15 that the distance between Districts 9 and 22 are  
16 somehow disqualifying. At the risk of being  
17 disrespectful, I would remind everybody Alaska is a  
18 big state and Anchorage is a big municipality. House  
19 districts and Senate pairings reflect that size and  
20 spread.

21 The idea that absence of a single road  
22 linking the two Districts 22 and 9 just does not pass  
23 muster. We no longer mush our dog teams across an  
24 Iditarod trail that goes through the Chugach  
25 Mountains. We now drive cars on our roads, which,

1 incidentally, the people in 9 and 22 pay for  
2 themselves to their own road service areas, as  
3 opposed to other parts of Anchorage.

4 The implication that a senator's access to  
5 constituents is limited by the short drive does not  
6 hold water in the modern age. Senators have access  
7 to their constituents by telephone, by mail, by  
8 teleconference, (indiscernible), by e-mail, and by  
9 the internet, which they've invented.

10 Even before the age of the internet, Senate  
11 pairings linked Eagle River with South Anchorage. It  
12 was appropriate then, it's appropriate now. That's  
13 called precedent. The idea that something is no  
14 longer good because it's old is -- just does not make  
15 sense to me.

16 I want to register my opposition to the  
17 House -- to option 2 that would link 23, which is the  
18 (indiscernible) side of JBER, and District 17, which  
19 is Government Hill and downtown.

20 I represented District 18 in the State House  
21 in my first term, which linked these two areas, and I  
22 can tell you, members of the board, there are  
23 significant differences between the population. They  
24 have different lifestyles.

25 One is settled homeowners, like Miles Baker

1 just testified, versus transient, that rotate every  
2 couple of years through the Base. There's different  
3 homeownership factors, versus privately owned homes  
4 versus government-issued on-Base housing.

5 The children of these people go to different  
6 schools, Ursa Major and Minor versus Government Hill  
7 Elementary. And I need to say, the idea that there  
8 is travel across the big fence is just not accurate.  
9 While military personnel can leave Base and go to  
10 town, citizens cannot get past the armed guards to  
11 get on Base unless they have a legitimate reason, you  
12 have a pass or have a sponsor. It is (indiscernible)  
13 easier to drive from Eagle River to South Anchorage.

14 Option 3B, again, better reflects the common  
15 interest between these districts. District 23 has  
16 the highest percentage of veterans and significant  
17 number of active duty families. They've got  
18 dependent or veteran DOD passes to get them Base  
19 access. So they go to work on Base, they shop at the  
20 PX, they go to Elmendorf hospital for their  
21 healthcare. These people share locational, cultural,  
22 and economic values, and would be well represented by  
23 a single senator.

24 I would offer a couple other -- well, I'm  
25 not going to go there.



1                   I would just state -- I would caution anyone  
2   against characterizing the motives of board members.  
3   I choose to believe that you all operate in good  
4   faith. Call me naive, but I do.

5                   And by the same token, I would caution board  
6   members from inferring any partisan intent on the  
7   part of testifiers. The people who testify are due  
8   the same respect and presumption of fairness and  
9   nonpartisanship that you yourselves are due.

10                  So to summarize, Mr. Chairman, please oppose  
11   map 2 and support map 3B.

12                  And I regret I can't hang on for the  
13   cross-examination. I've got a flat tire I need to go  
14   get to. So thank you (indiscernible), and good luck  
15   with your decision. Take care.

16                  CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you, Representative  
17   Saddler.

18                  Nicole, go ahead.

19                  MEMBER BORROMEO: Is he still on the line or  
20   did he hang up?

21                  CHAIR BINKLEY: He indicated he had to  
22   attend to a flat tire on the side of the road he was  
23   working on, so I don't think he's on the line,  
24   Nicole.

25                  MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay.

1 CHAIR BINKLEY: And that is our last  
2 testifier, I believe.

3 We're somewhat past 2:00, which is fine. It  
4 was great testimony today. (Indiscernible) great  
5 arguments. I was really impressed that we had such a  
6 variety of people (indiscernible) and testifying, new  
7 people that hadn't been out as well before. So I  
8 thought it was -- it was very informative  
9 (indiscernible).

10 Is there anything else to come before the  
11 board or any present comments from board members? If  
12 not, I will look for a motion to adjourn.

13 MEMBER BAHNKE: Mr. Chair, I'll make that  
14 motion.

15 But before we adjourn, can Peter or you  
16 notify the public of when our next meeting is? I  
17 make that motion to adjourn, but after we -- I guess  
18 we should do that before (indiscernible).

19 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah, let's do that. If you  
20 can give the public again our schedule next week,  
21 Peter.

22 MR. TORKELSON: Sure, Mr. Chairman. Thank  
23 you.

24 Our schedule for next week is we have a  
25 meeting noticed for Wednesday, April 13th, beginning

1 at 1 p.m. We noticed a second meeting April 14th,  
2 Thursday, also beginning at 1 p.m.

3 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. And in terms of  
4 connecting, I know we're going to be doing  
5 deliberation. I would suggest you -- well, we can  
6 discuss that beforehand, but I think we should have  
7 an opportunity -- well, let's discuss it.

8 Maybe -- I know we consistently have public  
9 testimony to open the meeting, but we do have a lot  
10 of deliberations to get through, and it may be -- it  
11 may be best to get started on the deliberations. But  
12 we can discuss that maybe when we start Wednesday.

13 Nicole?

14 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thanks. If you go back to  
15 my motion to add these three extra days of public  
16 hearings, it was in anticipation of us starting  
17 deliberations. So it was my intent that today would  
18 be the end of the public hearing portion as to the  
19 two options.

20 But after we signal which option we're  
21 choosing, then it would be appropriate to open for  
22 more public testimony.

23 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. I'm not sure how we  
24 signal that. I think maybe we can discuss that on  
25 Wednesday when we convene, exactly what the process

1 is going to be. But (indiscernible), 1:00 on  
2 Wednesday, and then the 13th, and again 1:00 on  
3 Thursday, the 14th.

4 Bethany?

5 MEMBER MARCUM: Yes, thank you,  
6 Mr. Chairman.

7 I would just want to check with Peter and  
8 others and ensure that we haven't somehow indicated  
9 to the public that they will be able to testify on  
10 Monday -- I'm sorry, on Wednesday. I guess -- I just  
11 want to make sure that -- I'm not sure what we put  
12 out there as far as agendas and that sort of thing.

13 But if we are going to not allow them to  
14 testify on Wednesday first thing we should probably  
15 make sure that we haven't already indicated that they  
16 will be able to.

17 CHAIR BINKLEY: That's a good point.

18 Peter, is there -- is there an agenda  
19 published for Wednesday?

20 MR. TORKELSON: We have not published an  
21 agenda. Our sort of default public notice has the  
22 dial-in numbers, but there's been no agenda  
23 published.

24 CHAIR BINKLEY: Well, to Nicole  
25 (indiscernible), and I recall that, as well, that we

1 looked at this process testimony being the testimony  
2 leading up to beginning our deliberations on -- on  
3 the remand, which would be presumably then 1:00 on  
4 Wednesday to get that process (indiscernible). At  
5 some point we need to -- when we make a decision,  
6 allow the public, though, to comment on what that  
7 decision is.

8 Is that your understanding, Nicole and  
9 Bethany, Melanie?

10 MEMBER BORROMEO: It was.

11 MEMBER BAHNKE: Yes, Mr. Chair.

12 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay.

13 MEMBER BAHNKE: With that, I make a motion  
14 for adjournment.

15 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Is there a second to  
16 the motion?

17 MEMBER BORROMEO: Second.

18 CHAIR BINKLEY: There's a motion before us  
19 and seconded to adjourn for the day. Is there  
20 discussion on the motion? Is there any objection to  
21 the motion?

22 Hearing none, we're adjourned.

23 (Proceedings adjourned.)

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18 **John Binkley, Chair of the Board (via Zoom)**

19 **Melanie Bahnke, Board Member**

20 **Nicole Borromeo, Board Member**

21 **Bethany Marcum, Board Member (via Zoom)**

22 **Budd Simpson, Board Member (via Zoom)**

23 **Peter Torkelson, Executive Director**

24 **Matt Singer, Legal Counsel**

25 **Jeanette Starr, Court Reporter**



1 P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 MR. TORKELSON: All right, Mr. Chairman. I  
4 believe we're ready to start. It's just after 1, and  
5 we have -- folks are all online through Zoom and in  
6 person.

7 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Good afternoon.  
8 We'll go ahead and start the Alaska Redistricting  
9 Board meeting, on April 13th, at 1:00, 1:02.

10 And we're both in person at the LIO office,  
11 I believe, and also online. We have a draft agenda  
12 before us.

13 The first item, though, is to call us to  
14 order and establish that a quorum is present.

15 Peter, could you please call the roll?

16 MR. TORKELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
17 Member Bahnke.

18 MEMBER BAHNKE: I'm here.

19 MR. TORKELSON: Member Borrromeo.

20 MEMBER BORRROMEO: Present.

21 MR. TORKELSON: Member Marcum.

22 MEMBER MARCUM: Here.

23 MR. TORKELSON: Member Simpson.

24 MEMBER SIMPSON: Here.

25 MR. TORKELSON: And Member Binkley.



1 CHAIR BINKLEY: I'm here.

2 MR. TORKELSON: Okay. We have all five  
3 members present.

4 CHAIR BINKLEY: We have all members present.  
5 And the first item on the agenda is adoption  
6 of the agenda.

7 So any discussion on the agenda or motion to  
8 adopt the agenda?

9 MEMBER BORROMEO: So moved. This is Nicole.

10 CHAIR BINKLEY: Go ahead, Nicole.

11 MEMBER BAHNKE: This is Melanie. I'll  
12 second.

13 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Motion before us and  
14 seconded to adopt the agenda as presented.

15 First item is discussion of proposed  
16 Anchorage Senate pairings.

17 MEMBER BORROMEO: John.

18 CHAIR BINKLEY: Nicole, go ahead. You've  
19 got your hand up, and then I think Budd's got his  
20 hand up.

21 MEMBER BORROMEO: I would like to --

22 MEMBER SIMPSON: Mr. Chair, my -- my hand  
23 was up --

24 MEMBER BORROMEO: -- on option No. 2 and  
25 move to a vote on option No. 2 with the board's plan.

1                   MEMBER BAHNKE: Mr. Chair, I second Nicole's  
2 motion.

3                   CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Maybe there was a bit  
4 of confusion there. Sorry about that.

5                   But there's an option -- there's a motion  
6 before us and seconded to adopt option 2. Is there  
7 objection to the motion?

8                   Well, first, let's have discussion on the  
9 motion. Discussion on the motion?

10                  Hearing no discussion -- go ahead, Budd.

11                  MEMBER SIMPSON: I'm sorry. I was  
12 inadvertently talking over Ms. Borrromeo. I had a  
13 question going to the agenda, and it got -- it  
14 moved -- moved on without me getting that in.

15                  My question was: If we get through the  
16 agenda and adopt pairings, should we put something on  
17 about dealing with the truncation question or any  
18 other kind of housekeeping things if we do get  
19 through this?

20                  CHAIR BINKLEY: Maybe what I would suggest  
21 is -- since we have a motion -- a live motion on the  
22 floor, is we can go back and revisit the agenda  
23 anytime, make adjustments to the agenda later on if  
24 we so choose.

25                  So why don't we stick with the motion that's

1 before us, and then we can go back to that?

2 MEMBER SIMPSON: That's -- that's fine,  
3 Mr. Chair.

4 And then along the same lines, I believe I  
5 was talking over Ms. Borrromeo, so I didn't clearly  
6 hear the -- the motion. So could that be repeated,  
7 please?

8 CHAIR BINKLEY: Nicole, could you please  
9 repeat the motion?

10 MEMBER BORRROMEO: Thanks. I'm happy to.

11 And I'm sorry about the delay there, Budd,  
12 and I appreciate you asking questions.

13 The motion on the floor is that I move to  
14 call the question on option No. 2 and move to a vote  
15 on that plan.

16 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. So that was different  
17 than the first motion that I heard. It sounded like  
18 you want to cut off debate by calling for the  
19 question now, in the body of the motion.

20 MEMBER BORRROMEO: I'm -- I'm happy to engage  
21 in debate, and I will entertain a friendly motion  
22 from the one who seconded my motion. But I do want  
23 some time certain stoppage on debate and to move to a  
24 vote on option 2.

25 MEMBER BAHNKE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'll

1 second that.

2 My intention at least wasn't to end  
3 discussion and debate. I actually seconded the  
4 motion so that we can enter into discussion and  
5 debate.

6 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. That's what I had --  
7 that was the original motion, as I interpreted it. I  
8 didn't hear her calling for the question in the  
9 motion itself.

10 Typically, you'd make the motion, second the  
11 motion, and then if there is another motion to stop  
12 debate and call the question immediately, then that's  
13 a separate motion that would -- depending on if it  
14 succeeded or not, would either end debate or allow  
15 debate to continue.

16 So I did hear that Melanie wanted to cut off  
17 debate in her second motion.

18 MEMBER BAHNKE: No, I did not intend for  
19 that.

20 And then just for clarity's sake, I believe  
21 it requires a three out of five vote to end debate,  
22 which I learned from the last time in November.

23 And I do have -- I have discussion and --  
24 discussion to offer on this motion, Mr. Chair. But I  
25 see Budd still has his hand up.

1 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Yeah, I think,  
2 Nicole, are you willing to amend your motion, just  
3 for sticking to the motion itself and allowing debate  
4 at this point? And then we can certainly -- it's  
5 available to you at any time to call the question to  
6 try and stop debate.

7 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yes. I'm not trying to  
8 stop debate. I'm sorry that it got confused.

9 I would like to move option No. 2 and  
10 entertain a vote on that after discussion of the  
11 board. Thank you.

12 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. So the motion is to  
13 adopt option 2.

14 And, Melanie, you're okay with seconding  
15 that motion?

16 MEMBER BAHNKE: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

17 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. The motion is before  
18 us to adopt option 2. Debate on the motion?

19 And, Melanie, you've got your hand up, and  
20 then Budd.

21 MEMBER BAHNKE: I would defer to Budd. Let  
22 him go first since -- oh, he's got his hand down now.

23 Okay. And Budd --

24 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Go ahead, Melanie.

25 MEMBER BAHNKE: If Budd doesn't have

1 anything to offer, I'll go ahead.

2 First of all, I want to thank all of the  
3 Alaskans who called in to testify and provide us with  
4 perspectives and those who submitted proposed Senate  
5 pairings.

6 Looking back to November, the alternative  
7 compromise map, if you will, that I had developed  
8 actually had also split Eagle River.

9 And based on all of the new information from  
10 testimony and being able to have time to review  
11 proposed Senate pairings, I now realize that -- that  
12 splitting of Eagle River would have been flawed.

13 So I'm grateful, again, for the opportunity  
14 for public comment and time to evaluate the options.

15 The splitting of Eagle River, option 3B, is  
16 not the most contiguous, as it splits the community  
17 of Eagle River, a community of interest, in half,  
18 literally by a street, and creates a Senate district  
19 with the mountain range, wilderness, and unpopulated  
20 areas in between.

21 I don't disagree that there are things in  
22 common between Eagle River and Hillside and Eagle  
23 River and JBER. We heard from a lot of folks that  
24 there are actually a lot of things in common.

25 But when I look at -- if I looked at it as a

1 Venn diagram, I would have Eagle River and Eagle  
2 River with the most overlap, in terms of contiguity,  
3 compactness, and socioeconomic integration.

4 And one part of Eagle River has some overlap  
5 with Hillside, and one part of Eagle River has some  
6 overlap with JBER, but, overwhelmingly, when you look  
7 at the transportation corridors, the number of Senate  
8 districts you have to travel through to get from one  
9 part of a Senate district to another, I looked at the  
10 constitution and the constitution requires us to  
11 consider contiguity.

12 In fact, Judge Matthews of the Supreme Court  
13 [sic] used the analogy of connecting Girdwood and  
14 downtown as a false contiguity, and our attorney's  
15 response was that was also the board's position. So  
16 that was back when we were before the Supreme Court.  
17 Because it uses links that are unpopulated.

18 Also under record -- under the record,  
19 Member Simpson had also -- when referring to  
20 Southeast he had said the part that connects the  
21 north part of that to the southern part basically has  
22 almost no people in it, so it just -- it's basically  
23 a fiction in my mind.

24 Now, mind you, that was referring to  
25 Southeast, but when I look at the 3B pairings, I

1 think that also applies there.

2           The constitution says each Senate district  
3 shall be composed as near as practicable of two  
4 continuous House Districts. Consideration may be  
5 given to local government boundaries, drainage, and  
6 other geographic features shall be used in boundaries  
7 wherever possible.

8           From the Superior Court ruling, on page 27  
9 of the 171 document, the Court has defined the  
10 contiguity criterion to require territory which is  
11 bordering or touching, or more specifically that  
12 every part of the district is reachable from every  
13 other part without crossing the district boundary,  
14 Hickel vs. Southeast.

15           But in light of Alaska's size and numerous  
16 archipelagos, the Court noted that a contiguous  
17 district may contain some amount of open sea, within  
18 reason, and subject to the other Section 6 criteria.

19           The Alaska Supreme Court has defined a  
20 contiguous territory as one which is bordering or  
21 touching. The Court determined that a district may  
22 be defined as contiguous if every part of the  
23 district is reachable from every other part without  
24 crossing the district boundary, i.e., the district is  
25 not divided into two or more discrete pieces.



1           The Court acknowledges that Alaska is a  
2   unique state with many islands and massive coastline.  
3   This reality means that without limitations on the  
4   definition of contiguous, a coastal district could be  
5   considered contiguous with any other coastal district  
6   by reason of sharing the open sea.

7           For example, District 7, covering the  
8   Aleutian Islands, could be permissibly paired in a  
9   Southeast district despite being separated by the  
10   Gulf of Alaska.

11           In Kenai, the Supreme Court noted the  
12   anomalous result and determined that contiguity could  
13   not be separated from the concept of compactness when  
14   crafting Senate districts.

15           In my mind, option 2 is therefore both most  
16   contiguous and compact comparatively with the  
17   alternative that we have.

18           Peter, can you please pull up the map that  
19   shows the mountains and the transportation corridors?

20           MR. TORKELSON: Yes. I'll have it up  
21   shortly.

22           MEMBER BAHNKE: While he's doing that, I  
23   also want to speak to equal rights. So in my mind,  
24   equal rights does not mean more rights for some. It  
25   doesn't mean maximal rights at the expense of others.

1           The other thing that I'm concerned about  
2   with the Supreme Court's findings and the remand from  
3   the Superior Court to us was to correct the  
4   constitutional deficiencies in the map that was  
5   adopted in November. It specifically noted partisan  
6   gerrymandering, as intent was stated on the record  
7   and also reflected in the outcome.

8           This time perhaps the intent has not been  
9   verbally stated, but the outcome is the same. This  
10   is still gerrymandering, just in a different way, in  
11   my mind, because the intent to separate Eagle River  
12   to give it more representation, which was stated in  
13   November, is still being considered in option 3B.

14          Just going back also to compactness and how  
15   the Courts have said that contiguity is related to  
16   compactness, the Supreme Court had defined compact  
17   territory. Compactness is defined as having a small  
18   perimeter in relation to the area encompassed, such  
19   that bizarre designs do not result.

20          The Court has provided some examples that  
21   may violate this criterion, such as corridors of land  
22   that extend to include a populated area or appendages  
23   attached to otherwise compact areas.

24          When you look at the maps, there is  
25   literally a mountain range separating the two House

1 districts that are being proposed to be paired in  
2 option 3B. And when you look at how you get from one  
3 part of the proposed Senate district to the other,  
4 you see how many other districts you have to cross in  
5 order to get from one to the other.

6 I believe that the Court sent this back to  
7 us to correct it, not to find a new way to continue  
8 to try to give Eagle River more representation. And  
9 so that's why, Mr. Chair, I will be voting in favor  
10 of option 2. Thank you.

11 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you.

12 Nicole, go ahead.

13 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. I don't have  
14 any comments at this time, but questions. And I  
15 realize that we're doing this over Zoom.

16 If there are any questions or concerns from  
17 either you, Bethany, or Budd as to the strength of  
18 article -- of option 2 compared to option 3, I'd like  
19 to engage in some of that discussion.

20 CHAIR BINKLEY: So you have a question --

21 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yeah.

22 CHAIR BINKLEY: -- for one of us?

23 MEMBER BORROMEO: I do have a question, yes,  
24 for you and Bethany. Because I've been listening to  
25 the public hearings and reading the testimony, and in

1 my mind you have both continued to champion map 3B.

2 And I'm trying to find at this point, what is the  
3 rationale for splitting Eagle River?

4 CHAIR BINKLEY: Well, I think really, you  
5 know, the motion was made to adopt version 2, and now  
6 we're having debate on that motion. So it's not  
7 really a general discussion. It's individual board  
8 members stating where they stand on the motion that  
9 is before us. So it's more of a debate on where  
10 people stand on the motion itself.

11 So, you know, when I express where I'm going  
12 to stand on this motion, you know, I'll address some  
13 of those things, and I would imagine other members  
14 would, as well. I don't necessarily want to do it in  
15 a manner that it's a questioning back and forth.

16 MEMBER BORROMEO: That's -- that's fine.  
17 The inference then is that I'm left to create the  
18 connections versus hearing it from you and to try and  
19 come up with your rationale. And I'd much rather  
20 hear it from you, if -- if you're willing to put it  
21 on the record, as to -- as to why Eagle River has to  
22 be in two separate Senate seats.

23 And I'm not just saying you personally, but  
24 Bethany, as well, has expressed, again, strong  
25 support for map B3. I'm not sure where Budd lies at

1 this point, so I'll welcome everybody into the  
2 discussion.

3 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. Again, I think we  
4 should just debate where we stand on the motion. And  
5 members don't have to. They don't have to express  
6 why they're going to vote the way they do, but that's  
7 the appropriate time to do it.

8 But it's -- really, I think we're beyond the  
9 point of discussing it. I think we're to the point  
10 of answering the question that is before us, which is  
11 the motion, do we support version 2 or not.

12 Let's see. Budd, you had your hand up, and  
13 then Melanie.

14 MEMBER SIMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I --  
15 I might as well jump in to my general comments,  
16 because whether you're for or against one of the  
17 options necessarily informs what happens with the  
18 other option. So, in my mind, the discussion is kind  
19 of linked between the two.

20 And, you know, I haven't weighed in as much  
21 as some members have up to now, my sense being that  
22 these hearings were opportunities for the public to  
23 talk and not us to kind of take up the time and talk  
24 over them.

25 So in that context, as Melanie said, I

1 really would like to thank everyone who participated  
2 over the past several months, and especially in the  
3 last couple of weeks or few days. I'm sure, like the  
4 rest of you, I've gone through and read the written  
5 testimony and the transcripts of the oral testimony  
6 and have tried my best to keep up to speed on all of  
7 that and to take into consideration what -- what  
8 everybody said.

9 I do note that, you know, for many people  
10 testifying in a public context out loud on video or  
11 in person is really difficult and daunting for kind  
12 of most civilians, regular folks, so I appreciate  
13 that a lot of people did take the opportunity to  
14 submit written testimony, as well. I know there's  
15 been some discussion of the importance of written  
16 versus in-person. I don't see a difference in that  
17 personally, so I just want to let the people that  
18 submitted written testimony know that I consider that  
19 as important as somebody who came in person.

20 So that brings us to where we are now. We  
21 are addressing the matters that were sent to us on --  
22 on remand after the original pairings were  
23 challenged, and then appealed, and then remanded. So  
24 at this point we have two specific tasks.

25 And, happily, I think we have taken care of

1 the first one, which was the Cantwell appendage,  
2 so-called. The board had a straightforward solution  
3 to that. It was resolved, I will say, almost with  
4 consensus, Mr. Chair. And I think it's not  
5 necessarily -- necessary to beat that to death or  
6 anything. We could move on to the real issue before  
7 us today, which is the pairing for Senate District K.  
8 That was the other specific remand item.

9 Now, when this first came up, the testimony  
10 was very adamant that we address what became option  
11 No. 1, which had been before the board and the public  
12 now for several months, had been thought about,  
13 considered, and all of that. But I, at least, urged  
14 the board to take a little more time, think about  
15 that, get some testimony -- new testimony.

16 And in the end -- well, at the -- in the  
17 beginning, the public testimony definitely favored  
18 that option No. 1, at least in terms of a plurality.  
19 While we're not necessarily following what the --  
20 most testimony supports, it was notable that there  
21 was a lot of support for option 1.

22 And had we gone with that, we basically  
23 would have adopted a Senate pairing that went way  
24 beyond our charge given to us by the Court and our  
25 constitutional duties, because it would have involved

1 re-pairing and renumbering the entire Anchorage  
2 Municipality, you know, changing all eight districts.

3 And on reflection and after hearing some  
4 testimony and advice, we determined not to do that.  
5 And after thinking about it, the board actually did  
6 vote unanimously to remove option 1 from further  
7 consideration. So that -- the board doesn't always  
8 act in -- in opposing factions or whatever. The  
9 board often -- often works toward a single goal, and  
10 there was an example where we all agreed on what  
11 would be the right thing to do.

12 So having -- having removed that from  
13 consideration, we then received three other options  
14 for Senate pairings. The first, the East Anchorage  
15 plaintiffs offered one that -- you know, they had  
16 prevailed in their challenge of our pairing of Senate  
17 District K, and so they brought what became option  
18 No. 2 to resolve the District K problem.

19 And then AFFER, which was another -- another  
20 group or individual that had participated extensively  
21 from the beginning, brought forth another option,  
22 which became option 3. And then -- then subsequently  
23 modified that a little bit, which is how we got to  
24 3B, and that also was the option that Board Member  
25 Marcum came up with.



1           There also was a third option presented by a  
2 member of the public. That option involved the  
3 necessity -- to make it work, you had to change a  
4 House district. We were not prepared as a board  
5 overall to get into changing House districts, and so  
6 rather than confuse ourselves and the public by  
7 having a third option that at least some of us felt  
8 we just weren't going to actually entertain, we  
9 dropped that from consideration, as well, and leaving  
10 us with the two that are before us now.

11           Interestingly, too, in my mind, between  
12 option 2 and 3B, there actually are a number of  
13 things in common. We tend to look at this as, you  
14 know, two extreme issues, but there actually a bunch  
15 of common features.

16           Both -- both option 2 and 3B only change  
17 four districts. And that seems -- that seems like a  
18 reasonable number. The fact that both independently  
19 came up with a solution that changes four districts,  
20 to me, tends to lend validity or credibility to that  
21 level of change, so I appreciate that.

22           Also, both chose to deal with Senate  
23 District K in exactly the same way. They joined  
24 House Districts 20 and 21, which, again, was probably  
25 the simplest and most obvious solution to the mandate

1 of the Court and the District K problem.

2 They also -- if I'm correct, both options  
3 leave in place the pairings of Districts 11 and 12,  
4 and 15 and 16. So there's a number -- number of  
5 things that are the same in both versions.

6 Obviously, then, the board is faced with the  
7 hard decision of what happens with the four House  
8 districts that are affected by 20/21 pairing, those  
9 being the Eagle River/Chugiak districts, the South  
10 Anchorage/Hillside, the JBER, or military district,  
11 and downtown.

12 So that's a lot of preface. Like I said, I  
13 haven't done a lot of talking until now, so you have  
14 to bear with me as I tee this up then to kind of move  
15 forward.

16 The differences then going through that  
17 analysis is whether we pair Districts 17 and 14, that  
18 would be downtown and the military district, or 23  
19 and 24, which you could call military and Chugiak.

20 So how you decide those two options then  
21 pretty much drives what happens with the Eagle River  
22 District 22 and the south side of Chugiak, and it  
23 starts narrowing it down. You have the -- when you  
24 make a decision, you have fewer other options to  
25 choose from as you go forward.

1           So on the -- as far as the motion before us  
2   on option No. 2, I personally find the pairing of 23  
3   and 24, being the military with Chugiak, to be the  
4   more compelling version or solution.

5           I think pairing the military bases with  
6   downtown overlooks JBER as a significant community of  
7   interest, and I think that, in itself, could expose  
8   us to a constitutional challenge from that  
9   constituency.

10          We heard a lot of testimony about  
11   interactions between Eagle River, Chugiak, and JBER,  
12   that that area has essentially developed as a bedroom  
13   community for -- for the military families. They  
14   send their kids to middle school and high school  
15   there. I'm sure there are exceptions to that, but,  
16   again, I felt the overall weight of that testimony  
17   was compelling toward that pairing.

18          So I've -- I've heard the argument made  
19   repeatedly that under the Court ruling Eagle  
20   River/Chugiak has to be paired with Eagle River, but  
21   that's actually not what the Court said. The  
22   Court -- the Court decreed that the way Eagle River  
23   was placed in the proclamation version was done at  
24   the expense of Muldoon. "At the expense of Muldoon"  
25   was the key to that part of the decision or the

1 order.

2           The order directed us to reconfigure Senate  
3 District K. It didn't say anything about L --  
4 District L, although the East Anchorage plaintiffs  
5 had expressly asked for that as part of their relief.  
6 And the Court did not grant the relief requested  
7 regarding District L. They told us -- or rather it,  
8 the Court, told us to repair the problematic aspect  
9 of District K, and both we and -- well, both versions  
10 offered by the board make that repair.

11           And so that should be sufficient to meet  
12 the -- both the exact language and the intent or the  
13 sense of what the Court was concerned about. If --  
14 if Eagle River is paired together or split, either  
15 way does not happen at the expense of Muldoon because  
16 Muldoon is taken care of under -- under both  
17 versions. Yeah. So that -- that issue is  
18 eliminated.

19           As far as the pairing, I don't think there's  
20 any real advantage to the Eagle River districts, in  
21 terms of splitting them or combining them. The House  
22 district is the same. It would -- you know, those  
23 House districts were approved by both levels of the  
24 Court. They are, you know, all within the  
25 municipality. They all contain approximately the

1 same number of people. And when you -- whichever two  
2 you pair for a Senate district, there's going to be  
3 37 or -- 36 or 37,000 people in it, and they all get  
4 a vote, and they're all going to have a senator and a  
5 representative.

6 So the other point is that Districts 23 and  
7 24 is a pairing that is already in place, and so  
8 under option 3B, that isn't changed. So if there are  
9 folks out there who have already thought about  
10 running or not running or whatever, that stays in  
11 place, and it's just one less thing to be changed.

12 So that brings us to the pairing of 22 and  
13 9. There's been a lot of testimony and discussion  
14 about that, again, on both -- both sides. When you  
15 make the pairings that are described for JBER and  
16 Eagle River, it leaves 22 as -- you know, with no  
17 place else to go really except 9. And so that -- you  
18 know, that just kind of flows naturally from that  
19 other decision regarding 23 and 24.

20 So the House districts have been settled.  
21 No one complained about those. The most discussion  
22 in that has been about contiguity and the concept of  
23 "as nearly as practicable" has been discussed.

24 The concept of nearly as practicable, I  
25 think, has been misconstrued a lot of the time in

1     those discussions. You know, practicable just  
2     basically means possible or able to be done, capable  
3     of being done. The way it's used in the Alaska  
4     constitution is actually not to say that as near as  
5     practicable means you have to have the best pairing.  
6     It's stated as an exception to the contiguity rule,  
7     where it is not practicable to have the two House  
8     districts paired together because they don't touch  
9     and there isn't another way to do it.

10            So as nearly as practicable was always  
11     intended as an exception to the contiguity rule, not  
12     an enhancement of the contiguity rule that you had to  
13     find the best, most compact, whatever.

14            The pairing of House districts to create a  
15     Senate district is not the same rule as you have for  
16     the creation of a compact, contiguous, and  
17     socioeconomically integrated House district. It's a  
18     different thing. And while we have sought to find  
19     pairings that have some reasonable rational  
20     relationship, it's a different standard than what  
21     applies to the creation of a House district.

22            And there's nothing wrong with the pairing  
23     of 9 and 22. They have -- they are contiguous. You  
24     look at the map, they have a lengthy, maybe 35-mile,  
25     border that is shared. They consist of two districts

1     that are, I think, socioeconomically and  
2     demographically similar in many ways. And, of  
3     course, they are -- like the other House districts,  
4     they are included in the Municipality of Anchorage,  
5     and therefore are legally socioeconomically  
6     integrated based on precedent.

7             The -- the other thing that a lot of people  
8     mentioned was that you have to drive out of the  
9     district to go from one side of it to the other. The  
10    concept of transportation contiguity has been  
11    debunked as a constitutional requirement. It's just  
12    not so. It doesn't matter. The contiguity question  
13    is essentially a visual, I have said before, binary  
14    question. You can look at the map. Something is  
15    either contiguous or not. These are contiguous.  
16    They touch.

17            We've heard the concept of false contiguity  
18    brought up, and I think my name has been invoked in  
19    that context. The false contiguity that I have  
20    referred to was in the proposed pairing that the  
21    community of Skagway had favored, and they had drawn  
22    a connection, you know, through the water, where  
23    nobody was, and they went around the main part of  
24    Juneau in order to connect themselves with the  
25    downtown area.

1           I considered that a false contiguity. It  
2   was not compact and, in fact, our -- the board's  
3   proposal for that district did end up prevailing, and  
4   that false contiguity was rejected.

5           So, yeah, the upshot is that Districts 22  
6   and 9 have 35 miles or so of real, hard, on-the-map  
7   contiguity.

8           To kind of wrap up, I want to briefly  
9   address the charges of partisan gerrymandering that  
10   have been tossed around with some frequency  
11   throughout this process.

12           The final day of testimony, on Saturday, two  
13   Republican senators and a member from Governor  
14   Dunleavy's administration spoke out against  
15   option 3B.

16           And I can note here that I am an appointee  
17   of the governor's and yet I find myself kind of  
18   lining up in favor of option 3, even though somebody  
19   from that office apparently has -- thinks the other  
20   one is a better idea.

21           If the board's option 3 is some kind of  
22   naked partisan attempt to gerrymander the map to  
23   protect Republicans, as some have claimed, then why  
24   is it that Republican Senators Lora Reinbold and  
25   Roger Holland have testified so vehemently against



1 it? Apparently they feel that something in option 3  
2 harms them in some way. But if it does, that fact  
3 obviously clearly goes against the argument that any  
4 of the drafters of option 3 made any effort to  
5 protect or enhance Republican seats or interests.

6 So having considered all of that, I have --  
7 I believe that if there's anything partisan in either  
8 of these two maps, the most partisan is the proposed  
9 pairing of JBER and downtown. I believe this would  
10 diminish the voice of our valued Alaska military  
11 personnel. I can't support that, and I am, just to  
12 be clear, going to be voting for option 3B.

13 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

14 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you, Budd.

15 Let's see. Nicole, you haven't had a chance  
16 to weigh in on the debate. And then I see, Melanie,  
17 you've got your hand up, as well.

18 Why don't we go to Nicole, and then maybe we  
19 should go to all the members first for an opportunity  
20 to state where they're at, and then, Melanie, maybe  
21 come back for a second round. Are you okay with  
22 that?

23 MEMBER BAHNKE: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I am.

24 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Nicole, you have the  
25 floor.

1                   MEMBER BAHNKE: Do you want me to take my  
2 hand down until that happens or --

3                   MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you very much.

4                   CHAIR BINKLEY: No, that's fine.

5                   MEMBER BORROMEO: Are we ready? Okay.

6                   Well, I appreciate Budd for being brave  
7 enough to at least put some rationale on the record  
8 for the board to respond to. I don't think it's  
9 going to come as a surprise that, unfortunately, I  
10 disagree with pretty much all of it.

11                  Our job when it comes to Senate pairings is  
12 to follow the constitution. The constitution is  
13 pretty dang clear, when you look at Article VI,  
14 Section 6, and it says we shall pair districts that  
15 are as contiguous as practicable.

16                  Now, Budd spent some time talking about it's  
17 not an enhancement or an exception, yada, yada, yada.  
18 But, again, in 2022 the most practicable means of  
19 traveling between these districts is via car. Nobody  
20 is walking over the Chugach Mountains. In fact, it's  
21 totally impassable for large parts of the year.  
22 These are significantly elder populations that live  
23 in these districts, and for us to expect that they  
24 are going to hike over the Chugach range to get from  
25 Eagle River down to Whittier is just ridiculous.

1 It's 87 miles, nonetheless.

2 It then falls to us, as a board, to put some  
3 rationale on the record for splitting Eagle River.  
4 And, again, I hate to point it out, but we weren't  
5 just accused of public -- of partisan gerrymandering  
6 last time. In fact, we were found guilty, not once,  
7 but twice, by the Superior Court, and that decision  
8 was unanimously confirmed by the Supreme Court.

9 I appreciate that Budd thinks that, you  
10 know, this is being done to protect Republicans,  
11 whatever that means. In fact, what we're doing here  
12 as a board is we are co-signing the Republican  
13 parties' cannibalization of themselves.

14 They've got a problem with Senator Holland  
15 because he won't move certain bills out of his  
16 committee, and Senator Reinbold is a loose cannon and  
17 they can't control her. So the best option is,  
18 instead of taking them out in broad daylight at the  
19 polls, they are going to come in through the dark of  
20 night, under the redistricting cloak, to pair them  
21 against each other.

22 Again, when we were found guilty of  
23 gerrymandering the first time around, it was bad  
24 enough because we were hurting poor minority voters.  
25 Now Budd expects us to believe that it's okay so long

1 as we're going after the rich white voters.

2 The intent is the same. Bethany's intent  
3 has not changed. She said in November she put these  
4 pairings on the record so Eagle River could have more  
5 representation. Voila, Eagle River is still getting  
6 more representation.

7 So back to the law. And who picked me on  
8 their bingo card for being the strict  
9 constitutionalist here, but here we are, back to the  
10 law. And we need to look at what the Court is going  
11 to do when they get this case back again, which they  
12 will.

13 Page 56, Judge Matthews is instructing what  
14 the Court is going to do when they look at this new  
15 pairing that once again splits Eagle River. Quote,  
16 "The Court employs a neutral factors test to assess  
17 the legitimacy of the Board's purpose in creating a  
18 Senate district. The Board's purpose would be  
19 illegitimate if it diluted the power of certain  
20 voters 'systematically by reducing their senate  
21 representation below their relative strength in the  
22 state's population.'"

23 So going back to the census data, which we  
24 may not have looked at for some time, Eagle River is  
25 about 7 percent of the state's population. But yet,

1 under this new plan we are going to give them  
2 20 percent of the Senate. It makes no sense, no  
3 sense whatsoever.

4 So when the Court's going to look at why we  
5 did this, they are going to look at, one, our process  
6 in making the decision, which has been delayed. And  
7 I know nobody wants to talk about it, but as soon as  
8 the Supreme Court released its decision I have been  
9 calling for a public meeting. I've been saying:  
10 Let's go. I'm ready. We need to get this done.  
11 June 1 is coming up.

12 I hear back: Oh, no, we've already noticed  
13 it for April 2nd. We can't possibly change it. But  
14 we assumed the decision was going to come out on  
15 April 1st, so I don't know why we had to burn an  
16 entire week off the clock, but we did.

17 The Court's also going to look at the  
18 substance of the decision. I haven't heard anything  
19 in the rationale that has bolstered splitting Eagle  
20 River. Instead, Budd says things like: Well, last  
21 time we split Eagle River it came at the expense of  
22 South Muldoon, and we're not doing that this time.  
23 Well, it's coming at the expense of South Anchorage.  
24 Is that any better? It's not better.

25 Budd also says there's no advantage to Eagle

1 River. I disagree. Eagle River is now going to have  
2 two senators. How is that not an advantage?

3 And the fact that the districts are already  
4 in place and that they've been paired together in the  
5 past, again, we are on a redistricting board.

6 Redistricting. We come here every ten years to  
7 redistrict, based on the census data.

8 But I'm not going to go hard in the paint  
9 anymore, because I have exhausted myself in trying to  
10 get you three to look at the constitution, to apply  
11 the constitution, and you are not willing to do that.

12 So instead, I am going to call on the courts  
13 to please exercise your Article VI, Section 11  
14 powers. Do not send this back to us when you find it  
15 invalid, which you will. Draw the boundaries  
16 yourself.

17 This board will continue to gerrymander. We  
18 will continue to hurt voters. We will go ahead and  
19 pick different districts next time so that Eagle  
20 River remains split. Don't send it back. We are  
21 defunct. We are derelict in our duties.

22 I apologize to the state of Alaska. This  
23 has been an incredible frustrating and expensive  
24 process. But if you send it back to us, Judge  
25 Matthews, I guarantee there is just going to be more

1 slow rolling to blow the June 1 deadline.

2 Thank you.

3 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Nicole.

4 Bethany, did you want to make a statement  
5 about the motion before us?

6 MEMBER MARCUM: Yes. Thank you,  
7 Mr. Chairman. I will make a statement about the  
8 motion to support proposal 2.

9 So I'm very uncomfortable with proposal 2,  
10 and that's primarily because it moves District 23,  
11 JBER, from its current pairing with District 24 by  
12 linking it with downtown, which is District 17.

13 Downtown has almost nothing in common with  
14 the military base. It absolutely makes the least  
15 sense of any possible pairing for District 23, JBER.

16 Downtown is the arts, right? It's tourism,  
17 it's lots of professional services, and that is not  
18 what makes up JBER. So I really fear that a  
19 District 17 and District 23 pairing could be  
20 viewed -- could be viewed as, like, an intentional  
21 action to break up the military community.

22 The military, JBER, is absolutely a  
23 community of interest, I think. And so I think that,  
24 you know, choosing option 2, which would pair  
25 District 17 with District 23, could be seen as an

1 intentional attempt to try to break up that community  
2 of interest.

3 So I support keeping the existing  
4 proclamation pairing of District 23, JBER, with  
5 District 24, JBER, Chugiak, Eagle River, Peters  
6 Creek. And since proposal 2 doesn't maintain this  
7 pairing, I will not be supporting proposal 2.

8 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

9 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you, Bethany.

10 Maybe I'll just make a quick statement and  
11 state my position on the motion, and then we'll go to  
12 a second round.

13 And, Melanie, if you want to make another  
14 statement, and then, Nicole, I see your hand is back  
15 up again, as well.

16 Just like Melanie mentioned, and I think  
17 Budd, as well, incredible really the outpouring of  
18 public testimony on this issue. It shows to me that  
19 Alaskans are engaged. They want to participate in  
20 this. They care about it. It's important to them.

21 We had, I believe, seven different public  
22 hearings on this. We heard directly from over a  
23 hundred Anchorage residents, over 300 pieces of  
24 written testimony that's come in, and it's just a --  
25 it's really heartening to see Alaskans engaged in



1 this and caring about it.

2 It's not easy, because everybody can't be  
3 satisfied in it. We've boiled this down to two  
4 different options, and people are supportive or  
5 opposing one or the other.

6 But when we step back it's really our task,  
7 on remand from the courts, to replace Senate  
8 District K.

9 The Senate -- or the Superior Court was  
10 concerned about us pairing District 22 and 21, and  
11 it's heartening really to see that both of these  
12 proposals solve that problem.

13 And I don't necessarily read into the Court  
14 order that it requires us to pair those two Muldoon  
15 House districts that we have together, but I think it  
16 really is noteworthy that we've -- in both options,  
17 that's really how we come together to solve that part  
18 of the problem that the East Anchorage plaintiffs  
19 brought forward in the litigation.

20 We've heard both from people who would  
21 prefer that District 22 and District 24 be paired  
22 together. Those people explained very articulately  
23 how they believe that Eagle River, Chugiak, Peters  
24 Creek, and those areas to the north, Eklutna and  
25 other parts of those districts, are closely tied

1 together to each other. And I think that's valid. I  
2 think those are valid points.

3 But I think, as Budd pointed out earlier,  
4 the two Republican senators, a former Republican  
5 representative that I served with back in the '80s,  
6 who was from that area, knows it well, and former  
7 Republican Senate president, all testified to that,  
8 to pair those. And that -- you know, particularly  
9 the Senate president, Senator Giessel, who I admire  
10 and respect greatly, have known her all my life and I  
11 think highly of her, she testified that those two  
12 should be combined.

13 So I think, as Budd opined, it's certainly  
14 not political, because there are factions within the  
15 Republican party that are on both sides of that  
16 issue, and I think legitimately. So I understand the  
17 logic of that position, and I've looked at that very  
18 carefully.

19 Budd mentioned another member of the  
20 administration who I've known for many, many years,  
21 and I've reached out to him to call him to ask his  
22 opinion about that, because he also supported 22 and  
23 24 being together, and I was -- or 23 and 24. And so  
24 I was very interested in what his thought process was  
25 with that, and also pairing 23 -- excuse me, not

1 23 -- 22 and 24 and 23 and 17, the JBER and downtown.  
2 So I take it seriously, and I think that those are  
3 legitimate beliefs by people.

4 But we've already heard that there are  
5 significant similarities between District 22, Eagle  
6 River, and District 9, the Hillside. And we heard  
7 many, many people testify that both Eagle River and  
8 the Upper Hillside in Anchorage are generally more  
9 rural parts of the municipality. They have larger  
10 lot sizes, mostly single-family homes.

11 Many of these areas, it was indicated in  
12 testimony, are served by road service districts,  
13 which is different than the other more core areas of  
14 the municipality. They share the Chugach Mountains  
15 and the Chugach State Park, which are really defining  
16 geographic features.

17 And these people, it was also testified that  
18 they're close to the mountains. They deal with  
19 wildlife closer to their homes. There are higher  
20 snow loads that they deal with in the mountains, and  
21 also wildfire dangers, as well, that they share.

22 So I can also appreciate that these  
23 similarities really could be important to a senator.  
24 I've had the privilege of being a senator, so I  
25 understand how, from that perspective, you look at

1 different parts of your district, and I believe that  
2 a senator could well represent those two House  
3 districts and understand the priorities of their  
4 constituents in those two different -- or those two  
5 House districts that are connected there.

6 And when you look at Anchorage, it's -- you  
7 know, visually, when you look at all of our House  
8 districts, it's made up mostly of smaller, compact,  
9 tightly populated urban districts, with a handful of  
10 the much larger, much more rural districts in the  
11 outskirts of the municipality.

12 And I think District 22 and District 9 are  
13 both those large, more rural, and share a really  
14 long, physical border. And that, to me, makes them  
15 contiguous, as pointed out by everybody, that's  
16 required by our constitution.

17 I also understand that the Eagle River  
18 Valley and the Upper Hillside -- I think there was  
19 some testimony, many people testified to this, were  
20 formerly in a single Anchorage House district. So --  
21 and that was adjudicated by the courts and found to  
22 be compact, contiguous, and socioeconomically  
23 integrated, which is a much higher standard than  
24 we're really looking at for Senate districts that  
25 must be contiguous.

1                   And other points have been made that I just  
2   want to reiterate really are about JBER in  
3   District 23. And that's what I found one of the most  
4   compelling, as well, was that JBER physically extends  
5   into District -- from District 23 into District 24.  
6   And maybe if the underlying House districts had have  
7   been different, that could have been drawn  
8   differently. But the fact is, they do extend into  
9   there.

10                  And it seems to be -- it's not disputed, or  
11   it seems to be undisputed, that there are really a  
12   great deal of active and retired military that reside  
13   in District 24, Chugiak, Peters Creek, the Eklutna  
14   area, and have that connection to 23.

15                  There's also a direct, of course, highway  
16   connection between those two districts along the  
17   Glenn Highway, with gates into the military bases at  
18   the Arctic Valley and closer to town. And also  
19   Arctic Valley itself, recreational area with golf  
20   courses, hiking, skiing, all the sorts of things that  
21   are common to both.

22                  We've also heard interesting testimony  
23   connecting JBER to North Muldoon. And I think  
24   that's -- that's got legitimacy. And I can see --  
25   and I might have been comfortable when we were

1 looking at the House districts of -- or even the  
2 Senate pairings of connecting that direction. But  
3 that really wasn't an option that was presented to  
4 us, and we really didn't have an opportunity. It was  
5 just the two different pairings that we looked at,  
6 two different options to vet that with the public.

7 I don't find it compelling, the idea of JBER  
8 with downtown Anchorage. For 13 years I had an  
9 office in downtown Anchorage with the Alaska Cruise  
10 Association. I've owned a condo in that district,  
11 still do. I've also been involved with the Alaska  
12 Railroad for many, many years and have familiarity  
13 with the railroad infrastructure in that area.

14 And in my experience the downtown area that  
15 is part of District 17 is primarily defined by -- I  
16 think, Bethany, you pointed out some of that --  
17 professional service, attorneys, accountants, those  
18 sorts of things. Tourism is very big in downtown  
19 Anchorage.

20 The arts, of course we have the performing  
21 arts center down in that area, shopping,  
22 entertainment, all those sorts of things. And also  
23 it has professional offices and professionals who  
24 live close by in that area. There are also large  
25 hotels down there, restaurants, convention centers,

1 all of the things that I mentioned, as well.

2 So I just don't see in my own experience an  
3 enormous connection between those areas and the  
4 military population on JBER, as opposed to the  
5 military and JBER to the -- JBER to the military  
6 bedroom communities to the north.

7 I understand that the Court has found  
8 that -- Eagle River to be a community of interest,  
9 but I think the testimony has also established very  
10 clearly that the military community is also a  
11 community of interest, and I don't believe that we  
12 should be trading one community of interest for the  
13 other.

14 Several citizens have told us about how  
15 retired military in District 24 go to District 23 to  
16 shop on base, to get medical services there. We  
17 heard testimony that -- even from a former legislator  
18 in that area that the Eagle River High School would  
19 probably not even exist if it were not for the large  
20 military community that helps populate that -- that  
21 school.

22 So it seems to me that if a community of  
23 interest means anything, that a large group of people  
24 who, say, share the same employer, they serve the  
25 same common purpose, fortunately for us, in defending

1     our nation. They share the same uniform. They  
2     reside in close proximity, as I mentioned before the  
3     same medical care, they shop in the same places.  
4     That would fit the definition of a community of  
5     interest.

6                 And I'm convinced that there are two  
7     overlapping communities of interest in north and  
8     northeast part of Anchorage, one that encompasses our  
9     military community, and then the one that encompasses  
10    Eagle River and Chugiak neighborhoods. But both are  
11    valid and important to the people in those  
12    communities, but there is not a way for us to put all  
13    of those interests into a single Senate district.

14                We've also heard concerns that putting the  
15    more conservative or swing district of the military  
16    base with downtown would drown out the military  
17    voters. That really echos a concern that the  
18    Superior Court, I think, had in its decision about  
19    regional partisanship. I think they use that phrase,  
20    "regional partisanship."

21                And in the two districts that really made up  
22    Senate District K, I think we need to be very  
23    cautious that such a pairing wouldn't invite -- I  
24    think as other people have suggested, really invite a  
25    further legal challenge that would delay this



1 process.

2 So we've opted not to study the election  
3 returns or the election data. That was a decision we  
4 made together, so we have to take that testimony on  
5 the face value, without really looking at the data  
6 ourselves.

7 But if we are to take the Court's advice to  
8 heart, I believe we have multiple options. I think  
9 it is better to stay away from something that raises  
10 such a concern, and that's the case that I would  
11 state with 3B. I've not heard any criticism of  
12 option 3B for pairing districts with drastically  
13 different voting patterns together.

14 Ultimately, I found that both option 2, I  
15 believe, and option 3 are valid approaches. I  
16 respectfully disagree with the notion that one plan  
17 is right and the other plan is wrong, or that for --  
18 people who prefer one plan have good motives, and  
19 maybe the people who prefer another plan have bad  
20 motives.

21 I would rather think that it's a hard  
22 choice. It's made all the more difficult by the  
23 tremendous amount of very compelling and competing  
24 information and testimony that we've received in the  
25 last week or week and a half. And I -- I really

1 believe that we've got two good options before us,  
2 and there are likely other options that we could have  
3 also looked at. But when I weigh the two, it's --  
4 for me, I'm more comfortable with option 3B, and  
5 that's what I plan to support this afternoon.

6 Melanie, and then Nicole.

7 MEMBER BAHNKE: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

8 I do appreciate the three of you actually  
9 putting some kind of rationale for us to digest in  
10 terms of how you're planning to vote on this motion.

11 One of the things I failed to mention  
12 earlier, that we have also considered as part of this  
13 process, is the expert testimony of Dr. Hensel. And  
14 there's been some conversation around socioeconomic  
15 integration throughout this process, and I just want  
16 to point you to that testimony that recognized Eagle  
17 River and Eagle River as a community of interest.

18 The option 3B, what option 3B has in common  
19 with the proposed maps from November -- and I'll read  
20 from the Superior Court ruling. This is another  
21 concern of mine.

22 So it says, "While the Court does not make  
23 this finding lightly, it does find evidence of  
24 secretive procedures evident in the Board's  
25 consideration and deliberation of the Anchorage

1 Senate seat pairings," dot, dot, dot. I'll skip  
2 through some of the other technical stuff.

3 But it does say, "The public portion of the  
4 record leads to only one reasonable inference: some  
5 sort of coalition or at least a tacit understanding  
6 between Members Marcum, Simpson, and Binkley. All  
7 three appeared to agree on all four of Member  
8 Marcum's maps with little public discussion." At  
9 least this time we're having -- we've had public  
10 discussions.

11 "Most surprising was at that time, it is  
12 unclear in the transcript, and was apparently also  
13 unclear to Member Borromeo, which of Member Marcum's  
14 maps the Board had apparently reached a majority on  
15 when the deliberative discussion was ended. It seems  
16 that what the three Board Members had reached a  
17 majority was the only element of the map that was  
18 consistent between them: that Eagle River was split  
19 and North Eagle River was paired with JBER."

20 And I'd like to point out that if we go with  
21 option 3B, we are adopting a plan that still, going  
22 back to November where there was some intent or  
23 motive or -- maybe that's not the word that was  
24 used -- evidence of secretive procedures.

25 And we'll be basically adopting a plan

1 drafted by Ruedrich, who was found to have supplied  
2 incumbent information to two members of the board,  
3 and then apparently to the whole board through our  
4 redistricting e-mail. But thankfully Juli redacted  
5 that information before it was distributed. And  
6 Bethany, who claimed to have not looked at that  
7 incumbent data but was found to have actually looked  
8 at it.

9 I have not looked at incumbent data. You  
10 mentioned -- you mentioned a few Republicans opposed  
11 3B, so therefore it must be nonpartisan. I haven't  
12 looked at incumbent data. I have no understanding  
13 what the motives of those Republicans are who have  
14 called in to testify. I'm viewing this as a  
15 statesperson's perspective, not giving more weight to  
16 any person's testimony, looking at this logically,  
17 and from a matter of what abides by the constitution,  
18 what the Court found, what the Court has told us to  
19 do.

20 And if you want to go back to who was  
21 appointed by who, I mean, I think there's a reason  
22 why I was selected by the Supreme Court Justice of  
23 the state, because he probably thought that I could  
24 look at this objectively and not from a partisan  
25 perspective.

1           I just think it's very audacious for us to  
2 actually think that Judge Matthews isn't going to  
3 sniff this out. And I know that we don't have the  
4 votes. I don't think that -- again, when I said in  
5 my closing remarks in November I was discouraged for  
6 a moment, but then I was encouraged because this is  
7 going to shine a light on the public process and that  
8 we should expect more from our elected and appointed  
9 officials.

10           And I still feel that way. I feel like, you  
11 know, I'm not going to be deterred by this process.  
12 It is exhausting, like one of the people who  
13 testified said, but I'm not going to -- my stamina is  
14 probably boundless when it comes to ensuring that  
15 justice is served and that we do the right thing.

16           So I do hope that the Courts will correct  
17 this, because apparently we can't ourselves. We are  
18 like a hung jury of some sort.

19           Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

20           CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you, Melanie.

21           Nicole.

22           MEMBER BORROMEO: Thanks. I'm going to just  
23 take a second to lower my hand here.

24           All right. I also want to echo Melanie's  
25 thanks that the three of you have at least put some

1 rationale on the record, which is what is required.  
2 And so let's just go back and visit a couple of them.

3 The JBER thing, the military is not a  
4 protected class. This is just dog-whistle politics  
5 to get people riled up that we're somehow  
6 disenfranchising the Armed Services. It couldn't be  
7 farther from the truth. And I say that as a Navy  
8 wife, as a daughter of a Vietnam veteran, as the  
9 granddaughter of a veteran who served in Korea. I'm  
10 sorry, JBER is not protected. They are not entitled  
11 to any special consideration.

12 Also at this stage of the game, we shouldn't  
13 even be considering socioeconomic integration in  
14 factors. Our only job at this point is to follow  
15 Article VI, Section 6. That part is over. We did  
16 that already when we did the House maps.

17 Just pair as contiguous as practicable two  
18 districts. The two districts that are as contiguous  
19 as practicable are the two Eagle River districts.

20 Another justification that was brought up  
21 was the public testimony. And I don't say this  
22 lightly, but a good majority of it was canned,  
23 inconsistent, and at least one case that I have  
24 personal knowledge to, submitted without the  
25 knowledge of the person who submitted it supposedly,

1     because his wife was, quote, put up to it by Jamie  
2     Allard, who's also filed to run in the district.  
3     It's just -- you can't make this stuff up.

4                 To the point that the Court didn't say we  
5     had to pair Eagle River, true. What the Court said  
6     is to stop gerrymandering, and here we are back  
7     again, two-and-a-half weeks later, apparently not  
8     ready to quit robbing the bank of public trust, but  
9     we are brazen enough to come back in broad daylight  
10    without face masks. I don't understand. But at the  
11    same time, I'm hogtied in the back with Melanie and  
12    we can't stop the three of you.

13                John, you in November had a lot of trust  
14    that you were putting into Bethany's Senate pairings  
15    because you didn't have familiarity with Anchorage.  
16    Now come to find out that you own a condo in Ship  
17    Creek area. It's just mind-boggling to me.

18                The community of interest, again, with JBER,  
19    this is a transient community, okay? They get  
20    orders. They are not up here living in Alaska  
21    because they are necessarily doing it of free will.  
22    They are sent here by Uncle Sam. And in a lot of  
23    cases they leave. Sometimes they do come back and  
24    retire here, and I'm thankful to have them in the  
25    community.

1           But to have a community of interest, you  
2   have to have shared place based on experience and  
3   knowledge. And I submit to you, when you have  
4   enlisted personnel, officers that come up, doing  
5   rotation, check off their overseas box and leave,  
6   they do not share the same experiences and knowledge.

7           John, I can't even believe that you said  
8   that this board was not found guilty of looking at  
9   election data. It's true. Bethany was questioned  
10   about it in her deposition, said she didn't look at  
11   it, then, lo and behold, the East Anchorage  
12   plaintiffs pulled out a video of her and Budd looking  
13   at the election data that Randy sent to them.

14           The public doesn't believe us, especially  
15   when we're caught on tape doing what we say we're not  
16   going to do. So, yes, at least two of us looked at  
17   that data. And I will tell you, the only person --  
18   the only person throughout this entire redistricting  
19   process that attempted to share incumbent data with  
20   me was Randy Ruedrich. It happened in Anchorage  
21   after the hearing.

22           And that's why I distanced myself from him.  
23   He was talking about Fairbanks North Star Borough and  
24   how we should just chop off the top because we'd be  
25   taking equal parts conservative and liberal.



1                   I told him I don't care about the voter  
2   data. I want to break the borough boundaries at the  
3   place that makes the most constitutional sense. So  
4   it's just absolutely -- I don't want to use the word  
5   crazy, but it's the only one that comes to mind. I'm  
6   sorry.

7                   And finally, John, to your point that you  
8   haven't heard any criticism regarding 3B in the  
9   voting powers, I don't know what redistricting board  
10   you've been in for the last couple of months, but  
11   it's a lot of what I've heard lately. And this  
12   process doesn't even feel Alaskan. I feel like I'm  
13   in 1950s Alabama. What are we doing here?

14                  CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Melanie, go ahead.

15                  MEMBER BAHNKE: Yeah. I just want to  
16   make -- I just -- sorry. Go ahead, Mr. Chair. I  
17   didn't mean to cut you off.

18                  CHAIR BINKLEY: No. Go ahead, Melanie. You  
19   have the floor.

20                  MEMBER BAHNKE: I just want to make one  
21   thing clear, in terms of some kind of insinuation  
22   that option 2 would disenfranchise the military.

23                  I have the utmost respect for the military.  
24   Like Nicole, my father served in the Vietnam War, and  
25   I've got several relatives who are and have been in

1 the military.

2 I just don't think any group deserves  
3 special treatment at the -- you know, we shouldn't --  
4 it's equal protection, not more voting powers for any  
5 groups. And I continue to look at splitting Eagle  
6 River and Eagle River as an attempt to provide Eagle  
7 River with two senators instead of the one that their  
8 population warrants.

9 And I feel like there were four ways that it  
10 was presented to be done in November. The majority  
11 of the board voted on one. We were told that that's  
12 not okay, so now the actions are going to be that we  
13 just found another way to still split Eagle River to  
14 guarantee it more representation.

15 And that's the part that I -- I am looking  
16 at, in terms of our constitutional responsibilities  
17 and being fair. So I want to make it clear that in  
18 no way am I suggesting that we harm the military  
19 community or do something, you know, to  
20 disenfranchise them at all. That's not the  
21 perspective and lens that I'm looking at this from.

22 Thank you.

23 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Melanie.

24 Is there further debate on the motion? If  
25 not, we'll call for the question on the motion.

1 Peter, could you please call the roll on the  
2 motion?

3 MR. TORKELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

4 CHAIR BINKLEY: And the motion is to --  
5 could you restate the motion, too just so we're  
6 clear?

7 MR. TORKELSON: The motion before the board  
8 is to adopt map option No. 2 for Anchorage Senate  
9 pairings.

10 Member Bahnke?

11 MEMBER BAHNKE: Yes. Because it's  
12 constitutional and complies with the Court's remand,  
13 I vote yes.

14 MR. TORKELSON: Member Borrromeo?

15 MEMBER BORRROMEO: Yes, because it doesn't  
16 give Eagle River any more representation. It gives  
17 them the representation that they're due, which is  
18 one senator.

19 MR. TORKELSON: Member Marcum?

20 MEMBER MARCUM: Member Marcum votes no on  
21 proposal 2.

22 MR. TORKELSON: Member Simpson?

23 MEMBER SIMPSON: No.

24 MR. TORKELSON: Member Binkley?

25 CHAIR BINKLEY: No.

1                   MR. TORKELSON: By a vote of two to three,  
2     the motion fails.

3                   CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. The chair would  
4     entertain a motion on proposed adoption for  
5     senator -- Senate pairings.

6                   Bethany?

7                   MEMBER MARCUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I  
8     would like to propose that the board adopt  
9     proposal 3B, as in Bravo, for Senate pairings.

10                  CHAIR BINKLEY: Is there a second to the  
11     motion?

12                  MEMBER SIMPSON: Mr. Chair, I'll second.

13                  CHAIR BINKLEY: There's a motion before us  
14     and seconded to adopt pairing 3B. Is there a  
15     discussion on the motion?

16                  Bethany.

17                  MEMBER MARCUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

18                  All right. So in looking back at the East  
19     Anchorage lawsuit, the East Anchorage plaintiffs  
20     challenged both Senate seats K and L. And per the  
21     remand from the Court, we are being asked to address  
22     Senate seat K.

23                  Senate seat L, which is now comprised of  
24     District 23, JBER, and District 24, JBER, Chugiak,  
25     Peters Creek, Eagle River, it was found -- was not

1 found to be invalid. So Senate K was found to be  
2 invalid, which we are working on now, and Senate L  
3 was not found to be invalid.

4 Both of the proposals for the pairings that  
5 we are now considering, so proposal 2 and  
6 proposal 3B, both of those address the Senate K issue  
7 in the same way: by pairing Districts 20 with 21.

8 And this is what the East Anchorage  
9 plaintiffs wanted. So I find it really interesting  
10 that, even though the Muldoon/East Anchorage issue is  
11 addressed in both proposals in a way that seems  
12 satisfactory to the East Anchorage plaintiffs, those  
13 individuals continue to be very involved in  
14 advocating for one plan over the other.

15 Both of the plans address their issue in the  
16 same way, so why are they now so heavily investing  
17 themselves in what is essentially the business of  
18 Eagle River, JBER, and Chugiak? I have to conclude  
19 that there must be some political motive.

20 The existing pairing of District 23 and 24  
21 plays a very important role in maintaining the  
22 community of interest of the Anchorage area military.  
23 And the best way to acknowledge that community of  
24 interest is to keep our current combination of  
25 District 23, JBER, with District 24, JBER, Chugiak,

1 Eagle River, Peters Creek.

2 So I object to the characterization that has  
3 been made by others that the military is just  
4 transients. As a 20-plus year member of the Guard  
5 and Reserve, the Military Guard and Reserve, I speak  
6 for thousands of full-time Alaska residents who serve  
7 this state and country in the military, Guard, and  
8 Reserve services as full-time, long-term residents of  
9 the state, many of whom live in District 23 and 34.

10 In the plan that we are discussing now,  
11 plan 3B, just as in the existing proclamation plan,  
12 there is a large amount of interplay between  
13 Districts 23 and 24, both of which contain portions  
14 of JBER. And then when combined, those two districts  
15 in one Senate seat create a full and complete JBER  
16 Senate district.

17 And that allows the military, which lives on  
18 base in District 23, to be combined with -- where  
19 much of the military and veterans live off base, in  
20 District 24.

21 During this process we also heard a lot of  
22 testimony about the Anchorage Muni redistricting  
23 process. We heard this testimony from the public.  
24 We heard this testimony was directed specifically to  
25 South Anchorage.

1           I took a look on Sunday at the most current  
2   assembly proposal for redistricting reapportionment,  
3   and I noticed that, lo and behold, it combines Eagle  
4   River with JBER, which conforms with the concept  
5   contained in the pairings we are now discussing, 3B.

6           I personally am very comfortable with  
7   combining Districts 9 and 22, and I feel that the  
8   Chugach Mountain district that is created there makes  
9   a lot of sense. And we've heard compelling testimony  
10   that supports this that's been referenced here by  
11   other members of the board.

12           I'd also like to state on the record that,  
13   contrary to what has been claimed here, I actually  
14   did not read incumbent data that was e-mailed to all  
15   members of the board. I did not then and I do not  
16   now care about incumbents. That is not our role, and  
17   I take that seriously.

18           Just because there is a legitimate  
19   difference of opinion does not make me or any other  
20   member of the board a gerrymanderer, and I won't be  
21   pressured to try to change my very reasonable views  
22   just because people want to call me names. So I  
23   firmly reject, and I also object to, attempts to  
24   characterize me in that way.

25           With that I'd like to explain why I support

1 each of the pairings in district -- I'm sorry -- in  
2 each of the pairings that are in the 3B proposal.

3 So I'd like to start with the response to  
4 the Court's ruling on Senate K. So the natural  
5 response to that pairing is what was laid out in both  
6 proposals, both proposal 2 and proposal 3B, by  
7 creating a Muldoon Road district. And this is a road  
8 district that combines Senate -- I'm sorry --  
9 combines into the Senate House Districts 20, plus 21.

10 And that Muldoon Road district has a very  
11 wide mix of infrastructure. It's got zero lot lines,  
12 and single-family homes, mobile home parks. It's got  
13 plenty of big-box stores, small businesses. And it  
14 joins the residential neighborhoods that are now  
15 along the major east/west transportation boundary of  
16 DeBarr Road.

17 When we put 20 and 21 together, what we have  
18 is 22 that's now left with no partner. So it needs a  
19 new pairing. And so the natural pairing for 22 is  
20 District 9, which is another of the Anchorage Chugach  
21 Mountain districts. We've heard it said here on the  
22 record, as well as during public testimony, that  
23 there is over 30 miles of contiguity. Residents have  
24 their own road services that are separate from Muni  
25 services.



1                   And also, as far as geography, it includes  
2   Ship Creek, which is in the east part of District 22,  
3   that winds itself through both districts to the Ship  
4   Creek drainage in District 9, near Bird Creek.

5                   So that now leaves District 10 without a  
6   partner. So being able to put District 10 with  
7   District 13 creates a new pairing that unites  
8   neighborhoods along the three major north/south  
9   transportation arteries which travel the length of  
10   both districts. So you have the Old Seward Highway,  
11   you have C Street, and you have Minnesota.

12                  That leaves District 14 stranded, so that's  
13   going to require a new pairing, and that allows us to  
14   take the two primary Midtown roads that travel east  
15   to west, Northern Lights and 36th Avenue, and allows  
16   those to be combined into one Senate pairing. Both  
17   of those districts have similar commercial  
18   infrastructure. They've got lots of hospital and  
19   medical buildings, high-rise offices.

20                  So with that, then, you've got the four  
21   remaining districts, which are as they exist now in  
22   our population plan, that don't require any changes.  
23   You've got 23/23, which is JBER, and then Chugiak,  
24   Peters Creek.

25                  There's also some geography that ties those

1 together, in addition to the military connections  
2 we've talked about. Both of those districts have  
3 very long boundaries along the Knik Arm waterway.

4 17 and 18, again, the same as in our current  
5 proclamation plan. And those -- that pairing unites  
6 those two districts that are around the Merrill Field  
7 infrastructure.

8 Districts 11 and 12, again, no changes, the  
9 same as in our proclamation plan. So you've got the  
10 shared boundary of Abbott Road that allows those two  
11 to be united. You've got lots of parks, greenbelts  
12 in that area.

13 And then Districts 15 and 16, again, the  
14 same as in our current plan. This is largely a Cook  
15 Inlet coastal district.

16 So, again, four changes that were -- that  
17 result from responding to the Court's ruling to make  
18 a change to District K, but then four districts that  
19 remain the same.

20 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

21 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you.

22 And we had Melanie, and then Nicole.

23 MEMBER BAHNKE: Just a second, Mr. Chair.

24 I'm not an East Anchorage plaintiff, but you  
25 asked why are they still so involved, Bethany.

1           I can tell you why I'm still so concerned  
2   about this matter of splitting Eagle River. Although  
3   it's a great step forward to pair Muldoon with  
4   Muldoon, as we were, you know, told to correct Senate  
5   District K, I don't think continuing to give Eagle  
6   River more -- more representation by simply splitting  
7   it in another direction is what's fair and what's  
8   right.

9           So at least for me that's why I continue to  
10   pursue this matter of not splitting communities of  
11   interest in an effort to give them more  
12   representation than they are due.

13           The most natural pairings, in my mind, would  
14   have been Eagle River and Eagle River and Muldoon and  
15   Muldoon. I do consider it a step forward in the  
16   right direction that we are at least pairing Muldoon  
17   with Muldoon.

18           But had we had a chance to discuss and  
19   deliberate the map that I had proposed in November,  
20   which -- option 1, which I voted to remove because I  
21   recognized that the Court directed us to only fix a  
22   certain part of the Anchorage maps. But had we had  
23   that chance, I don't think we'd be arguing that JBER  
24   and Eagle River is a great pairing comparatively.

25           Comparatively to the map that I had

1 presented in November, I think what we're stuck with  
2 is narrow direction from the Court to fix one portion  
3 of the map and not present the best possible map. So  
4 I still don't think that the best possible map is  
5 even one of the two options right now, but we're  
6 limited, and I recognize that. I respect the Court,  
7 I respect their directives, and I respect the  
8 constitution.

9 So that's -- if you're asking me if I'm  
10 doing this for partisan purposes, I am not. Just  
11 because Muldoon and Muldoon are now rightfully  
12 paired, why am I continuing to pursue this? Because  
13 the same outcome is happening here. The stated  
14 purpose of splitting Eagle River was to give it more  
15 representation, and our end outcome is still going to  
16 do that.

17 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Nicole?

18 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. It's been  
19 asked by Bethany -- sorry.

20 Bethany started off that last round with:  
21 Haven't the East Anchorage plaintiffs got what they  
22 wanted?

23 No, they haven't got what they wanted. They  
24 wanted us to stop gerrymandering and give Alaska a  
25 fair map. We haven't done that. So I submit to the

1 board that the East Anchorage plaintiffs are far from  
2 getting what they wanted.

3 The assertion, too, that they're all of a  
4 sudden heavily investing themselves, all of a sudden,  
5 Bethany, this is -- this is from -- I don't know if  
6 you can see that date, August 13th, 2001 [as spoken].  
7 The list of testifiers on here, Yarrow Silvers  
8 testifying as an individual, but she also is a member  
9 of the Scenic Hills Community Council. She did not  
10 want East Anchorage combined with South Anchorage and  
11 East Anchorage vote diluted.

12 Who testified after her? Major Felisa  
13 Wilson, same thing.

14 So no, they didn't just pop out of thin air  
15 all of a sudden. They've been here from the  
16 beginning, and I guarantee you they're going to be  
17 here until the end, so we'd better get used to it.

18 Bethany, please stop saying you didn't look  
19 at incumbent data. You were already asked about this  
20 in deposition. You were found to be untruthful in  
21 the deposition. It is on page 56 of the Matthews  
22 opinion. "[Randy] Ruedrich emailed the Board at its  
23 designated email address as well as directly to  
24 Members Marcum and Simpson separately, incumbent  
25 information for each of the house districts."

1               "Member Marcum testified that while she had  
2   access to incumbent information provided to the Board  
3   by Ruedrich, she, 'didn't bother looking at the  
4   incumbent information,' and explained that such  
5   information was 'irrelevant to the process that we  
6   were tasked with, and it just muddied the waters...'"

7               Then he went on to say when she was looking  
8   at the data presented in the deposition that she  
9   could, quote, "'Honestly say this is the first time  
10   that I have ever looked at the names that are on the  
11   document.' However, Marcum also admitted that she  
12   went to her computer to pull up the unredacted  
13   version of the incumbent information when speaking  
14   with Member Simpson."

15              So just because you say you did doesn't mean  
16   it's true, especially when you're caught on video.  
17   So thank goodness we had that Owl in the room.

18              I appreciate, Bethany, that you have been  
19   under a lot of public scrutiny, but the assertion  
20   that we are calling you names is absolutely false. I  
21   have called you a gerrymanderer, and if you want me  
22   to stop calling you a gerrymanderer, then, by all  
23   means, stop gerrymandering. That's how this will  
24   work.

25              The other assertion that you made here that

1 22 has no natural partner, the natural partner to 22  
2 is 24. Look to the north. Quit trying to poach the  
3 Anchorage districts for Eagle River, to give Eagle  
4 River more power in the Senate. The jig is up. We  
5 see what you're doing. All of Alaska sees what the  
6 members of the majority are about at this point.

7 And, again, I'm going to strongly encourage  
8 the Court to exercise its Article VI, Section 11  
9 powers and just draw the map itself.

10 And I will say, as a final point in this  
11 round, too, that if Alaskans want the Court to quit  
12 drawing the boundaries, then they need to make sure  
13 that the board is following the constitution so the  
14 Court doesn't have to. Our job is so simple. Ignore  
15 the socioeconomic integration stuff at this point.  
16 Just pair the two that are most practicable, okay?  
17 That's Eagle River. Eagle River all day long is the  
18 most natural pairing for itself.

19 Thank you.

20 CHAIR BINKLEY: I just want to clarify  
21 something. I think I heard you, Nicole, but maybe I  
22 was wrong, that you said that Bethany had perjured  
23 herself, that she had lied in -- before the Court.  
24 Is that -- did I misunderstand that?

25 MEMBER BORROMEO: You did. You're putting

1 the word perjury in my mouth. I never said that.

2 I did say she lied, because she did. She  
3 was deposed. She said she didn't have incumbent  
4 data, she never looked at it, and then, lo and  
5 behold, the East Anchorage plaintiffs brought up a  
6 video recording.

7 All of this is public knowledge. I am not  
8 making this stuff up. So I see the reaction here  
9 that you guys are sort of, like, bewildered, like I  
10 might be making it up. I'm not. Dig it up. It's  
11 out there. It's in the record. We can watch it over  
12 and over again, just like we can watch her when she  
13 said she was splitting Eagle River to give Eagle  
14 River more representation.

15 And, you know, this dumpster fire could have  
16 been put out a long time ago by many different  
17 people. I don't know why it's not. I don't  
18 understand why we continue to go back and just  
19 frustrate the purpose of the constitution.

20 We said in the beginning as a group of five  
21 that we wanted a fair map that we could be proud of  
22 that wouldn't get us sued. When did that change?  
23 When -- I'm asking you guys, when did it change? No  
24 answer.

25 CHAIR BINKLEY: It never changed for me, if



1     that's a question to me. Still is. I mean, I  
2     respect your opinion is different. We all have  
3     different opinions. We come at this differently.  
4     But that's my objective, as well.

5                 Further debate on the motion?

6                 MEMBER BORROMEO: I have a question, John,  
7     that is it -- is it your position that we should wrap  
8     up our work before the June 1 filing deadline?

9                 CHAIR BINKLEY: My position is there's a  
10    motion before us, and we should, if there's no more  
11    debate on the motion, vote on the motion.

12                MEMBER BORROMEO: And the --

13                CHAIR BINKLEY: Is there further debate on  
14    the motion?

15                MEMBER BORROMEO: Yes. I'm still talking.  
16    Thank you.

17                MEMBER SIMPSON: I'll call the question.

18                CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. The question is --

19                MEMBER BORROMEO: And the reason that I'm  
20    asking that is because you were overheard on  
21    November 10th saying that it's going to be, quote,  
22    "incredibly difficult for the Court to change  
23    anything before the June 1 filing deadline."

24                CHAIR BINKLEY: I don't know -- overheard.  
25    I don't know what you're talking about. But it's

1 irrelevant. You have something --

2 MEMBER BORROMEO: It's --

3 CHAIR BINKLEY: -- to speak to the motion?

4 MEMBER BORROMEO: It's not irrelevant.

5 CHAIR BINKLEY: I mean, we can go on all day  
6 about -- we can go on all day about who said what or  
7 who thought they overheard somebody.

8 There's a motion before us. If there's no  
9 further debate on the motion, I think we should vote  
10 on the motion.

11 Peter, could you call the roll, please?

12 MR. TORKELSON: So the motion before the  
13 board is to adopt --

14 MEMBER SIMPSON: Restate the motion, to be  
15 clear.

16 MR. TORKELSON: Thank you. The motion  
17 before the board is to adopt Anchorage Senate  
18 pairings option 3B, 3 bravo. And I'll call the roll  
19 now.

20 Member Bahnke?

21 MEMBER BAHNKE: No.

22 MR. TORKELSON: Member Borromeo?

23 MEMBER BORROMEO: No. It's still a partisan  
24 gerrymander to give Eagle River more power.

25 MR. TORKELSON: Member Marcum?

1                   MEMBER MARCUM: Member Marcum votes yes in  
2 support of option 3B.

3                   MR. TORKELSON: Member Simpson?

4                   MEMBER SIMPSON: Yes.

5                   MR. TORKELSON: Member Binkley?

6                   CHAIR BINKLEY: Yes.

7                   MR. TORKELSON: By a vote of three to two,  
8 the motion carries.

9                   CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. On the agenda next is  
10 the potential adoption of revised proclamation. And  
11 I believe that, Peter, between you and Eric, the  
12 demographer, and counsel, you've drafted a couple of  
13 different proclamations in anticipation of either  
14 passing option 2 or passing option 3B. Do I have  
15 that correct?

16                  MR. TORKELSON: We have a single  
17 proclamation. We did model the different Senate  
18 truncation scenarios, and able to inform the board  
19 about that if that's the board's desire.

20                  CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you. Okay. So  
21 this -- the proc- -- let's see. That's the process  
22 report. Okay.

23                  So the proclamation -- amended proclamation  
24 of redistricting would just include, then, that we  
25 had passed option 3B?

1           MR. TORKELSON: So the proclamation will  
2 include new metes and bounds to fix the Cantwell, as  
3 well as new maps which reflect the adopted Senate  
4 pairings. The proclamation itself doesn't say option  
5 this or option that. That will be reflected in the  
6 maps and the Senate truncation table and the Senate  
7 core constituency report.

8           So the new language to the proclamation is  
9 shown in highlighting. All the -- all the material  
10 above it here is the same as our original  
11 proclamation. But working with our legal team we  
12 added an additional "whereas" that just talks about  
13 the Court decisions and directions, and there is, of  
14 course, a new date. That's just highlighted there.  
15 I didn't know what day, so we'll fill that in.

16           And then there is a Senate label difference  
17 between option 2 and 3B. We have to correct that.  
18 And then the signature page. So it's just a very  
19 modestly changed proclamation, and I would defer to  
20 legal counsel if he wants to, you know, recommend any  
21 specific process, whether we can adopt this now or  
22 after I correct a few little things.

23           CHAIR BINKLEY: Matt, do you want to weigh  
24 in on this, please?

25           MR. SINGER: Mr. Chair, I would recommend

1     that Peter finalize the proclamation, then circulate  
2     it for the board to approve. And then the board will  
3     need to sign. The Alaska law allows electronic  
4     signatures, so I understand members are -- some  
5     members are remote, so it could be signed  
6     electronically.

7             I think we need to be clear with the public  
8     as to the date on which the proclamation is adopted,  
9     whether that can be today or tomorrow. It should be  
10    as soon as practicable. But the date of the  
11    proclamation is important for anyone who's interested  
12    in a legal challenge, to start calendaring that. And  
13    then I want to be able to report to the Court as to  
14    what we've done.

15            So I would encourage, Peter, if we could,  
16    maybe we could stand at recess. We could finalize  
17    the document and put it up on the screen and/or  
18    e-mail it around. And the board, if interested,  
19    could vote to adopt the proclamation.

20            And, Peter, maybe if you're prepared to  
21    discuss the truncation issue, we could do that before  
22    we finalize the document.

23            MR. TORKELSON: Yes. Through the Chair --

24            CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. I think that's -- go  
25    ahead, Peter.

1           MR. TORKELSON: I was going to say, through  
2 the Chair, I do have -- because we were limited to  
3 two options, I was able to work with Eric at the  
4 Department of Labor to run the Senate truncation  
5 report for both options, to have that available. And  
6 I am prepared to discuss that today in detail,  
7 whatever detail the board would like.

8           The net result is that in either option  
9 there were no changes to the truncation, in terms  
10 of -- you know, the population differences were such  
11 that there were no seats that didn't have to run that  
12 had to run before, and vice versa. So it's the same  
13 outcome, but we do have some different percentages  
14 that I can go into, at the board's pleasure, or a  
15 recess may be in order to prepare the proclamation.

16          CHAIR BINKLEY: All right. I would suggest  
17 that we do take a recess. And I think we have a  
18 couple of members with hands up, and we'll go to  
19 them. But I think that's sound advice, to take a  
20 brief recess and to have that drawn up.

21           Melanie, and then Nicole.

22          MEMBER BAHNKE: Yeah. My -- I'd prefer to  
23 say what I have to say before we go to recess,  
24 because it will affect the signature page.

25           I'd like to request that we have a signature

1 page that notes those signing in opposition. It's  
2 important for me to sign this in person. I don't  
3 want to sign it electronically. I was nearly erased  
4 from the process of the proclamation in November.

5 I'm hoping that that initial signature  
6 page that I signed in opposition has been retained,  
7 that the second one is retained, and then I'd like my  
8 actual signature noted in opposition on this one. So  
9 it would be great if we could move that forward  
10 today, if possible.

11 I also, in terms of record retention, again,  
12 I'm going to ask that we keep the portal open for  
13 people to provide public testimony. I think that was  
14 a mistake the first time around, after we thought  
15 that we were done with this proclamation. I think we  
16 would have received a lot of public comment after the  
17 first go around had we kept that portal open.

18 So those are a couple of my requests. I  
19 don't want to have to be filing some kind of a  
20 minority report or anything like that, so I'd like a  
21 signature page noting my opposition.

22 CHAIR BINKLEY: I think that's very  
23 appropriate, Melanie. And we can instruct Peter to  
24 make certain that on the signature page, any  
25 opposition can be noted by members who did not

1 support the proclamation.

2 And I think if we can get it prepared, then,  
3 Melanie, you can sign it in ink there and put  
4 whatever notations you would like on there and you  
5 feel appropriate, and it will be retained. That will  
6 be the permanent record.

7 Nicole?

8 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thanks. I was going to  
9 make the same two requests Melanie did, for the  
10 signature block, and also for the opening -- or the  
11 public testimony portal on our Web page to remain  
12 open.

13 But I want to make an observation there,  
14 because we've had a lot of conversations about "as  
15 practicable" for contiguity sake of the Senate. And  
16 our counsel here says we should hurry up and get this  
17 signed as quickly as practicable, and we can use  
18 electronic signatures to do that. Efficiency.

19 So, again, traveling between the two  
20 districts that are now paired, District 29 and 22,  
21 just because you can walk a signature over doesn't  
22 mean that you shouldn't drive a signature over if you  
23 had to. But that would, of course, require going  
24 through five or six House districts, and that would  
25 run afoul to Kenai.



1                   So thank you.

2                   CHAIR BINKLEY:   Okay.   Thank you.

3                   Bethany?

4                   MEMBER MARCUM:   Hi.   Thank you,  
5   Mr. Chairman.

6                   I just wanted to go on record saying that,  
7   as a person who is carefully like a steward of  
8   government funds, and we are being paid by government  
9   funds, in terms of all of our transportation costs,  
10   in terms of staff and personnel costs, that I  
11   appreciate the consideration of the board as far as  
12   doing the proclamation signatures electronically  
13   rather than requiring the high price of gas to be  
14   paid right now to drive.

15                  Certainly if folks prefer doing it that way,  
16   that's fine, but I will be more than happy to sign  
17   electronically to save money.   Thank you.

18                  CHAIR BINKLEY:   Melanie?

19                  MEMBER BAHNKE:   Mr. Chair, I wasn't trying  
20   to suggest that everybody has to sign it in person.  
21   I would prefer to sign it in person, but I'm not  
22   imposing that -- I'm not suggesting that we impose  
23   that on all members.

24                  CHAIR BINKLEY:   Thank you.

25                  Why don't we take a brief at ease, come back

1 at 3:00.

2 Is that enough time, Peter, to get that  
3 finalized?

4 MR. TORKELSON: Yes, Mr. Chair.

5 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. We'll stand at recess  
6 until 3:00. We are in recess.

7 (Off record.)

8 CHAIR BINKLEY: Peter and Matt, are you  
9 done? If so, we'll come back to order.

10 MR. TORKELSON: Yes, Mr. Chairman. We have  
11 a printed version of the proclamation that's been  
12 reviewed by our legal team, and the members have had  
13 it on their desk.

14 This is -- with the exception of two  
15 grammatical errors, this is the same document that I  
16 e-mailed out in draft form earlier today, so members  
17 who are virtual can reference that, and you'll have  
18 the substance of all of the changes, which primarily  
19 occurs in the final "whereas" clause. That's the new  
20 material. Everything else is essentially the same.  
21 Then there's a new signature page, of course, on the  
22 back.

23 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. I've got a hard copy  
24 of that here. I just -- I would propose if we're all  
25 going to sign it today, we use today's date. I know

1 the members locally there are expressing an interest  
2 in signing it there. I can certainly sign it  
3 electronically today.

4 I don't know about -- Bethany or Budd, are  
5 you okay with signing this today?

6 MEMBER SIMPSON: I am. Thank you.

7 MEMBER MARCUM: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I  
8 certainly am.

9 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. So why don't we use  
10 today's date then as the date, and then we can --  
11 those of us not in the office can do it  
12 electronically, and those members in the room can  
13 sign it in person.

14 Peter?

15 MR. TORKELSON: Yes, Mr. Chairman, at the  
16 will of the board. It would be appropriate for us to  
17 present the revised map with the Senate -- the House  
18 numberings to match the pairings, then to talk about  
19 the truncation, and then to talk about the Senate  
20 terms table, to be sure that members are all up to  
21 speed and in agreement with that process. So I'm  
22 prepared to do that, at the board's pleasure.

23 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. That makes sense.  
24 Melanie?

25 MEMBER BAHNKE: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

1           There's, I think, an amendment that needs to  
2   be made on the eighth "whereas." It says, "Whereas  
3   the Alaska Redistricting Board adopted this -- this  
4   final plan and proclamation of redistricting today,  
5   November 10, 2021, in conformity with the  
6   constitutional requirement that it do so within 90  
7   days."

8           So it's confusing to me. It should say that  
9   we had adopted a plan --

10           MR. SINGER: Peter, let's write "adopted the  
11   2021 final plan and proclamation."

12           MR. TORKELSON: Yes, that's correct. It  
13   should be --

14           MR. SINGER: Then we should delete --  
15   instead of today, it should say "on November 10th,  
16   2021."

17           MEMBER BAHNKE: And since it wasn't final,  
18   what do we refer to it as?

19           MR. SINGER: Again, we're going to call it,  
20   "the board adopted its 2021 plan and proclamation of  
21   redistricting on November 10th."

22           MR. TORKELSON: Let me bring that up so  
23   people can see what we're talking about.

24           MR. SINGER: Then, Mr. Chair, I would  
25   encourage, after the discussion of the items that

1 Mr. Torkelson suggested, that it would be appropriate  
2 for -- for there to be a motion to adopt the amended  
3 proclamation of redistricting as of today's date, and  
4 that -- I would encourage that that be done by  
5 motion.

6 CHAIR BINKLEY: Matt, you're cutting out.  
7 At least for me, I can't -- I missed a lot of that.

8 MR. SINGER: Oh, sorry. I was suggesting  
9 that after Mr. Torkelson presents the items he is  
10 intending to present, that it would be appropriate to  
11 entertain a motion to adopt the amended proclamation  
12 of redistricting as of today's date.

13 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. That's logical.  
14 Peter, you've got your hand up to that  
15 issue.

16 MR. TORKELOSON: No. I'm sorry. I neglected  
17 to lower my hand. Thanks.

18 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Melanie?

19 MEMBER BAHNKE: Oh, I'm sorry. Same thing.

20 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. And by the way, good  
21 catch on that, Melanie.

22 MEMBER BAHNKE: I try to be vigilant.

23 CHAIR BINKLEY: So maybe, Peter, you could  
24 walk -- walk us through that, in terms of the  
25 truncation and pairings.

1                   But before that, I see Nicole has got her  
2   hand up.  Nicole?

3                   MEMBER BORROMEO:  Thank you.

4                   I want to draw the board's attention to yet  
5   more caution from Judge Matthews, which is that last  
6   November we had no debate on Senate pairings, and  
7   then came out and adopted Senate pairings without  
8   having the opportunity for the public to respond to  
9   what the board was going to do.

10                  I don't see how we've changed course,  
11   unfortunately, in the new year.  I thought we would  
12   turn a new page but here we are yet again, this time,  
13   though, taking public testimony but adopting a plan  
14   without giving the public a chance to respond to it.

15                  I understand that we had two options, but we  
16   did not signal to the public which option we were  
17   going to go with as a majority, and I don't think  
18   that we should sign this today.  I think we should  
19   leave it out for public comment tomorrow.  Maybe --  
20   maybe someone will change their mind and we can vote  
21   on a plan tomorrow.

22                  CHAIR BINKLEY:  Bethany?

23                  MEMBER MARCUM:  Mr. Chairman, I'd like to  
24   hear from legal counsel regarding the concept that  
25   was just presented, if we could.

1                   MR. SINGER: Mr. Chair, I don't believe  
2   that -- Mr. Chair, would you like me to answer that  
3   question?

4                   CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah, please. Go ahead.

5                   MR. SINGER: I don't believe the  
6   constitution requires the board to do more public  
7   hearings after it takes a final -- makes a final  
8   decision.

9                   I think the Court was concerned that the  
10   Senate discussion in November was rushed. And so to  
11   remedy that the board met on April 2nd, heard public  
12   testimony. In the next meeting it adopted a process  
13   for hearing from the public and accepting public  
14   plans.

15                   It's had seven hearings on the options that  
16   were presented by the public, and at some point the  
17   board has to make a decision. I think we have to  
18   balance the public process that's contemplated under  
19   the constitution with the limited time that's  
20   available, in light of statutory deadlines.

21                   So certainly if the board wants to entertain  
22   more testimony, but it's -- it's -- I don't believe  
23   it's constitutionally required. I don't think that  
24   the judge was saying after you issue a final decision  
25   in every instance you need to have another round of

1 testimony.

2 I think the concern was that in November the  
3 plan adopted by the board had really never been  
4 fully, you know, articulated and presented in the way  
5 that the Court would have liked to see. So the  
6 difference here is that there are hundreds of public  
7 comments on option 2 and option 3B that helped to  
8 inform the board today.

9 MEMBER BAHNKE: Mr. Chair, you're muted. I  
10 saw you just try to say something, but you were  
11 muted.

12 CHAIR BINKLEY: I apologize.  
13 Budd, and then Nicole.

14 MEMBER SIMPSON: Yeah. Mr. Chair, I agree  
15 with Matt, as far as taking more public testimony on  
16 this. We are leaving the portal open for people to  
17 comment. If they want to, they're free to do that,  
18 and I'm sure they will.

19 But my further question for Matt has to do  
20 with the truncation, and the -- then the -- the  
21 election, re-election timing, whatever that's called.  
22 Do we need to take testimony on those issues? And  
23 if -- if so, we can roll that over to tomorrow. But  
24 I'm not sure we do. It may just be administerial.  
25 So just looking for advice on that one.



1 MR. SINGER: I really think it's --

2 CHAIR BINKLEY: Matt, if you could just  
3 speak right into the microphone instead of turning  
4 your head, that would be helpful.

5 MR. SINGER: The board previously adopted a  
6 cut-off point, that is, to determine whether changes  
7 in district populations were sufficiently great as to  
8 require a candidate to -- or the incumbent to re-run.

9 And I don't think that that decision needs  
10 to be revisited. It's been made. It was a -- Peter  
11 can remind me the exact number. It was 16 percent  
12 then, and --

13 MR. TORKELSON: 16.3.

14 MR. SINGER: 16.3 percent was the number  
15 that the board used as a cutoff, so I don't think  
16 there is a need to revisit that decision. It was  
17 made. It was part of the proclamation plan. It was  
18 not challenged.

19 And so I don't see -- I don't see this as  
20 the board making any additional, really, changes to  
21 the proclamation that would require further  
22 testimony. If the board wanted to invite it, it  
23 certainly could, and -- but it's -- what I would  
24 encourage is maybe have Peter present it to you, see  
25 what it looks like, and then the board can decide how

1 it wishes to proceed.

2 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Nicole, did you have  
3 your hand up, or is it --

4 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yeah. I just want to  
5 reiterate that my batting average for the Courts are  
6 a little bit better than you guys, and I think that  
7 we should let this soak, let it set, let the public  
8 comment on what we're about to do.

9 Thank you.

10 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Bethany?

11 MEMBER MARCUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I  
12 just have a question.

13 I guess I'm a little confused. Are we --  
14 what we're talking about is whether or not we're  
15 entertaining the idea of changing our cut-off  
16 percentage? Is that part of what we're discussing  
17 here, is whether or not we would consider doing that?  
18 I guess I just assumed we would go with the same  
19 cut-off percentage and everything kind of the same as  
20 the previous proclamation, but is that part of what  
21 we're -- is being discussed here?

22 CHAIR BINKLEY: I think that's part of the  
23 truncation process, is that number. We could choose  
24 a different number if there was some rationale for  
25 it. I don't think it was controversial. I think it

1 was -- I can't remember how we came up with the  
2 number, but I don't know that anybody's -- is anybody  
3 proposing to change that truncation number, the  
4 16.3 percent? I don't think so.

5 Maybe what we could do -- Nicole, did you  
6 have a question on that?

7 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yeah. I don't understand  
8 if you guys have data that I don't, but I don't even  
9 have printouts of what the makeup of the new  
10 districts are, so I would like to at least see some  
11 data before we act on it. I think that would be  
12 prudent of the board.

13 MEMBER BAHNKE: I have it. It was put in  
14 front of my desk.

15 CHAIR BINKLEY: I think we were just about  
16 to get to that. Peter was going to present that to  
17 us. So maybe let's just have Peter make that  
18 presentation to us, and then we can decide how to  
19 proceed.

20 Melanie, do you have a question on that  
21 before Peter makes that presentation?

22 MEMBER BAHNKE: No, not a question, but I  
23 think Bethany was confused about what we're talking  
24 about taking public testimony on.

25 My understanding from Nicole was the Senate

1 pairings, not the truncation. But can you please  
2 clarify that, Member Borrromeo?

3 MEMBER BORRROMEO: Yeah. I would like to not  
4 necessarily hold public hearings again, but leave the  
5 portal open for the opportunity for Alaskans to weigh  
6 in. And if the board is amenable to hearing some  
7 public testimony before we adopt tomorrow's plan, I  
8 am always down for more public testimony after the  
9 board takes final action.

10 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Let's go --

11 MEMBER BORRROMEO: I need -- I need a new  
12 map, Peter, of the -- of the numbers. That's what  
13 I'm talking about, like the letter numbers.

14 CHAIR BINKLEY: Let's go ahead and let Peter  
15 make his presentation, and then we can debate it and  
16 talk about how to proceed after that.

17 Peter?

18 MR. TORKELSON: Okay. So, Mr. Chairman, so  
19 in order to affect a new set of Senate pairings and  
20 stay with the tradition of having sequential --  
21 sequentially numeric districts to reflect the letters  
22 that are associated with the Senate pairings, some  
23 numbers would have to change in Anchorage in order to  
24 accomplish that.

25 So this is obviously at the board's

1 discretion how they want to do that, but to model it,  
2 to see what would happen, this is the numbering  
3 scheme where 9 stays the same and then to be paired  
4 with the old 22 becomes 10, so it's 9 and 10.

5 Following the -- what I heard the board  
6 articulate, which is keep as much the same as you  
7 could, 11 and 12 stay the same.

8 The old 10 becomes 13, to pair with 14. 15  
9 and 16 stay the same. 17 and 18 are together. 19  
10 and 20 are together. Same pairing as before but with  
11 the numbers shifted. And then 21 and 22 together in  
12 Muldoon. 23 and 24, not shown here -- 24 is  
13 Chugiak -- stay together as they are now.

14 So this changes not even eight districts.  
15 Seven districts are renumbered -- well, more than  
16 that, but there were seven that had to change because  
17 of the new pairings, and then the others adjusted for  
18 it.

19 So these numbers then lead to the table,  
20 which I'll bring up next, the Senate terms table that  
21 I had Eric run. If you want different numbers, we  
22 can number it differently and run it again. The  
23 overall statistics won't change, because we're not  
24 changing the underlying House geography. Because the  
25 House shapes didn't change, the numbers on the terms

1 table, which I'll bring up next, just shuffled  
2 around. They don't actually move very much.

3 And the net result is that no -- there's no  
4 new truncation decisions. Nobody would have to run  
5 who didn't have to run before, and vice versa.

6 Let me switch screens now. It's going to  
7 take me just a second to pull up the new table that  
8 those numbers would then feed into.

9 So I'll share the screen. So this is the  
10 report. Make sure everybody can see it. This is the  
11 report that Mr. Sandberg ran.

12 MEMBER BAHNKE: Can you enlarge that?

13 MR. TORKELSON: Yeah. It is very detailed.  
14 I'll zoom in in a sec. That is a very similar table  
15 to what -- the same calculus was run as we did in  
16 November. And what you're looking at is option 3  
17 across the top, and the 2013 districts running  
18 vertically on the left-hand side.

19 And then these numbers are populations of  
20 voters who are retained in the various districts. So  
21 this cell I clicked on -- I'll zoom in so you can see  
22 it better. So to demonstrate so that everyone  
23 understands, this is for map option 3B.

24 The new Senate District I, for example,  
25 takes 23,000 people and change from the old Senate

1 District I. And then just to make a point, it takes  
2 206 people from the old Senate District J.

3 So that's how the math is done. It's called  
4 a cross-tab report. And Mr. Sandberg took those  
5 numbers and converted those into percentages. This  
6 is the percentage of the old District I that's  
7 retained by the new District I, 64 percent.

8 What that means is if you subtract that  
9 number from a hundred, that's the percentage of  
10 overall voter change. So it's 25 plus all of these  
11 numbers. In that case it would be 35.8 percent total  
12 voter change in Senate District I. Because the board  
13 chose 16.3 percent as a cutoff in November, the new  
14 Senate District I must stand for election in 2022.

15 To take all these numbers and summarize them  
16 into a more human compatible table, we have this  
17 table, which is very similar to the one -- just make  
18 sure it's showing here -- very similar to the one  
19 that we did in November, and it highlights all of the  
20 different Senate seats from A to B -- to A through T,  
21 in this column.

22 Using the numbering sequence we have from  
23 November and slightly modified to reflect the changes  
24 necessary for option 3B, anyplace there's been a  
25 change I've highlighted the cell. So if you have the

1 table from the last cycle, which we can bring up,  
2 you'll see that some of these percentages have  
3 changed, some of them very little, some have shifted.  
4 But the net result is that 19 senators had to run  
5 again. The same 19 senators have to run again after  
6 this action today as had to run again in November.  
7 There's no net change in who runs again. There's a  
8 shuffling.

9 And you'll notice right here, in Senate J,  
10 there is our cutoff point, 16.3 percent. So because  
11 we didn't change the House geography, that number  
12 re-emerges, even though it might be in a slightly  
13 different row this time because of numbering changes.  
14 That's -- so this is the table.

15 And then the other thing that you'll notice  
16 is Senate seat O changed, as well as Senate seat R.  
17 Those are impacts from the Cantwell revision. Now,  
18 the percentage is -- the old percentage here, for  
19 example, is 60.9, from memory, so it's like a  
20 2 percent change. But I highlighted those because  
21 those did actually change, in terms of their retained  
22 voter core percentage. But there's no actual  
23 functional change. They both have to run again  
24 because they are well over the 16.3 cutoff.

25 So I'd be happy to answer questions. I know



1 this is a technical topic.

2 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. Melanie, go ahead.

3 MEMBER BAHNKE: I don't have any recommended  
4 changes to the 16.3 percent.

5 But I did just realize that our agenda for  
6 today and tomorrow noticed public comment, and we did  
7 earlier state on the record that we would take public  
8 comment after we made a decision. So I thought I'd  
9 point that out to you as our chairman, what we had  
10 noticed the public of.

11 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. I noticed the agenda  
12 that we adopted does not have public -- public  
13 testimony on it.

14 My understanding was that we were going to  
15 make a final decision. At some point we make a final  
16 decision, and that is the final decision. So I -- if  
17 we want to drag this out -- I wouldn't say drag it  
18 out, but if we want to extend this and extend public  
19 comment on what members have indicated that they  
20 might be supporting -- and I guess we have already  
21 made a decision on supporting option 3B. I'm not  
22 certain that public testimony is going to change  
23 that, so I'm not sure of the purpose of it.

24 MEMBER BAHNKE: Mr. Chair --

25 CHAIR BINKLEY: It would just, in my

1 opinion, serve to slow down the process.

2 MEMBER BAHNKE: May I respond?

3 CHAIR BINKLEY: Go ahead. Then we'll go to  
4 Bethany.

5 MEMBER BAHNKE: The top of the agenda said  
6 "public testimony at the LIO." It wasn't in the  
7 agenda in terms of an agenda item, but it does say  
8 public testimony and a number. And I do recall that  
9 we said we would make -- take a vote on Senate  
10 pairings, then take public testimony, and then adopt  
11 a proclamation. I thought that was the plan.

12 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. I -- that wasn't my  
13 understanding. I think this is a standard form, the  
14 part at the top -- Peter, you can correct me if I'm  
15 wrong -- that the LIO puts out.

16 MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay. Well, somebody had  
17 put in the chat: The board went on record earlier  
18 that they would allow public comments once a decision  
19 was made. So I don't have the minutes in front of  
20 me, but apparently we did supposedly.

21 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you.

22 Peter, are you available?

23 MR. TORKELSON: Yes. I just -- yeah. I  
24 just checked. There is -- it does say "public  
25 testimony" at the top of our agenda. It was a

1 standard form that I neglected to remove the notice.

2 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. I think that was --  
3 may indicate that that's prior to the agenda or would  
4 be someplace on the agenda, so it really is in  
5 conflict with the agenda.

6 But I think there is the opportunity, if  
7 we're going to leave the portal open, for the public  
8 to comment, not just today or tomorrow, but ongoing.

9 Nicole?

10 MEMBER BORROMEO: Where are we with my  
11 suggestion that we put off adopting a plan until  
12 tomorrow and allow for the public to react to the  
13 final decision of the board today?

14 CHAIR BINKLEY: Well, the public would -- if  
15 this is the final decision of the board, the public  
16 has not only tomorrow but, you know, for quite a  
17 number of days to react to what the final decision  
18 is. The final decision is the final decision.  
19 That's the way I read it.

20 MEMBER BORROMEO: I don't understand your  
21 math here, because a status report is due in two  
22 days, so they don't have a great number of days. And  
23 we have to tell the Court what we've done.

24 What is the harm in not signing the final  
25 plan today and signaling to the public that the

1 three-member majority has approved map 3B and that  
2 we're going to hold public testimony, as we said we  
3 would at the beginning, and print it in the agenda?

4 CHAIR BINKLEY: Bethany?

5 MEMBER MARCUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

6 It sounds like maybe what some members are  
7 asking for is a motion to reconsider, and I would be  
8 happy to entertain that. I mean, I'm sure that we'd  
9 be willing to vote on that. If they would like to  
10 make a motion to reconsider, we can certainly do  
11 that. There is nothing stopping us from doing that  
12 at this time.

13 Thank you.

14 CHAIR BINKLEY: Is that -- Nicole, is that  
15 what you're suggesting?

16 Melanie, I think you've got your hand up.  
17 Go ahead.

18 MEMBER BAHNKE: I am not suggesting a motion  
19 to reconsider. At this point I think that would be  
20 an exercise in futility.

21 I am suggesting that we follow what we told  
22 the public that we would do. We would make the  
23 Senate pairing decision, take public testimony, and  
24 then adopt a proclamation. I might be mistaken. My  
25 memory is not always a hundred percent, but I thought

1     that was what we -- when we adopted a process and  
2     dates, I thought that's why we had set aside two days  
3     for this. And I thought that we had said that we  
4     would take public testimony after adopting Senate  
5     pairings.

6                 Do other members have a different  
7     recollection?

8                 And, Peter, are the minutes done from that  
9     day when we adopted a process?

10                MR. TORKELSON: Mr. Chair, would you like me  
11     to answer that?

12                CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah, if you could respond,  
13     Peter.

14                MR. TORKELSON: The minutes are in process,  
15     but the audio recording and video recordings are on  
16     the website. I don't have a summary of the minutes.  
17     The contractor is working on those.

18                CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Thanks.  
19     Budd?

20                MEMBER SIMPSON: Mr. Chair, I don't have a  
21     recollection one way or the other whether we said we  
22     would take additional public testimony or not.

23                It concerns me that it is printed on the top  
24     of our agenda that we would do that. But, again,  
25     it's in conflict, because it's not an actual agenda

1 item that we voted on.

2 So, you know, I don't want to give the  
3 appearance that we're not interested in what the  
4 public has to say. I thought maybe it was a good  
5 compromise to simply leave the portal open so that  
6 anybody with further comments is free to make  
7 those -- those -- you know, the way it's been  
8 available all along. We keep that open until  
9 tomorrow and, you know, have that opportunity  
10 available.

11 CHAIR BINKLEY: Nicole, then Bethany.

12 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thanks. We did say that  
13 we were going to allow the public to react to our  
14 final decision. And for us to be disingenuous and  
15 fall back on Peter, who is our only staff member at  
16 this point and is doing the job of five people, it's  
17 just a cop-out.

18 Let's give the public time to react to  
19 what's been done today, to meaningfully respond. We  
20 didn't have to wait this long to adopt a final plan.  
21 The Supreme Court issued its decision March 25th.  
22 That next Monday I was saying: Let's go. Let's  
23 meet. Let's do this. We burned an entire week off  
24 the clock, so it's not the public's fault that the  
25 board refused to meet. That's on us. Let them react

1 to the plan.

2 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Bethany?

3 MEMBER MARCUM: Yeah. Mr. Chairman, I would  
4 like to hear from legal counsel regarding the  
5 publication that was put out by the LIO that showed  
6 public testimony versus the agenda that we adopted  
7 that doesn't include public testimony. Thank you.

8 MR. SINGER: I think the key is that the  
9 board follow the process contemplated by the  
10 constitution. And generally that process, under  
11 Section 10, is for the board to adopt a proposed  
12 plan, then hold public hearings on the proposed plan,  
13 and then adopt a final plan. And so that's the  
14 process that the board has been undertaking.

15 There is no harm in additional -- hearing  
16 additional testimony, but at some point the board has  
17 to make a final decision. And it's also not -- it's  
18 a waste of public -- if the board has made a final --  
19 has made up its mind and has voted and has a final  
20 decision, delaying the proclamation is also -- is  
21 also potentially concerning to the Court.

22 I think we need to wrap it up and report  
23 back to the Court that the board's work on remand has  
24 been completed.

25 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Matt.

1                   Nicole, further comment?

2                   MEMBER BORROMEO: Yeah. Responding to Matt,  
3   the word that you just used there was plan, and that  
4   we should adopt a final plan and hold public hearing  
5   on the final plan. Up until moments ago we haven't  
6   had a final plan. We've had two options.

7                   So I want to make litigation as swift as  
8   possible, as inexpensive as possible, and to comply  
9   with the spirit in which the last order was issued,  
10   that we not just take lip service from the public,  
11   but we give them an opportunity to react to our  
12   actions. And perhaps one of us will change his mind  
13   and adopt map 2.

14                  CHAIR BINKLEY: Matt, is that what the Court  
15   said, to give the public an opportunity to react to  
16   our final plan?

17                  MR. SINGER: I don't see that in -- in the  
18   Superior Court's decision, and I don't see that in  
19   the constitution.

20                  So the -- I believe that by adopting  
21   options 2 and 3B, publishing those to the website,  
22   and having seven days of hearings on proposed -- on  
23   alternative solutions to the Court's remand, that  
24   the -- that the board complied with the process  
25   anticipated or contemplated under Section 10 of



1 the -- of Article VI of the state constitution.

2 So the idea is to propose solutions, but  
3 then make sure that the public gets an opportunity to  
4 provide its input. Then the board gets to come back  
5 and consider that public testimony and explain its  
6 reasons -- that's what happened today -- and the  
7 board needs to take action. So I believe the board  
8 has complied with the constitution.

9 Again, if the board's preference is to  
10 invite another day of written and/or spoken  
11 testimony, the constitution doesn't preclude that,  
12 but I -- I don't believe that the judge -- certainly  
13 not -- if there's nothing in the remand order with  
14 regard to process, again, going back to the judge's  
15 criticism of what occurred in November, you know, I  
16 think all of us realize in retrospect it would have  
17 been -- we have maybe spent too much time on the  
18 public road show and not enough time at the end of  
19 the process to make all of the different decisions  
20 that had to be made, and so that process was rushed.  
21 And that was the judge's concern.

22 And so the issue here is, you know, did the  
23 public know that the board was considering option 2  
24 and option 3B, and did the public have an opportunity  
25 to express its views to the board so that the board

1     could take that testimony, those views, into  
2     consideration before making a decision? That would  
3     be the -- that would be the concern of the Court.

4                 So I'm comfortable that, again, the board  
5     has complied with the constitution, and that's my  
6     conclusion.

7                 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you.

8                 Bethany, and then Nicole.

9                 MEMBER MARCUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

10                I guess I would just like for us to consider  
11     what the goal would be of further public testimony.  
12     We have voted. We have a final vote. I've asked if  
13     anyone wants to offer a motion for reconsideration  
14     and no one does.

15                So if we're not reconsidering, you know, our  
16     vote, then it is a final vote. And I feel like to  
17     some degree we would be misleading the public by  
18     letting them testify to us in person about a vote  
19     that's final.

20                I think there's no harm in letting them  
21     continue to provide online written testimony. Peter  
22     can continue to compile that and send that to us. We  
23     can continue to read that.

24                But I feel a little bit like we might be  
25     misleading the public. If no one wants to offer a

1 motion for reconsideration and we're saying that this  
2 is a final vote, then what is the goal of continuing  
3 to let people testify on a vote that is 100 percent  
4 final?

5 Thank you.

6 CHAIR BINKLEY: I have Nicole, and then  
7 Budd.

8 MEMBER BORROMEO: So lots to unpack there,  
9 Bethany.

10 Seeing as you and Budd made the motion to  
11 pass B3, the motion would have to come from you or  
12 Budd to reconsider. So there's nothing that Melanie  
13 and I can do procedurally to get you to reconsider  
14 map B3. Now, if you and Budd want to make a motion  
15 to reconsider B3, then I'm here for it all day long.

16 The purpose of holding public testimony is  
17 allow the public to react to the final plan. Again,  
18 the final plan. Not one of two options that the  
19 board could have adopted.

20 And it also squares with what we told them  
21 we were going to do. I'm very concerned here with  
22 legal counsel's interpretation of the constitution,  
23 because last time around we were also told that  
24 pairing South Muldoon with Eagle River was perfectly  
25 permissible under the constitution, as well. So keep

1     that in mind.

2                   CHAIR BINKLEY:   Okay.   Budd?

3                   MEMBER SIMPSON:   I think we need to bring  
4     closure to all of this.   I -- I think we should keep  
5     the portal open to give people that want to comment  
6     on the final plan an opportunity to make their  
7     opinion known, but I am not inclined to seek  
8     reconsideration or delay it further.

9                   CHAIR BINKLEY:   Okay.   Short of a motion to  
10    some extent or another, I don't see a consensus to  
11    extend adopt- -- or reconsider our adopting the final  
12    plan or of holding in-person public testimony on the  
13    plan we just adopted.

14                  I agree with Budd on the fact that there's  
15    an opportunity for the public to react, I think,  
16    Nicole, as you put it, to what the final plan is.  
17    And I'm sure we'll hear that, you know, through the  
18    portal and other methods that the public will seek to  
19    inform us about and what their opinion is.

20                  And there could be litigation, as well,  
21    going forward, and that'll be an opportunity, of  
22    course, to hear what those concerns are.

23                  I think the quicker -- as you pointed out,  
24    Nicole, the quicker we can get this to the Court so  
25    that they can review it, the better.   And being

1 consistent with that, I think we need to have the  
2 final plan done today and move forward.

3 There still is the truncation before us.  
4 Were there any other questions on that, the  
5 16.3 percent, or how Peter had laid that out?

6 Bethany?

7 MEMBER MARCUM: Mr. Chairman, I just wanted  
8 to say thank you to both Peter and Eric. It was  
9 very -- they had a lot of foresight in going ahead  
10 and running all of this for both of the proposals  
11 that we had out there so we had everything ready and  
12 were able to see this information thoroughly during  
13 today's meeting, so I appreciate that.

14 I approve of what they've done. I think it  
15 was, like I said, very good that they did this for  
16 both plans so that we have this out there. And I am  
17 definitely in support of the work that they've done  
18 in this effort. Thank you.

19 CHAIR BINKLEY: Matt, would we need a motion  
20 to adopt that -- that matrix that Peter had  
21 presented?

22 MR. SINGER: It's incorporated in the  
23 proclamation in the revised -- or amended  
24 proclamation of redistricting. So I think the -- if  
25 the board is satisfied with all of the information

1 contained therein that the motion would be to adopt  
2 and execute the amended proclamation of redistricting  
3 as of April 13th, 2022.

4 Bethany, and then Nicole.

5 MEMBER MARCUM: Mr. Chairman, I move that  
6 the board adopt the amended proclamation of  
7 redistricting as of April 13th, 2022.

8 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. There's a motion  
9 before us. Is there a second?

10 MEMBER SIMPSON: I'll second.

11 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. A motion before us  
12 and seconded to adopt the amended proclamation.

13 Nicole?

14 MEMBER BORROMEO: I don't understand what  
15 we're doing here. The only map I have in front of me  
16 is renumbering -- a renumbered map of Anchorage.  
17 Where is the map that has the new Senate district  
18 letters on it?

19 MR. TORKELSON: Mr. Chair?

20 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah, Peter, go ahead.

21 MR. TORKELSON: So the one -- the one you're  
22 thinking about, the PDF maps, Eric will produce those  
23 tomorrow, and they'll be attached to the proclamation  
24 as an expression of the board's new plan.

25 So autoBound doesn't let me put letters next

1 to the numbers, so I don't have a way to do that.  
2 But they're sequential and in order, so page 2 of the  
3 proclamation --

4 MEMBER BORROMEO: Can I have five minutes  
5 then to bust out a Sharpie to draw all over the  
6 November proclamation and try to figure out what  
7 letters match up with the numbers?

8 CHAIR BINKLEY: That's fine with me. Is  
9 there any objection to taking a five-minute break?

10 Okay. Let's come back -- it's 3:44. Let's  
11 come back at 3:50. We'll stand in recess.

12 (Off record.)

13 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Let's go ahead and  
14 call the meeting back to order.

15 Nicole, have you had a chance to look over  
16 that and draw the connections between those House  
17 districts?

18 MEMBER BORROMEO: I have. Thank you very  
19 much. I think it's important that we review  
20 information before voting on it, so I appreciate the  
21 at ease to allow me to do that.

22 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. We still have a  
23 motion before us to adopt the revised plan. Further  
24 discussion on the motion?

25 (Member Bahnke re-enters proceedings.)

1 MEMBER BAHNKE: I'm here.

2 CHAIR BINKLEY: Why don't we have a roll  
3 call vote if we could, please, Peter.

4 MR. TORKELSON: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Stand  
5 by.

6 The motion before the board is to adopt the  
7 2022 proclamation as proposed.

8 Member Bahnke?

9 MEMBER BAHNKE: Yes. I thought we had five  
10 minutes. I'm sorry. I didn't mean to be absent for  
11 this part of the conversation.

12 Peter, I see we've got new numbered maps,  
13 but no numbers on letters on them?

14 MEMBER BORROMEO: We just --

15 MEMBER BAHNKE: And did you compare them  
16 against what's in the proclamation to make sure it's  
17 correct?

18 MR. TORKELSON: Yes. We just looked at  
19 them.

20 MEMBER BAHNKE: My vote is no, Mr. Chairman.

21 MR. TORKELSON: Member Borromeo?

22 MEMBER BORROMEO: My vote is also no. I'm  
23 concerned about the splitting of Eagle River. It  
24 still seems like a naked partisan gerrymander to me.  
25 I'm sorry, but I can't vote in favor of this.



1 MR. TORKELSON: Member Marcum?

2 MEMBER MARCUM: Yes.

3 MR. TORKELSON: Member Binkley?

4 CHAIR BINKLEY: I think you forgot Member  
5 Simpson.

6 MR. TORKELSON: I did. I'm going to come  
7 back to him.

8 Member Simpson?

9 MEMBER BORROMEO: He's going to sleep on it  
10 tonight. Just kidding.

11 MEMBER SIMPSON: I vote yes.

12 MR. TORKELSON: And Member Binkley?

13 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yes.

14 MR. TORKELSON: By a vote of three to two,  
15 the motion carries.

16 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. It looks like we've  
17 adopted our final plan, the revised proclamation of  
18 2022.

19 Is there any further business to come before  
20 the board?

21 Melanie?

22 MEMBER BAHNKE: I don't have further  
23 business, but I'd like to offer some closing remarks  
24 when it's the appropriate time, please.

25 CHAIR BINKLEY: Certainly. And this would

1 be the time to do that.

2 MEMBER BAHNKE: All right. Well, I just  
3 want to apologize to Alaskans again, because I don't  
4 think that we passed Senate pairings that comply with  
5 what the Court directed us to do. We still split  
6 Eagle River to give it more representation.

7 And I hope that the Courts move swiftly so  
8 that Alaskans can have an election under fair maps.

9 And I just want to thank everyone again who  
10 provided us with input and public testimony. Thank  
11 you very much.

12 CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you, Melanie.

13 Any further closing comments from board  
14 members?

15 Nicole?

16 MEMBER BORROMEO: A question. So is  
17 tomorrow's agenda no more? We don't need to meet  
18 anymore? I'm a little bit confused about the public  
19 notices that have gone out.

20 CHAIR BINKLEY: That's correct. We've  
21 concluded our business and we will not be meeting  
22 tomorrow.

23 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. In that case I do  
24 have some closing remarks.

25 And I'm going --

1 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay.

2 MEMBER BORROMEO: -- to begin by once again  
3 thanking Alaskans for engaging in the process. It  
4 has been extremely rewarding to be in your  
5 communities. I was in 23 of the 26 public hearings  
6 that were held across the state.

7 And my experience there and the board's  
8 collective experience led to us adopting a very fair  
9 House map that I'm proud of, that I believe is going  
10 to serve as a benchmark for future redistricting  
11 boards to achieve as they move forward.

12 The next message is -- excuse me one second.  
13 The next message, I'm sorry, is for my son Kellan,  
14 because the first time that he votes is going to be  
15 under maps that his mom drew.

16 So, Kellan, when you watch this later and  
17 you listen to it, I want you to know that in your own  
18 time you're going to be called to do things that are  
19 hard. But you have privilege, and with privilege  
20 comes great responsibility. So when you're asked to  
21 do something that requires you to step out of your  
22 comfort zone, to work hard, to make sacrifices that  
23 you don't think that you can make on a personal  
24 level, I want you to know that, just like Anna's been  
25 there to support me, I'm going to be there to support

1     you.

2                   And in the process you're going to be  
3     tempted to sacrifice integrity. Don't do it. You  
4     will never, ever be able to get that back.

5                   To Alaskans who are watching today and  
6     feeling discouraged by the process, don't be  
7     discouraged. This is why we have an independent  
8     judiciary. This is why a minority can come before  
9     you, as Melanie and I have, confident that our  
10    constitution is strong enough and flexible enough to  
11    give the Court the power to do what the five of us  
12    today couldn't.

13                  Democracy isn't always easy, and it isn't  
14    always clean, but it must be fair. And  
15    reapportionment is nothing if it's not fair.

16                  I can't sign on to a map today when one  
17    member said that she was splitting Eagle River to  
18    give Eagle River more representation, and two other  
19    members refuse to acknowledge her words time and time  
20    and time again. It's unfortunate that we've arrived  
21    at this place. It's not entirely surprising.

22                  And I want to thank Alaskans again for  
23    having us in your communities. When the board comes  
24    back in another ten years, please invite them into  
25    your communities.

1                   And if we've got nothing out of this  
2   process, we have a new State law that says the next  
3   time this board tries to engage in an  
4   unconstitutional partisan gerrymander, it will be  
5   struck down every time under Alaska's equal  
6   protection clause. And I'm happy and proud that  
7   that's something Melanie and I helped achieve.

8                   Thank you. I appreciate the former speaker  
9   of the House reaching out to me and asking me to  
10   serve in this role. It has been the honor of a  
11   lifetime.

12                  CHAIR BINKLEY: Thank you, Nicole.

13                  If there's no further comments, the chair  
14   would entertain a motion to adjourn.

15                  MEMBER BORROMEO: So moved.

16                  CHAIR BINKLEY: Is there a second to the  
17   motion?

18                  MEMBER SIMPSON: Second.

19                  MR. SINGER: Motion before us and seconded  
20   to adjourn. Discussion on the motion?

21                  MEMBER BAHNKE: Mr. Chair, just under  
22   discussion, I don't know if you can see in the chat  
23   box, and it's probably a moot issue at this point,  
24   but we have a member of the public who said that the  
25   video record shows that Mr. Simpson said on

1 April 6th, at two hours and 58 minutes, that the  
2 public should weigh in after the board makes a choice  
3 but before they take final action, and the person  
4 attached the video. So I wanted to bring that to  
5 your attention.

6 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. And thank you.

7 And just to further comment on that, I think  
8 that's what we did actually. We put the proposals  
9 out there to comment on it, and then took final  
10 action.

11 But we can, you know, all maybe remember it  
12 differently or have our difference of opinion. But  
13 with that --

14 MEMBER SIMPSON: Well, that's what we did  
15 do.

16 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Any further  
17 discussion? Is there objection to the motion?

18 Hearing none, the motion is adopted and we  
19 are adjourned. Thank you.

20 (Proceedings adjourned at 3:59 p.m.)

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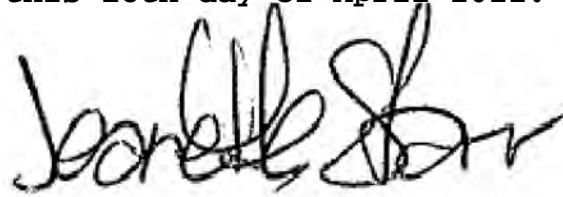
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DISTRICT	Total Population Tabulation						
	All Persons	Target	Dev.	Difference			
1	17,921	18,335	-2.26%✓	-414			
2	18,048	18,335	-1.56%✓	-287			
3	18,195	18,335	-0.76%✓	-140			
4	18,122	18,335	-1.16%✓	-213			
5	18,707	18,335	2.03%✓	372			
6	18,434	18,335	0.54%✓	99			
7	18,465	18,335	0.71%✓	130			
8	18,471	18,335	0.74%✓	136			
9	18,284	18,335	-0.28%✓	-51			
10	18,205	18,335	-0.71%✓	-130			
11	18,103	18,335	-1.26%✓	-232			
12	18,217	18,335	-0.64%✓	-118			
13	18,523	18,335	1.03%✓	188			
14	18,185	18,335	-0.82%✓	-150			
15	18,168	18,335	-0.91%✓	-167			
16	18,182	18,335	-0.83%✓	-153			
17	18,213	18,335	-0.66%✓	-122			
18	18,239	18,335	-0.52%✓	-96			
19	18,203	18,335	-0.72%✓	-132			
20	18,243	18,335	-0.50%✓	-92			
21	18,414	18,335	0.43%✓	79			
22	18,285	18,335	-0.27%✓	-50			
23	18,023	18,335	-1.70%✓	-312			
24	18,032	18,335	-1.65%✓	-303			
25	18,822	18,335	2.66%✓	487			
26	18,807	18,335	2.58%✓	472			
27	18,799	18,335	2.53%✓	464			
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## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 6, 2022, 10:56 pm

First Name: **Anna**

Last Name: **Brawley**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Anchorage, AK Resident (Turnagain Neighborhood)**

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

Your ZIP Code: **N/A**

Board Meeting: **4/2/2022 ARB Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Anna suggested that if the board considers any House district changes, House districts 14 and 16 should be paired together because West Anchorage and Midtown Anchorage have a fair amount of continuity. Northern Lights Blvd also connects the two districts. Spenard and Turnagain are similar neighborhoods with similar interests.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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

Date: April 6, 2022, 10:59 pm

First Name: **Kasey**

Last Name: **Casort**

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

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

Your ZIP Code: **Fairbanks**

Board Meeting: **4/2/2022 ARB Meeting Verbal Public Testimony (Call In)**

Public Comment: **Kasey urged the board to adopt the Senate pairings proposed by Member Bahnke and would like to see the redistricting process quickly and constitutionally completed soon.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 6, 2022, 11:03 pm

First Name: **Nicky**

Last Name: **Eiseman**

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

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

Your ZIP Code: **Ester**

Board Meeting: **4/2/2022 ARB Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Nicky urged the board to adopt the Senate pairings suggested by Member Bahnke and would like the process to be done as soon as possible. Regarding the error of including Goldstream Valley residents in its current district, the residents are largely urban in nature and drive to work in Fairbanks everyday. They also play there; any other characterization is false. All testimony of Goldstream Valley supported the area being included with the Fairbanks district.**

**Nicky revisited the evening at the Carlson Center where public testimony was last taken where Nicky watched several people "being grilled" by board memberse; this resulted in her decision not to testify as she'd intended.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 6, 2022, 11:09 pm

First Name: **Carolyn**

Last Name: **Cliff**

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

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

Your ZIP Code: **Anchorage**

Board Meeting: **4/2/2022 ARB Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Carolyn lives in the new District 21 which borders Districts 20-J, 19-J, and 12-F. District 22-K is also grouped with District 21. Map 1 does not show a population area in their district because it's all on Elmendorf AFB. There is also no way to get from her district to Eagle River without traveling through 2 other districts. Carolyn's district and Eagle River are not contiguous or socioeconomically integrated.**

**Carolyn expressed support for Member Bahnke's proposed maps (no details specified).**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 6, 2022, 11:22 pm

First Name: **Luke**

Last Name: **Hopkins**

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

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

Your ZIP Code: **Fairbanks**

Board Meeting: **4/2/2022 ARB Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **In the last redistricting cycle, the board's decision to place then-District 38 of Fairbanks North Star Borough all the way to the west coast of Alaska. There were objections to this board decision and court action found that its boundaries did not mean the constitutional requirements.**

**Luke Hopkins has opposed and continues to oppose the board's action to place Goldstream Valley residents in a district that is non-contiguous, non-compact, and has little to no socioeconomic integration to the communities that are now in the House District 36.**

**Many Goldstream residents report back to the local government where their schools, libraries, and churches are, and for Luke, the other communities in District 36 can only be reached by plane.**

**Luke hopes the board will remove District 36 from the Cantwell appendage.**



## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 6, 2022, 11:26 pm

First Name: **Elyse**

Last Name: **Guttenberg**

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

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

Your ZIP Code: **Fairbanks**

Board Meeting: **4/2/2022 ARB Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Elyse expressed concern about Goldstream Valley being placed in District 36 which places a suburban neighborhood with deep ties to Fairbanks into a rural district. Many Goldstream Valley residents attend or work at the university which is not a far drive. They also live, work, shop, and vote in Fairbanks. The Cantwell appendage creates a non-compact district that is unconstitutional and is not socioeconomically integrated. Like Cantwell, Goldstream Valley was gerrymandered.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 6, 2022, 11:28 pm

First Name: **Bernie**

Last Name: **Hoffman**

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

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

Your ZIP Code: **Fairbanks**

Board Meeting: **4/2/2022 ARB Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Bernie opposed the placement of Goldstream Valley into the rural district area. Goldstream is being treated like Cantwell and Bernie understands this is not being done properly per the Alaska Supreme Court. This seems unfair. Bernie asked the board to please consider Goldstream and Member Bahnke's proposed plan to come up with new pairings and get the new elections going.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 6, 2022, 11:41 pm

First Name: **Mike**

Last Name: **Edgington**

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

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

Your ZIP Code: **Girdwood**

Board Meeting: **4/2/2022 ARB Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Mike Edgington thanked the board for creating a cohesive District 9 and went on to testify on the Senate pairings from his perspective on the southern part of Anchorage. At the November 8th meeting, Mike recalled Member Bahnke suggesting Senate pairings that paired Districts 9 and 11 together. Through discussions with his community that same evening, this pairing generally had wide local support and Mike was surprised to see a different pairing the following morning: House District 9 (rural) and District 10 (suburban).**

**Mike testified in favor of pairing Districts 9 and 11 that combine the southern parts (Hillside, Bear Valley, Glen Alps) with Whittier/Girdwood/Turnagain Arm. Mike also spoke in favor of pairing House Districts 22 and 24.**

**Mike strongly opposed pairing House District 9 (Turnagain Arm) with House District 22 (Eagle River) because these districts are non-contiguous due to the separation of the two districts by the Chugach Mountains.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 6, 2022, 11:48 pm

First Name: **David**

Last Name: **Guttenberg**

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

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

Your ZIP Code: **Fairbanks**

Board Meeting: **4/2/2022 ARB Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **David referred to the 2012 redistricting process where Goldstream Valley was placed in a rural district stretching out to the coast; this was declared unconstitutional and was changed. During the current process, the board has placed Goldstream Valley in a rural district contrary to the resolution adopted by the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly. This resolution was misrepresented by the board and David urged the board to fix this issue simply by doing so in the interior.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 6, 2022, 11:54 pm

First Name: **Jamie**

Last Name: **Rodriguez**

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

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

Your ZIP Code: **Anchorage**

Board Meeting: **4/2/2022 ARB Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Jamie Rodriguez testified in favor of the "second to the left" Senate pairings that were presented by Member Bahnke. These pairings have already been considered on the record, takes into account the public testimony, makes sense geographically, upholds the idea of "one person, one vote", is socioeconomically integrated, does not affect the deviation, keeps Muldoon, West Anchorage, Hillside, and Eagle River together.**

**The board needs to act immediately and comply with the court's requirements to make the maps legal and minimize costs and time. It is in the public's interest to adopt legal maps that check all constitutional requirements as proposed by Member Bahnke.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 6, 2022, 11:58 pm

First Name: **Karen**

Last Name: **Williams**

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

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

Your ZIP Code: **East Anchorage**

Board Meeting: **4/2/2022 ARB Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **East Anchorage is diverse and pairing an East Anchorage district with a South Anchorage or an Eagle River district is unfair and does not allow the diverse community to have accurate representation. It is important for the community to elect a Senator that understands the community's needs. Karen testified in support of the Senate pairings proposed by Member Bahnke.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 7, 2022, 12:02 am

First Name: **Rich**

Last Name: **Curtner**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Alaska Black Caucus**

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

Your ZIP Code: **Anchorage**

Board Meeting: **4/2/2022 ARB Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **The Alaska Black Caucus is in support of pairing House Districts 20 (North and South Muldoon) in District K. Doing so is the simplest and best solution and should be done as soon as possible.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 7, 2022, 12:04 am

First Name: **Kay**

Last Name: **Brown**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

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

Your ZIP Code: **Anchorage**

Board Meeting: **4/2/2022 ARB Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Kay urged the board to follow the Alaska Supreme Court's directions as expeditiously as possible. The court's directions are very straightforward and can be done quickly. This process needs to be completed as soon as possible as it negatively impacts elections, giving everyone uncertainty.**



## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 7, 2022, 9:20 am

First Name: **Benny**

Last Name: **Wells**

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

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

Your ZIP Code: **Anchorage**

Board Meeting: **4/2/2022 ARB Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Benny testified against the Goldstream Valley placement, the Cantwell finger, and the Senate pairings in Anchorage, particularly the Eagle River/Muldoon and North Muldoon/U-Med District). Encouraged to use the pairings proposed by Member Bahnke as they are consistent with the testimony given by the public. There were several testimonies also given from the Hillside and Eagle River communities asking the board not to pair these two communities. Benny suggested pairing Districts 9 and 11 and Districts 14 and 16.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 7, 2022, 9:28 am

First Name: **Yarrow**

Last Name: **Silvers**

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

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

Your ZIP Code: **Anchorage**

Board Meeting: **4/2/2022 ARB Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Yarrow requested that the board redo the Senate pairings without delay so Alaskans can vote from a fully constitutional map. Yarrow spoke in support of the Senate pairings proposed by Member Bahnke as they would fix the constitutional errors, has broad public support, and respects communities. The pairings also keeps Eagle River as one community, Muldoon as one community, connects the U-Med and Airport Heights areas, and reconnects the north and south sides of 4th Avenue in downtown.**

**Yarrow asked the board to develop a truncation process that is transparent and random. Yarrow stated that the public's trust in the board was broken because the board stated that no members were knowledgeable about incumbent information when at least two members looked at and discussed the information on camera before voting. Additionally, the action on the South Anchorage pairing was done without discussion or reasoning as to why it was split apart at the last minute, making it seem as though someone reviewed political data the night before and decided the new pairing gave a partisan advantage.**

**Yarrow asked that the board follow the Alaska state constitution which does not allow politically based mapping, and asked board members attending public sessions virtually to turn on their cameras.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 7, 2022, 9:33 am

First Name: **Chris**

Last Name: **Stern**

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

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

Your ZIP Code: **East Anchorage**

Board Meeting: **4/2/2022 ARB Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Chris noted that the board should group based on communities as it is a relevant data point to be used in the redistricting process. Chris urged the board to quickly complete the adoption of the Senate pairings put forward by Member Bahnke; there is no need to begin a new map.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 7, 2022, 9:34 am

First Name: **Candace**

Last Name: **Oxford**

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

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

Your ZIP Code: **South Muldoon - Anchorage**

Board Meeting: **4/2/2022 ARB Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Candace spoke against South Muldoon being paired with Eagle River to give more representation to Eagle River; this is undemocratic and unfair to the Muldoon community. Candace implored the board to adopt Member Bahnke's maps before the next election.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 7, 2022, 9:52 am

First Name: **Joelle**

Last Name: **Hall**

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

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

Your ZIP Code: **Anchorage**

Board Meeting: **4/2/2022 ARB Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **The board has an opportunity to repair the Senate pairings to fulfill their duty to Alaskans. There is no reason to delay the process with Member Bahnke's proposed Senate pairings on the record which gives the board the ability to swiftly complete the process. There has been public concern about the board's decision to present maps to the public for final consideration that did not include Senate pairings; the judge also called this out. This meeting could have been avoidable with all of the public testimony already given to the board.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 7, 2022, 9:55 am

First Name: **George**

Last Name: **Martinez**

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

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

Your ZIP Code: **East Anchorage**

Board Meeting: **4/2/2022 ARB Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **George testified on behalf of himself, but also noted that he is one of the plaintiffs in the East Anchorage lawsuit. Written testimony has been submitted on behalf of himself and the other plaintiffs, too. George hopes the board will consider that detailed testimony. George urged the board to move expeditiously and effectively to take the direction given by the courts and to consider the cost of this process to taxpayers and the erosion of the public's trust.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 7, 2022, 10:07 am

First Name: **Bruce**

Last Name: **Farnsworth**

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

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

Your ZIP Code: **Anchorage**

Board Meeting: **4/2/2022 ARB Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **The pairings adopted by the board only make sense if the goal is to water down the votes of eastside residents in Anchorage. To see the socioeconomic similarities, one would only need to drive from North to South Muldoon; there is no significant change and a working-class neighborhood that is very different from Eagle River. Bruce urged the board to adopt the Senate pairings proposed by Member Bahnke.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 7, 2022, 10:14 am

First Name: **Matt**

Last Name: **Claman**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **House of Representatives - State of Alaska**

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

Your ZIP Code: **Anchorage**

Board Meeting: **4/2/2022 ARB Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **The Trial Court was specific about criticizing the board for not announcing the Senate pairings that were under consideration. The court's opinion makes it very clear that the board needs to publicly say what else is being considered and announce it in a manner that gives time for public comment. The window of time to propose a new map and obtain public comment is very limited.**

**Rep. Claman recommended that the board look at the affidavit from Chase Hensell who testified on behalf of East Anchorage plaintiffs; this affidavit gives detailed explanation into how North and South Muldoon are a single community of interest and how Eagle River and Chugiak are a single community of interest. The Hensell proposal notes that Chugiak-Eagle River is a single community of interest because it is the only community that has their own volunteer fire department, the municipal parks and funding are managed differently than the Municipality of Anchorage, and Chugiak-Eagle River has many residents who see themselves as a unified community separate from the rest of Anchorage.**

**Rep. Claman urged the board to adopt the pairings proposed by Member Bahnke.**



## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 7, 2022, 10:25 am

First Name: **Celeste**

Last Name: **Hodge Growden**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Alaska Black Caucus**

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

Your ZIP Code: **Anchorage**

Board Meeting: **4/2/2022 ARB Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Celeste echoes the comments shared by Rich Curtner from the Alaska Black Caucus (ABC). ABC does not have permanent friends or enemies, what they do have is permanent interest. The main interest is championing the lives of black and BIPOC communities. At every turn, unfortunately, they have to fight for justice in economics, education, and health. Now, they are fighting for justice in redistricting. This is exhausting, old, and must stop.**

**Celeste urged the board to follow the court's direction now, not tomorrow or several days from now.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 7, 2022, 10:32 am

First Name: **David**

Last Name: **Dunsmore**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **AFFR**

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

Your ZIP Code: **Anchorage**

Board Meeting: **4/2/2022 ARB Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **AFFR met and reviewed the Superior and Supreme Courts' decisions and determined that the pairings proposed by Member Bahnke are the fairest pairings to address the concerns raised by the Supreme Court. The board has the opportunity to quickly make changes.**

**The following Senate pairings by Member Bahnke are supported for the following reasons:**

- Districts 22 and 24: This is most logical.**
- Districts 20 and 21: Muldoon area is an integrated community of interest.**
- Districts 18 and 19: Keeps 2 Senate districts in East Anchorage.**
- Districts 23 and 17: Keeps the historic neighborhoods of Downtown and Gov't Hill in the same Senate district.**
- Districts 16 and 14: Keeps Spenard and Turnagain in the same district, often referred to as "Spenardagain" as it's looked at as one community**
- Districts 13 and 12: Creates a midtown residential core district rather than splitting these communities into South Anchorage**
- Districts 15 and 10: Keeps Southport, Bay Shore, and Klatt in one district and allows the pairing of Districts of 11 and 9, which the board had reached consensus on at one point in the process to keep the hillside in one district.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 7, 2022, 12:47 pm

First Name: **Liz**

Last Name: **Medicine Crow**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **President/CEO, First Alaskans Institute**

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

Your ZIP Code: **KĀċex' KwĀjan**

Board Meeting: **4/2/2022 ARB Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Liz expressed appreciation for the testimonies given by the Alaska Black Caucus and encouraged the board to follow the court's directions immediately without delaying the process and voters during elections.**

**Liz testified in favor of the East Anchorage Senate pairings proposed by Member Bahnke that have already been vetted and do not diminish the population over the deviations that were already outlined.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 7, 2022, 12:52 pm

First Name: **Susan**

Last Name: **Fischetti**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

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

Your ZIP Code: **Eagle River**

Board Meeting: **4/2/2022 ARB Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Over the last 40 years, the Eagle River population has more than doubled and has always been represented by 2 senators. Randy Phillips once represented Muldoon in Eagle River in the 80s and 90s - he did well and this worked fine. He attended community council meetings and supported schools and businesses, and East Anchorage as a whole. In 2000, they were paired with Hillside all the way to Hope, posing a "geographical nightmare". Past senators tried to represent Eagle River but never connected to what was important to the community in Eagle River.**

**Now, Chugiak and Eagle River each have their own Senator and there have been no complaints. Eagle River is adjacent to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson and many Chugiak residents are in the military.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 7, 2022, 1:14 pm

First Name: **Randy**

Last Name: **Ruedrich**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **AFFER**

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

Your ZIP Code: **Anchorage**

Board Meeting: **4/4/2022 ARB Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Randy will be offering an alternate Senate district pairing map that preserves 3 of the existing districts: Senate Districts F-11 F-12, Senate Districts H-15 and H-16, and Senate Districts L-23 and L-24). They are now looking at a highlands district for East Anchorage.**

**Randy will return on April 5th to continue this testimony.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 7, 2022, 1:19 pm

First Name: **Susan**

Last Name: **Fischetti**

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

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

Your ZIP Code: **Eagle River**

Board Meeting: **4/4/2022 ARB Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Susan agrees with Member Simpson that the board should allow more time to conduct this process the right way. On the April 4, 2022 ARB meeting, it became clear to Susan that the Senate pairings proposed by Member Bahnke are partisan gerrymandering and should not be adopted. The one-sided testimony on Saturday that the Bahnke pairings have been secretly orchestrated.**

**On April 4, 2022, Susan testified that the pairing of Eagle River with East Anchorage should be approved because it has been done before. Now that the judge has taken that option off the table to finalize a plan, Susan is now urging the board to pair Eagle River with South Hillside which has also been done previously. The two communities share the same socioeconomic profiles with local road services areas, wildfire and wildlife issues, avalanche, and public safety concerns. Additionally, you can't get to Chugiak-Eagle River without driving through Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson and many active-duty military and veterans live in Chugiak-Eagle River; it makes sense for these two communities to be paired together.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 7, 2022, 1:24 pm

First Name: **Jamie**

Last Name: **Allard**

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

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

Your ZIP Code: **Eagle River**

Board Meeting: **4/4/2022 ARB Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Jamie testified against the "Bahnke plan" as it is clearly partisan in its current form, politically unbalanced and unfair, and does not accurately represent the people of Eagle River and Anchorage. The board re-evaluates the timeframe and gives enough time to have public input and produce a non-partisan plan that also incorporates the voices of constituents. The process needs to be fair to all, not just a small group of individuals, and Eagle River's voice deserves to be a part of the plan.**

**Jamie noted that on April 5th, 140 people were unable to testify due to the emergency declaration from the avalanche on Hiland Road. To not hear from these families is unreasonable.**

**Jamie urged the board to slow the process down. Pushing the process to be done by April 5th is gerrymandering.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 7, 2022, 1:28 pm

First Name: **David**

Last Name: **Dunsmore**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **AFFR**

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

Your ZIP Code: **Anchorage**

Board Meeting: **4/4/2022 ARB Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **In reviewing the court decision, the phrase the court used regarding the "Bahnke plan" was loud and clear that Member Bahnke's pairings had clear public support - the board should consider this. The court has also acknowledged the board is aware of the public's support for these pairings.**

**AFFR also participated in the municipal election process and one other municipal redistricting process. One issue that came up was that Chugiak-Eagle River did not have the population to meet the full ideal Assembly district. David thanked Assemblywoman Allard for her advocacy in keeping her community whole and intact.**



## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 7, 2022, 1:29 pm

First Name: **Yarrow**

Last Name: **Silvers**

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

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

Your ZIP Code: **Anchorage**

Board Meeting: **4/4/2022 ARB Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Yarrow noted that it is not gerrymandering to keep communities together. When you split communities apart for political purposes, that is gerrymandering. Yarrow encouraged the board to review the testimonies from the recent reapportionment and look at what happened when the Municipality tried to pair Eagle River and South Anchorage. Eagle River belongs together - this was spoken loud and clear when they attempted this in the past. Jamie Allard had also stated this on the record.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 7, 2022, 1:32 pm

First Name: **Denny**

Last Name: **Wells**

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

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

Your ZIP Code: **Anchorage**

Board Meeting: **4/4/2022 ARB Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **There has been substantial testimony from Hillside and Eagle River that pairing these two communities was not a good pairing. Eagle River should be kept as one.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 8, 2022, 6:06 pm

First Name: **Carolyn**

Last Name: **Cliff**

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

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

Your ZIP Code: **South Muldoon - Anchorage**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **4/5/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Carolyn thanked the board for presenting the new map that places the North and South Muldoon areas into one Senate District K. Carolyn also noted that there is no contiguous transportation or socioeconomic integration between South Muldoon and Eagle River.**

**Carolyn urged the board to adopt the new map that links her the North and South Muldoon communities.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 8, 2022, 6:11 pm

First Name: **Barbara**

Last Name: **Tyndall**

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

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

Your ZIP Code: **North Pole**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **4/5/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Barbara testified against the "Bahnke Plan" or "Senate Minority Plan" and stated that a socioeconomic profile and more Senate alignment is needed. The proposed map seems to be politically motivated to change Senate seats.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 8, 2022, 6:38 pm

First Name: **Christopher**

Last Name: **Constant**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Anchorage Assembly**

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

Your ZIP Code: **Anchorage**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **4/5/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Christopher Constant expressed concern about the Senate pairing of Districts 23 and 24. Christopher lives in House District 23. To get to the main body of the district, he must drive 20-30 miles and drive through multiple communities to do so. This is the same for others in his community. The finger in the north is a prime concern.**

**Christopher suggested the following:**

- 1) Pair Districts 23 and 17 together, this would unite neighbors who live across the street**
- 2) Make minimal changes to boundaries that make the map unconstitutional**

**Christopher described the reapportionment process in the Municipality of Anchorage. The city ran a robust public process with over 20 opportunities for public testimony, had a public portal to receive public comment, hired a contractor who proposed several maps and opened the mapmaking process to the public. The final map adopted was a map submitted by a member of the public. Two proposed maps paired Chugiak-Eagle River with Hillside Anchorage; this pairing resulted in a community uproar in overwhelming opposition.**

**The Anchorage Assembly listened to the community's feedback and Christopher expressed hope for the board to do the same, too, with the testimonies given by the public and resolutions written by community councils that opposing the pairing of Chugiak-Eagle River with South Anchorage. Christopher referenced several public comments and resolutions by community councils that were written expressing this opposition.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 8, 2022, 6:56 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): **4/5/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **The court decision was given 10 days ago, so there is no rush to adopt the pairings proposed by Member Bahnke right away. Because of the recent court decision, Susan's testimony has changed since her testimony on February 28, 2022. It seems as if this process is being used to promote their special interests rather than doing what is best for the state. Since 1974, Chugiak-Eagle River has been paired with the valley and the hillside, so this is not a new pairing. Chugiak-Eagle River has been represented by two Senate members since 1974.**

**Senate District K is what the judge would like to be reworked; the Bahnke plan changes almost every district.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 8, 2022, 7:09 pm

First Name: **Patty**

Last Name: **Wisel**

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

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

Your ZIP Code: **Fairbanks**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **4/5/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Patty testified against the "Bahnke Plan" and requested the board to consider a plan that is more representative of similar socioeconomic profiles and equal Senate seat alignment.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 8, 2022, 7:28 pm

First Name: **Robert**

Last Name: **Hockema**

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): **4/5/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Robert testified in favor of Member Bahnke's proposed Senate pairings because it keeps communities of interest representing Alaskans' interests. The suggested pairings connect North and South Muldoon, the best contiguous pairing. It is superior to the U-Med connection to the west and superior to the alternative Abbott Loop district with different community interests and priorities.**

**Although Muldoon and Eagle River have historically been paired, this does not mean it was a fair pairing because state and local official processes have consistently disenfranchised Muldoon.**

**This pairing also keeps important communities together that have repeatedly asked to remain together during old state and municipal reapportionment testimonies. The pairings include the following: Spenard and Turnagain (Districts 14 and 16), Airport Heights and Midtown (Districts 18 and 19), Hillside and Southside (Districts 9 and 11), Southport, Klatt, and Oceanview (Districts 10 and 15).**

**Lastly, the pairing shares JBER with Anchorage as opposed to handing it over to Eagle River by default as past reapportionments have done.**

**These pairings make sense, are defensible in court, have broad support, and deserve discussion by the board. Board members must be transparent. The process must be completed quickly considering the upcoming elections. The more clarity voters have, the better equipped they are to hold a fair, trusted election process.**



# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 9, 2022, 12:50 am

First Name: **Randy**

Last Name: **Ruedrich**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **AFFER**

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

Your ZIP Code: **Anchorage**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **4/5/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Regarding the pairing of East Anchorage and Chugiak-Eagle River, the two areas have always been paired in various ways for various reasons, primarily due to a "numbers game".**

**Regarding the repair of the House districts, Randy suggested that the board only reassemble the map to the necessary extent and complete one repair as directed by the court. Changing districts may impact the people who have already declared that they are running for office.**

**Randy submitted a map on April 4, 2022 that represents eight of the Anchorage Senate seats, three of which are not changed: 1) Senate Seat F for Districts 11 and 12, Senate Seat H for Districts 15 and 16, and Senate Seat L for Districts 23 and 24. There is a remainder of 10 House seats.**

**Randy referenced a testimony he gave in November stating that South Eagle River could be paired with District 21 or 9 in the current map. If it was paired with District 9, municipal uplands would be placed together where the commonalities are road service and fire service areas and issues. This pairing was done in 2001 by combining parts of the Senate district. Randy referenced the 2001 instance where House District 18 went unchallenged after being redrawn after court action and went on to note that Eagle River is combined with South Anchorage to create a Senate seat now that they have grown large enough to each have a House seat; this will serve the areas well.**

**Next, House Districts 10 and 13 in South Anchorage would form Senate District G, an area that could potentially be bifurcated by Dimond Boulevard. To the north is Senate District I that pairs House Districts 14 and 17 in Central Anchorage. These two districts were the historical residential development area of the city, thus, redevelopment is a key component of this area making it a benefit to share a Senator with Spenard, through Chester Creek, into the South Addition.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

District 18 has always been seen as the U-Med District while District 19 is often ignored as a U-Med District where the Alaska Regional complex sits. The Providence and Alaska Native health campuses are on District 18. Both districts together create a medical community for the surrounding residents, some of which have moved to the areas to be closer to healthcare facilities.

Lastly, House Districts 20 and 21 lie along either side of Muldoon Road into Senate District K in East Anchorage. This combines North Muldoon with the areas to the south.

Randy urged the board to review his proposed map because it only impacts five of eight Senators and allows the board to fix the issue raised by the Supreme Court.

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 9, 2022, 1:15 am

First Name: **Yarrow**

Last Name: **Silvers**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Self & East Anchorage Plaintiffs**

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

Your ZIP Code: **Anchorage**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **4/5/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Yarrow Silvers testified in representation of herself, but the proposal introduced in her testimony is on behalf of the East Anchorage plaintiffs.**

**The "Bahnke Plan" respects communities and socioeconomic integration. The plan is not based on partisan data and is informed by public testimony; this is evident by the compact spaces, areas of contiguity, and general support - all of which have not been seen in the more partisan proposal that has caused strong opposition by the people impacted by these pairings. The Supreme Court has ordered the board to correct the constitutional areas and make other revisions to the proclamation plan.**

**The following pairings proposed by Yarrow and the East Anchorage plaintiffs are the following:**

- 1) Senate District B - House Districts 9 and 10**
- 2) Senate District F - House Districts 11 and 12**
- 3) Senate District G - House Districts 13 and 14**
- 4) Senate District H - House Districts 15 and 16**
- 5) Senate District I - House Districts 17 and 23**
- 6) Senate District J - House Districts 18 and 19**
- 7) Senate District K - House Districts 20 and 21**
- 8) Senate District L - House Districts 22 and 24**

**The above pairings contain the minimum changes necessary to fix the constitutional errors, are logical, respect communities, and were introduced during the initial Senate pairing process, where they had general support.**

**The East Anchorage plaintiffs have submitted additional details on this proposal via email.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 9, 2022, 1:22 am

First Name: **Tanner**

Last Name: **Amdur Clark**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Coalition of Doyon, Sealaska, Ahtna, Fairbanks Native Association, and Tanana Chiefs Conference**

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

Your ZIP Code: **Anchorage**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **4/5/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **The coalition supports the proposal put forth by the board at the April 4, 2022 meeting that puts Cantwell in District 30 instead of District 36 as the borders are being put back along the borough boundaries in a contiguous way.**

**The board was encouraged to make minimal changes necessary to comply with the court, particularly on the House side. New mapping proposals could open the court up to additional litigation.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 9, 2022, 1:27 am

First Name: **Celeste**

Last Name: **Hodge Growden**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Alaska Black Caucus and NAACP**

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

Your ZIP Code: **Anchorage**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **4/5/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Celeste agreed about an earlier comment observing "badgering  
testifiers" and noted that this should stop.**

**Celeste spoke in favor of pairing House Districts 20 and 21 with Senate District K and noted that there had been a very long history of federal, state, and local officials using the redistricting process as a mechanism for excluding voters of color. This unjust pairing happened with the late Senator Bettye Davis; it was wrong then, and it is wrong now.**

**For many reasons, groups of color cannot testify during business hours due to work and cannot break away to tend to their families on the weekends. Celeste noted that she was advocating for the BIPOC community and urged the board to correct the error of the Senate District K by pairing House Districts 20 and 21.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 9, 2022, 1:34 am

First Name: **George**

Last Name: **Martinez**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Self & East Anchorage Plaintiffs**

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

Your ZIP Code: **Anchorage**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **4/5/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **George congratulated the board because history was made. Several references to "fixing the error identified by the Supreme Court" have been made. This error is significant and historical because it results from partisan gerrymandering that the Supreme Court has found unconstitutional for the first time in Alaska. The error was also a direct violation of equal protection, the "one person, one vote" principle, and the right to political representation - all values must be aligned with the remedy to the error. So far, this alignment has not been made by the board or legal counsel.**

**The equal representation of East Anchorage is what is most important to George's family and neighbors. Gerrymandering must stop. Districts 20 and 21 must be combined. Muldoon deserves equal representation.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 9, 2022, 1:35 am

First Name: **Michael**

Last Name: **Ryan**

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

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

Your ZIP Code: **North Pole**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **4/5/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Michael spoke in opposition of the Senate minority plan on the "Bahnke map" as it seems to be politically motivated and would result in the loss of two Senate seats.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 9, 2022, 1:51 am

First Name: **Tom**

Last Name: **Begich**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Alaska State Senate**

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

Your ZIP Code: **Anchorage**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **4/5/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **There have been several references to a "Senate minority map" that is equated to the map adopted by the board and is also referred to as the "Bahnke map". Senator Begich clarified that these maps are not connected and that he has had no communication with Member Bahnke throughout the redistricting process. The map developed by Senator Begich with members of, not just the Senate Minority Caucus, but the Senate majority, was the map he'd hoped to have considered.**

**The Hickel process, along with others, were designed to prevent gerrymandering. The court now recognizes that there is a standard for political gerrymandering and the standard should be adhered to. Maps should be repaired in the least disruptive way possible.**

**Senator Begich referenced the Superior Court's decision that was upheld by the Supreme Court decision. On page 65 of the Supreme Court's decision, indicates that overwhelming testimony was against combining Eagle River and Muldoon. Further, it was clear to the court that most of the public comments were in favor of keeping Eagle River and Muldoon together in their own respective Senate seats. This implies that House Districts 22 and 24 (Eagle River) should be combined in a Senate seat and the two Muldoon seats should be combined into one Senate seat. These two pairings will reverse the error found by the courts and remove the political gerrymandering that has occurred in this process.**

**Senator Begich cited the Superior Court point on page 70 stating that the court found the board intentionally discriminated against East Anchorage residents in favor of Eagle River and further acknowledged that the two separate entities must be combined to remedy this issue.**

**Senator Begich addressed the text messages that were presented in court between him and Member Borrromeo, clarifying that these were suggestions for pairings that were rejected by Member Borrromeo. Any other assertions are false.**



## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 10, 2022, 2:56 pm

First Name: **Mike**

Last Name: **Robbins**

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): **4/5/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Mike testified in support of the revised redistricting plan as it supports districts with socioeconomic profiles by putting neighborhoods together that share the most common values and demographics.**

**Mike suggested the following pairings:**

- 1) House Districts 10 and 13 (similar to current alignment)**
- 2) House Districts 11 and 12 (declared by Board in November '21)**
- 3) House Districts 14 and 17 (similar in business characteristics)**
- 4) House Districts 15 and 16 (declared by Board in November '21)**
- 5) House Districts 18 and 19 (shared diversity and socioeconomic linkages)**
- 6) House Districts 20 and 21 (same roadway, neighborhoods, dynamics)**
- 7) House Districts 22 and 9 (similar voter demographics)**
- 8) House Districts 23 and 24 (several military members along highway, strong socioeconomic relationships)**

**Mike encouraged the board to not adopt the "Bahnke plan" and noted that his recommendations establish fair Senate pairings for Anchorage.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 10, 2022, 3:03 pm

First Name: **Alex**

Last Name: **Baker**

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): **4/5/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Alex testified in support of House Districts 17 and 23 being a Senate pairing. Government Hill and Downtown share the same Anchorage Assembly members. As a Downtown resident, he is in Government Hill a couple of times per week, usually for the Anchorage Curling Club. The Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson and Government Hill communities are very integrated as many people come from the base into downtown from the bridge.**

**Alex spoke about the frequency of updates on written testimony. He checked what his neighbors and community members were putting on the written record, which hasn't been updated since April 2nd. The public testimony has not been updated in a few days, impacting transparency from the board to the public. Alex asked the board to update the website after every meeting so the public can be in a position to testify based on up-to-date information.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 10, 2022, 3:12 pm

First Name: **Fred**

Last Name: **Brown**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Chair, District 9 Homeowners Association**

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

Your ZIP Code: **Anchorage**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **4/5/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Fred testified in favor of Districts 22 and 9 being paired for the following reasons:**

**1) They supply and support their road service areas in the foothills of the Chugach Mountains and share the common need for road maintenance.**

**2) The two districts share the risk of fire and the need for fire protection.**

**The proposal outlined by Randy Ruedrich would satisfy the homeowner's associations' concerns.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 10, 2022, 3:20 pm

First Name: **Jamie**

Last Name: **Rodriguez**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

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

Your ZIP Code: **Anchorage**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **4/5/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Jamie testified against the pairing of Districts 22 and 9. The court rejected the Northeast Anchorage pairing because it was a "wild overreach" of the constitutional requirements. The board discussed a proposed replacement on April 4, 2022, that would repeat the same overreach but worse. The replacement proposal pairs Districts 22 and 9 making it political gerrymandering by capturing another Senate seat for Eagle River to replace the Northeast Anchorage plan.**

**The driving distance between Eagle River and Southeast Anchorage is approximately 27 miles, Eagle River and Girdwood is 67 miles, Eagle River and Whittier is 87 miles, and Eagle River and Portage is 108 miles. All of the destinations mentioned are in District 9. To get from Eagle River to Southeast Anchorage, five to six unrelated House districts must be crossed.**

**Jamie urged the board to do their job fairly and correctly for all Alaskans regardless of political affiliation.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 10, 2022, 3:31 pm

First Name: **Dan**

Last Name: **Sadler**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

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

Your ZIP Code: **Eagle River**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **4/5/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Dan testified powerfully against the "Bahnke Plan" and expressed concern about the rushed process giving the public limited time to review, analyze, and comment on the plan. This plan seems to be the product of planning by a subset of the board in a process hidden from public view. There also appears to be a coordinated effort to "ramrod this plan through by the sheer weight of public comments, sometimes the same person commenting a dozen or more times. That should be a perversion of the one person, one vote standard that should be at the heart of the redistricting process."**

**Dan testified in support of the revised map that pairs Districts 22 and 9 as offered by AFFER for the following reasons:**

- 1) These residents share common interests through the foothills and the upper slopes of the Chugach Mountains.**
- 2) These communities rely on their local road service boards to maintain their roads.**
- 3) These communities face similar road conditions and hazards: bears, wildfires, rush reliable utility services, and extreme weather conditions.**
- 4) These communities are socioeconomically integrated simply by being part of the Municipality of Anchorage.**
- 5) These communities are contiguous and joined in the uplands of the Chugach mountains.**

**Please reject the "Bahnke plan" and approve a plan that pairs House Districts 22 and 9 to make one Senate pairing.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 10, 2022, 3:42 pm

First Name: **Gretchen**

Last Name: **Stoddard**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

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

Your ZIP Code: **Anchorage**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **4/5/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Gretchen is a District 9 resident and expressed understanding for House Districts 9 and 10 being paired because the two districts share an elementary school, middle school, and high school, and there is a bridge going over the Seward Highway that links the two districts well.**

**If the board chooses to pair House District 9 with another district other than House District 10, Gretchen asked the board to give the public time to provide comments and analyze the proposed change. Gretchen does not feel that District 9 would be paired well with any other district. Gretchen does not immediately agree with the idea of District 9 being paired with an Eagle River district.**

**The board must take the time to do the redistricting process well and not rush the process.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 10, 2022, 3:43 pm

First Name: **Ann**

Last Name: **Brown**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

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

Your ZIP Code: **Anchorage**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **4/5/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Ann testified against the "Bahnke Plan" as a resident of District 9  
and testified in support of Districts 22 and 9.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 10, 2022, 3:54 pm

First Name: **Brian**

Last Name: **Hove**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

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

Your ZIP Code: **Anchorage**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **4/5/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **The last testimony given by Brian Hove was in support of House Districts 15 and 16. Since then, much has happened with litigation and the courts identifying deficiencies. As a result, Districts 15 and 16 have been separated. As Brian reviews the proposed map, some pairings confuse him, such as Districts 14 and 16. With the map offered by Randy Ruedrich, Brian noticed that Anchorage House districts have long and short boundaries, and the communities are connected, by and large, on the long side with north and south pairings: Districts 15 and 16, 14 and 17, 13 and 10, 12, and 11, 18 and 19, 20 and 21. These pairings make sense due to the transportation and main roadways going north to south.**



## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 10, 2022, 5:46 pm

First Name: **Robin**

Last Name: **O'Donoghue**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **AFFR/AKIPRG**

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

Your ZIP Code: **Anchorage**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **4/5/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **AFFR urges the board to only adopt a constitutional plan that complies with the court ruling and pairs the Muldoon districts (Districts 20 and 21) together and the Eagle River (Districts 22 and 24) districts together. Doing so would address the constitutional error as identified by the court ruling outlined on the 69th page. These pairings are also consistent with most of the public testimony received by the board and were suggested to the board by AFFR.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 10, 2022, 5:49 pm

First Name: **Kathy**

Last Name: **Hosford**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **NA**

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

Your ZIP Code: **Dyea**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **4/5/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Kathy testified against the Municipality of Skagway being paired with Downtown Juneau because this pairing seems to be a partisan issue. Kathy hopes the board will consider the redistricting that is fair to everyone and not rush the process.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 10, 2022, 6:02 pm

First Name: **Joanne**

Last Name: **Blackford**

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

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

Your ZIP Code: **Portage**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **4/5/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **The residents of Portage have unique experiences and lifestyles. They should not be part of the Municipality of Anchorage because Anchorage handles urban concerns. Anchorage does not understand high tides or low tides and how this impacts residents. Portage residents don't receive anything from Anchorage except for political planning that they are usually not part of.**

**Portage also does not have links to Girdwood. The State of Alaska, combined with Anchorage, spends about \$1 million per year maintaining Girdwood, but nothing is done in Portage. Kathy gave an example of a dangerous curve she is aware of at Mile Post 89 at the right-hand turn. This curve was not designed for fifth wheels. Additionally, the Portage Valley Community Council does not meet because they have nowhere to meet.**

**Portage does not prefer to be paired with Girdwood as they do not share the same approaches. Portage prefers being paired with Kenai, where they have Attorney Generals who are privy to the impact of high tides. Kenai also has several locations along the Seward Highway. Portage would like to be defined as a rural village outside of Anchorage so they can request their proper needs and complete their planning.**

**As it currently stands, Portage is most understood by Eagle River as they are willing to take more calls and are overworked.**

**Kathy urged the board to equitably release Portage from their relationship with the Municipality of Anchorage.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 10, 2022, 7:30 pm

First Name: **Cristine**

Last Name: **Hinte**

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): **4/6/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Cristine urged the board to consider a plan that is more  
representative of the similar socioeconomic profiles and equitable seat assignments.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 10, 2022, 7:36 pm

First Name: **Elizabeth**

Last Name: **Roderick**

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): **4/6/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Elizabeth testified against pairing South Anchorage with Eagle River and encouraged the board to support the proposal for East Anchorage that is in most alignment with the court ruling.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 10, 2022, 7:38 pm

First Name: **Leon**

Last Name: **Jaimes**

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): **4/6/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Leon testified against pairing Eagle River with South Anchorage and encouraged the board to take the solution proposed by the plaintiffs from East Anchorage to keep the Muldoon districts and the Eagle River districts together.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 10, 2022, 8:01 pm

First Name: **Frank**

Last Name: **McQueary**

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): **4/6/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Frank gave some historical perspective as his company supplied technology to AFFR in the last redistricting process. During Frank's involvement in this process, he has observed that the AFFR plan presents the least possible opportunities for additional litigation. Shuffling every pairing in Anchorage, as other proposals do, could potentially open the board up to further litigation.**

**Frank testified in favor of the AFFR plan and testified against pairing Districts 22 and 9. Frank urged the board to not reshuffle the map entirely.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 10, 2022, 8:11 pm

First Name: **Ray**

Last Name: **Kreig**

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): **4/6/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Ray testified in support of AFFER's proposed Senate pairings and referred to the court rulings on the Senate districts that should be revisited. AFFER pairs House Districts 22 and 9 to create Senate District E in the East Anchorage uplands where local service areas and snow management are common and key issues in both House districts. Other similarities between these districts are the real estate, socioeconomic uniformity, and neighborhood settings. Additionally, these districts maintain their own roads and do not rely on the the Municipality of Anchorage to maintain their roads. This pairing has also been done historically. Three other Anchorage Senate districts had revised pairings to facilitate the court-required action and four districts were unchanged. The alternative "Bahnke pairings" disrupt all eight Anchorage Senate pairings.**



## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 10, 2022, 8:13 pm

First Name: **Ellen**

Last Name: **Jaimes**

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): **4/6/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Ellen encouraged the board to adopt a proposal that is most aligned with the Supreme Court ruling that creates the least amount of change.**

**Ellen testified against pairing House Districts 9 and 22.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 10, 2022, 8:54 pm

First Name: **Steve**

Last Name: **Strait**

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): **4/6/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Steve testified in support of pairing House Districts 22 and 9 for the following commonalities:**

- 1. During the winter, snow is a more significant issue in the elevated areas than they are in the lowlands.**
- 2. There is large fire risk with no hydrants in these areas.**
- 3. There are non-standard roads that have not been passed by city codes, making it a challenge for water trucks to travel up and down the hills.**
- 4. With aviation, is a challenge to complete water jobs in the mountain areas because of turbulence issues.**
- 5. These areas run on septic systems, not on main city water systems.**

**Additionally, Steve believes that both of the districts may share Bicentennial Park. For anyone cross country skiing or hiking, city or constructed boundaries are not a factor. This is a great area for recreational users to share both sides during the summer and winter.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 10, 2022, 8:56 pm

First Name: **Rachael**

Last Name: **Laiki**

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): **4/6/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Rachael testified against pairing Eagle River with South Anchorage because the communities are not contiguous, do not have many things in common, and are too far apart to troubleshoot the issues experienced from having common geographical traits.**

**Rachael testified in support of the East Anchorage plan as it is much more aligned with the court ruling.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 10, 2022, 9:36 pm

First Name: **Doug**

Last Name: **Robbins**

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): **4/6/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Doug testified against pairing House Districts 22 and 9 because these communities do not have many things in common, are not contiguous, and demographics published by the State of Alaska in 2017 show that Hillside Anchorage is a distinct community in terms of marital status, household income, voter turnout, and education. The communities he can walk or bike to are the communities that are contiguous and socioeconomically integrated with his own.**

**Doug referred to the unconstitutionality found by the Supreme Court for the Senate District K pairing. He expressed that he was amazed by what seemed like a lack of remorse from the "Republican mapmakers who willfully proposed an illegal map to leverage the Republican majority in Eagle River into an additional Senate seat."**

**Doug testified in support of Option 1 because it reflects the integrated communities, particularly in Hillside Anchorage. Option 2 represents the fewest number of changes to the pairings that the courts already approved; this option is also a reasonable choice.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 10, 2022, 9:38 pm

First Name: **Carl**

Last Name: **Berger**

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): **4/6/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Carl testified against pairing House Districts 9 and 22 as they appear to be two non-contiguous districts that go against the court ruling.**

**Carl testified in support of the Option 1 Map.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 10, 2022, 9:41 pm

First Name: **Veronica**

Last Name: **Sajer**

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): **4/6/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Veronica testified in support of the East Anchorage proposal because it is most aligned with the court's ruling and expressed strong opposition to pairing South Anchorage with Eagle River.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 10, 2022, 9:43 pm

First Name: **Kimberly**

Last Name: **Hunt**

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): **4/6/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Kimberly testified against pairing House Districts 9 and 22 because they are non-contiguous, separated by mountains, and represent cohesive communities that would be diluted. Kimberly supports a map that is in close alignment with the court rulings and has the smallest changes.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 10, 2022, 9:45 pm

First Name: **Joni**

Last Name: **Bruner**

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): **4/6/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Joni testified against pairing South Anchorage with Eagle River and encouraged the board to support the East Anchorage proposal that is most closely aligned with the court rulings and has minimal changes.**



## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 10, 2022, 10:30 pm

First Name: **Loy**

Last Name: **Thurman**

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

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

Your ZIP Code: **Big Lake**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **4/6/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Loy is a resident of District 8 (Big Lake), which has now been pushed out of the valley. Big Lake is the largest growing area with anticipation for continued growth. Even as such, Big Lake did not have any new representatives assigned. The old District 8 is now pushed into the Bush, which is "an irritation" to District 8 because it is on the west end of the valley. Currently, District 8 stretches from Point Mackenzie to Anderson in Fairbanks. Additionally, Cantwell has been gerrymandered across Glennallen, and Eagle River districts should remain together due to the socioeconomic factors differing from South Anchorage.**

**Loy testified against the "Bahnke Plan" due to Scott Kendall's involvement with this plan. (Note: Member Bahnke clarified that Scott Kendall or Tom Begich to develop this map.)**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 11, 2022, 12:29 am

First Name: **Randy**

Last Name: **Philips**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Self, Former Representative**

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

Your ZIP Code: **Eagle River**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **4/6/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Randy has previously represented North and South Mountain View, Nunaka Valley, Muldoon, Chugiak, Eagle River, Eklutna, and Fort Richardson. Randy offered his observations as a resource to the board:**

- 1) Eagle River has a different road service area than Hillside Anchorage.**
- 2) Hillside has 18-19 separate road service areas, and Eagle River has one.**
- 3) The Chugach State Park is the only connector between Eagle River and Hillside.**
- 4) Most Eagle River water sewers are public.**
- 5) Chugiak Fire Service is separate from the Municipality of Anchorage.**
- 6) When Randy represented Eagle River and Anchorage, Eagle River was a middle-class community, and East Anchorage was a working-class community.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 11, 2022, 12:32 am

First Name: **Susan**

Last Name: **Fisch**

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

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

Your ZIP Code: **E**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **4/6/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Susan testified in support of pairing House Districts 9 and 22 as they are contiguous since they likely share more landmass along the district lines from the Chugach State Park than any other Anchorage district. The demographics of both districts are also very similar such as household, age, and marital status. Eagle River also has a separate road service area from Hillside and the Municipality of Anchorage.**

**Susan supports the Option 3 map because it has the least impact on all the other districts.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 11, 2022, 12:52 am

First Name: **Denny**

Last Name: **Wells**

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): **4/6/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Denny pointed out that the board has two non-partisan board members, and three board members are connected to a specific political party. There are two maps proposed by non-partisan groups and one by a member who has been the chair of a political party. The public perception is that the board is not exercising diligence in being non-partisan, especially when being connected to a particular political party. Denny expressed the importance of the board proposing maps that are not politically gerrymandered, such as Options 1 and 2.**

**While Districts 9, 11, 22, and 24 have a demographic of high-income households over 75% white, what distinguishes them is that Districts 22 and 24 share the core of Eagle River. Districts 9 and 11 share the Hillside Homeowners Association. Districts 9 and 22 share the Chugach State Park but do not have a common political entity. Options 1 and 2 pair House Districts 22 and 24 and Districts 23 and 17 together; these pairings keep the Eagle River and Downtown Communities together.**

**Regarding keeping Districts 23 and 24 together due to the tie from JBER to the Chugiak-Eagle River area, through his real estate photography business, he has seen military households in the Chugiak-Eagle River reasonably often. Denny's Muldoon duplex is also usually rented out by enlisted military members.**

**Lastly, the Anchorage reapportionment process divided the community into six, and the Senate pairings were split into eight. Although they are different numbers, the same communities still share the same issues. During this process, several community councils and other groups opposed the pairing of Hillside and Eagle River. Denny encouraged the board to read the formal resolutions of the following councils: Huffman/O'Malley Community Council, Rabbit Creek Community Council, Home and Landowners Association, Baxter Community Council, and the Girdwood Board of Supervisors.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 11, 2022, 12:59 am

First Name: **Judy**

Last Name: **Eledge**

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): **4/6/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Judy testified in favor of Option 3 because it is the fairest among the maps and believes that House Districts 15 and 16 should be paired together. These districts are closely related, as she has seen through her experience as a Sand Lake resident. Judy also testified in support of House Districts 22 and 9 being paired together as before, and both districts share similar interests.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 11, 2022, 1:11 am

First Name: **Ted**

Last Name: **Eiseheid**

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): **4/6/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Ted was pleased with the Supreme Court decision on the East Anchorage and Eagle River pairing and expressed concern about the board's work and perception of their decision.**

**Ted testified in support of House Districts 22 and 24 being paired together and gave some insight on his experience working in the Mat-Su Borough as an East Anchorage resident. Ted commutes through Districts 22 and 24 and sees the connections that could make both districts one Senate districts. This pairing is logical.**

**In Ted's skiing experience in the Arctic Valley (northeast of his East Anchorage home), it is hard to see Districts 9 and 22 as a logical pairing. If one drove from Ted's house to Districts 22 and 24, they would likely agree that the two districts are a logical Senate pairing. If one went on a ski tour in Arctic Indian, they would probably not see the connection between Districts 22 and 9 because there is mostly wilderness.**

**Ted cautioned the board on the perception of their decisions and expressed the importance to him, as an Alaskan citizen, that he feels the board's decision is fair.**

**Lastly, there are plenty of military members who live in East Anchorage by Ted which shows that not all live in Chugiak-Eagle River.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 11, 2022, 1:15 am

First Name: **Jason**

Last Name: **Norris**

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): **4/6/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Jason testified in support of Option 1. When the original Senate pairings were reviewed, one argument was that Eagle River residents shop in Muldoon, making it permissible to pair the communities. This same argument does not apply to Districts 22 and 9. The obvious connection is between Districts 22 and 24.**

**Jason testified against Option 3 as the map seems to be gerrymandered.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 11, 2022, 12:51 pm

First Name: **Ann**

Last Name: **Rappoport**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Rabbit Creek Community Council**

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

Your ZIP Code: **Anchorage**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **4/7/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **The Rabbit Creek Community Council strongly opposes any redistricting that combines the Rabbit Creek and Hillside communities with Eagle River for the purposes of government representation. The council has also submitted extended comments on this matter when the Anchorage Assembly redrew districts; the same requirements held to the Anchorage Assembly also apply to the Alaska Redistricting Board.**

**Anchorage and Hillside are not contiguous, compact, or relatively socioeconomically integrated. Both communities are separated by an uninhabited area (Chugach State Park). Also, the constitution requires that local government boundaries are also considered and the Anchorage Assembly has kept Hillside together. East Anchorage neighborhoods should also be kept together.**

**The following reasons for opposing the Hillside and Eagle River pairing were also listed: Hillside frequently deals with water septic issues and wildfire risks, there are limited road service areas, Hillside students attend different schools than Eagle River students, and both communities travel on different roads to travel to Downtown Anchorage.**

**Ann referred to the 2010 Hillside District Plan that defines Hillside boundaries and included a public process. This plan speaks to the community's preferences.**

**The Rabbit Creek Community urged the board to adopt a map that keeps neighborhoods together which can be done with the proposed Option 2 Map or the original map proposed by Member Bahnke.**



## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 11, 2022, 1:11 pm

First Name: **Cyndi**

Last Name: **Saunders**

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): **4/7/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Cyndi agreed with Ann Rappoport's testimony and testified in favor of the Option 2 Map. Some concern was expressed on prior board members' comments about making the map look beautiful as opposed to looking at voting boundaries. Cyndi asked for the board's explanation of this.**

**Cyndi testified against pairing Eagle River and Anchorage together.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 11, 2022, 1:29 pm

First Name: **Leon**

Last Name: **Jaimes**

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): **4/7/2022 ARB Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Leon noted that he is not confused by the municipal redistricting and Senate pairings and testified in support of the Option 2 Map. This map addresses the correction requested by the court to fix the Senate District K pairings and keeps communities of interest together such as Eagle River, Muldoon, and South Anchorage.**

**When Leon moved here in 2012, he researched neighborhoods to live in and many responses were given about living in Eagle River and no responses indicated that Eagle River was similar to South Anchorage. Muldoon and East Anchorage were seen as a community. Leon still follows some of the same online forums discussing moving to Alaska and the same discussions are still being held.**

**A geographic connection does not make two districts contiguous.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 11, 2022, 1:55 pm

First Name: **Judy**

Last Name: **Eledge**

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): **4/7/2022 ARB Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Judy testified in favor of the Option 3-B map for the following reasons:**

- 1) The map revises Senate District K as the court ruling requests.**
- 2) The map has a logical pairing of House Districts 9 and 22 that are most similar and were paired when Tom Bundy was elected.**
- 3) House Districts 9 and 2 are contiguous districts with a long, common boundary and similar road and snow removal services.**
- 4) House Districts 9 and 22 mainly consist of high-income single-family homes.**
- 5) It may not be contiguous, but it keeps similar communities together. Based on testimony heard, that is what the general public wants.**

**Judy testified against the Option 2 Map as she believes that military voters should not be paired with Downtown Anchorage because it would diminish their representation.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 11, 2022, 2:55 pm

First Name: **Yarrow**

Last Name: **Silvers**

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): **4/7/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Yarrow cautioned the board to avoid the appearance of gerrymandering and referred to the court ruling that found the Senate District K pairing to be unconstitutional as it split Eagle River into two districts to increase the majority party representation at the expense of East Anchorage voters.**

**Yarrow testified against Map 3-B because it would split Eagle River into two separate Senate districts again to increase the majority party's representation at the expense of voters outside of Eagle River. The map swaps the voters' voices who will be silenced and does not correct the constitutional error. There have also been consistent public testimonies from Eagle River residents to keep their communities intact.**

**Yarrow cautioned the board to adopt pairings by an individual "who chairs the Alaskan Republican Party and uses political data to map but also sent this board a chart that shows how the political data relates to proposed pairings, who the incumbents are, and even a column that appears 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."**

**Yarrow expressed support for a simple fix that keeps Muldoon communities intact and Eagle River communities intact and asked the board to reject politically motivated pairings that give other communities more representation at the expense of other communities of interest. Yarrow asked the board to stop utilizing contiguity of a type that has been described by the Supreme Court Justice as second-rate contiguity and what has been described by Budd Simpson as "basically affixion." For context behind her statement, Yarrow referred to a quote by Member Simpson at the Alaska Redistricting Board meeting held on February 3, 2022: "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**

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people in it. It's basically affixed in my mind." Yarrow also referenced a discussion between Supreme Court Justice Matthews and the board's legal counsel, Matt Singer, on March 18, 2022, about salt contiguity being second-rate. In this discussion, Matt Singer stated the board's perspective to see salt contiguity as second-rate.

Yarrow referred to statements made by Member Marcum regarding the need to pair Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) with Eagle River to remain intact and represented together. Yarrow assured Member Marcum that the area is a block of trees with no infrastructure and likely has few residents. Thus, is no justification for breaking down Eagle River, Downtown, and South Anchorage using second-rate contiguity.

Yarrow pointed out that service members live all over Anchorage and are represented by their place of residence, not their workplace. Yarrow opposed the idea of JBER communities only being represented by Eagle River, where there is no access to JBER. However, there are access gates to JBER in Anchorage, where JBER residents are integrated with the surrounding communities in North Anchorage District 17.

Yarrow referred to the historical connections with past maps and noted that maps are recreated every ten years as the populations change. Back then, Eagle River's population was vastly different, requiring the community to be split into two Senate districts but now has an opportunity to be a single Senate District.

Yarrow testified in support of keeping Eagle River communities intact and encouraged the board to listen to Eagle River residents who have testified to preserve their communities. North Eagle River has the same independent road service areas and snow removal services as South Eagle River. Pairing South Anchorage with Eagle River opens the board up to further lawsuits from Eagle River and South Anchorage residents.

Yarrow expressed concern with political blocks urging people to testify based on politically motivated reasons, such as saving a certain number of Republican Senate seats. This action has resulted in submitting the same form letter daily and changing testimonies compared to what was said one month ago in the municipal redistricting process. The Anchorage Assembly's redistricting resulted in a 3.6% deviation in municipal maps based on public testimony. In contrast, the Anchorage pairings under consideration do not practicably change variations.

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 11, 2022, 3:06 pm

First Name: **Jamie**

Last Name: **Rodriguez**

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): **4/7/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Jamie is a House District 28 (soon to be District 9) resident and clarified that this district includes Southeast Anchorage, Girdwood, Portage, and Whittier. Jamie researched some numbers that were shared with the board:**

- 1. Eagle River to Southeast Anchorage distance: 27 miles**
- 2. Eagle River to Girdwood distance: 67 miles**
- 3. Eagle River to Portage distance: 78 miles**
- 4. Eagle River to Whittier distance: 87 miles (includes tunnel scheduling)**

**Depending on the route taken, one must cross 6-8 unrelated House districts from Eagle River to Southeast Anchorage.**

**Jamie testified in support of keeping Eagle River districts intact.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 11, 2022, 3:12 pm

First Name: **Lee**

Last Name: **Hammermeister**

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: **Lee testified in favor of Option 3-B. Lee is a lifelong Eagle River resident and remembers attending school with students who lived on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER). A portion of JBER workers lived in Eagle River and their children attended school in Eagle River. Additionally, the distance between the district pairings in Option 3-B is closer than the long drive for the alternative pairing presented in Option 2, which would take over one hour.**

**Overall, it is more sensible for Eagle River to align with JBER as outlined in Option 3-B.**



## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 11, 2022, 3:17 pm

First Name: **Forrest**

Last Name: **McDonald**

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): **4/7/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Forrest testified in support of Option 3-B and noted that this conversation was being held because board members were caught having discussions with individuals not on the board and gave the board members instructions on how to gerrymander the process.**

**Forrest expressed concern with the board hearing public testimony from the same person multiple times and treating each testimony as a new, separate one. Allowing non-board members to have more input on the process than other Alaskans disenfranchises the people who the appointed board members represent.**

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Date: April 11, 2022, 3:25 pm

First Name: **Sandra**

Last Name: **Graham**

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): **4/7/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Sandra testified in support of Option 3-B as she taught at Birchwood ABC Elementary several years ago. During her time there, she saw many military families attend this school. Sandra also spent time in Girdwood at her father's cabin growing up and knows that Girdwood and Eagle River have significant differences between the two communities.**

**Sandra encouraged the board to look at the differences between the communities.**

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Date: April 11, 2022, 3:32 pm

First Name: **Jieun**

Last Name: **McDonald**

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): **4/7/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Jieun testified in support of Option 3-B because it gives the best representation of the Korean community.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 11, 2022, 5:17 pm

First Name: **Roy**

Last Name: **Syren**

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): **4/7/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Roy testified in support of Option 3-B because it is the fairest map  
and districts should remain together.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 11, 2022, 5:22 pm

First Name: **Kimberly**

Last Name: **Hunt**

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): **4/7/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Kimberly expressed concern about the credibility of her testimony on April 6, 2022, and noted that she is familiar with and misses the "pre-pipeline perspective."**

**Kimberly reiterated her support for the Option 2 map to avoid unnecessary delays and honor the court rulings. This map seems to keep contiguous communities intact.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 11, 2022, 5:58 pm

First Name: **Andrew**

Last Name: **Gray**

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): **4/8/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Andrew has been a resident of House District 19 since 2019, two weeks before deploying with the Alaska Army National Guard for ten months. Thus, Andrew has a relationship with the military and Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER).**

**During his deployment with another soldier from the trailer court across from Northway Mall, Andrew recounted a discussion. Andrew answered that he'd never met anyone who lived in a trailer park, and the other soldiers at the table during this discussion stated they'd lived in a trailer park at some point in their childhoods. Andrew recounted this story to tell the story of many military members joining in escaping the poverty from their childhood.**

**Andrew referred to a 2018 demographic analysis from the Council on Foreign Relations that shows over 60% of enlistments came from neighborhoods with a median household income between \$38,000 to \$80,000. Nineteen percent of recruits came from households of less than \$38,000. The average annual pay in Eagle River is \$129,768. More than 80% of military recruits come from families, unlike those in Eagle River. As more enlisted choose to live off base, they inevitably end up in lower-cost housing in Mountain View, North Muldoon, or Midtown. Yet, members of the board insist on pairing Eagle River with JBER.**

**Higher ranking officers are the military members that can afford to live in Eagle River. The Congressional Research Survey reports that 63 % of military service members are white, and 37% are non-white. JBER is more diverse, with 60.7% of the voting-age population identifying as white and just under 40% identifying with non-white. However, 88% of senior military officers are white, and these higher-ranking officers can afford to Eagle River. Andrew also pointed out that the voting age population in Chugiak-Eagle River is over 73% white.**

**Andrew argued that the Senate district pairing Eagle River with JBER is egregiously unconstitutional, if not more so. The minority residents of JBER will be overridden by**

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**Eagle River's wealthy, white residents as the goal is to increase the Senate representation of Eagle River. As Member Marcum stated on the record on November 5, 2021: "This allows Eagle River to have more representation."**

**On April 7, 2022, Chairman Binkley explained to a testifier that the state redistricting and the Anchorage reapportionment of Assembly districts are not the same processes. During Anchorage's reapportionment, Eagle River was guaranteed two Assembly members. The tactic was to minimize the population represented by both Eagle River Assembly members to increase representation. This was achieved by several public testimonies against pairing Eagle River with any part of Anchorage. The option most strongly considered was the pairing of Hillside and Eagle River.**

**Andrew referred to a quote stated by Assemblymember Jamie Allard at a town hall held on January 27, 2022: "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 bald 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."**

**Andrew thanked Assemblywoman Allard for saving the business of the political process. Although the message is different in redistricting, the goal is not. By avoiding the pairing of two Eagle River House districts together, which by any metric is how you would create the most compact, contiguous, and socioeconomically integrated Senate district - the board is seeking to expand Eagle River's influence in the Alaska Senate.**

**We know from numerous studies that voter participation increases family income. In the 2016 presidential family election, 48% of voters in the lowest income categories voted, while almost 86% of voters in the highest income categories cast a ballot. This is true in Eagle River, as they participate in elections at a significantly higher rate than the neighboring low-income voters. Therefore, if Eagle River receives two Senators, Eagle River will elect those Senators. Not the JBER House District or the South Anchorage.**

**There are no adverse consequences to the board adopting another unconstitutional gerrymandered map. There is a chance that no lawsuit will be brought forth, and the gerrymander could stand for another ten years. Even on an expedited schedule, it would take several months after an appeal to the Alaska Supreme Court before the board is sent back to re-work the Senate pairings. The November 2022 elections will approach, making it too late to print new ballots. No board members will be held personally liable for unconstitutional pairings and have nothing to lose but will gain continued Republican control of the Alaska Senate.**

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**Andrew testified against the Option 3-B Senate pairings and testified in favor of the Option 2 Senate Pairings that keep JBER with Downtown Anchorage, South Anchorage intact, and Eagle River intact.**



## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 11, 2022, 6:11 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): **4/8/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Susan testified in support of Option 3-B and clarified that her testimony on behalf of herself should not be confused with her testimony on behalf of the State of Alaska. Both testimonies outline two separate issues. This should also apply to the community councils who pass resolutions for the Assembly redistricting and are now carrying it over to the state. In Susan's experience attending community council meetings, there are usually six to twenty attendees that may not always represent the thousands of voters in their areas.**

**Susan expressed concern about the "intimidation and attacks against private citizens in this office when they are nervous and fear of saying the wrong thing." Some testimonies have also gone over ten minutes and have become a numbers game while attacking Eagle River.**

**The Option 2 map has claims of gerrymandering, not Option 3.**

**Eagle River and Hillside Anchorage share landmass and miles along the Chugach Mountains, making them contiguous. Also, military members are prominent in Chugiak-Eagle River and should be paired with JBER. They are contiguous and have been historically paired for several years.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 11, 2022, 6:21 pm

First Name: **Katie**

Last Name: **Nolan**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Home and Land Owners Association**

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

Your ZIP Code: **Anchorage Hillside**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **4/8/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **The Hillside Home and Land Owners Association (HLOA) has represented Hillside since 1970, several years before being incorporated into the Municipality of Anchorage. The Hillside District Plan (a set of planning documents) was created for the community in 2010. Hillside still consists of the same areas that have been represented with the addition of community councils in various areas.**

**The Hillside Home and Land Owners Association met on April 7, 2022, to review the revised proposed maps from the board and recognize that neither map is perfect, but the map that meets Hillside's needs is Option 2.**

**The idea that Hillside is contiguous with Eagle River ignores that one of the largest state parks in the nation is between the two communities. It is also quicker to get from Anchorage Hillside to Whittier in Kenai Peninsula than traveling to Eagle River. Additionally, there are separate road systems and different services; Eagle River has its own Parks Department, and there are things done with Eagle River that are not appropriate for Anchorage.**

**The most significant issue is that Hillside likes seeing their representatives from Juneau at their meetings when they are not in session. Their representatives can't effectively represent an area far away from Hillside adequately. This is not the best option for the representative or the community to build a relationship.**

**Katie referred to public comments about the Hillside community consisting of wealthy households. She stated that they also have high-density housing and workforce housing, just like other Anchorage residents.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 11, 2022, 7:42 pm

First Name: **Joan**

Last Name: **Corr**

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

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

Your ZIP Code: **Soldotna**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **4/8/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Joan has several friends in Rabbit Creek in Anchorage and Eagle River. It seems to Joan they would have more in common than what is shown on the Option 2 map. Joan also does not see what military members would have in common with Downtown Anchorage.**

**Joan testified in support of the Option 3-B map.**

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Date: April 11, 2022, 8:00 pm

First Name: **Briana**

Last Name: **Sullivan**

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

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

Your ZIP Code: **Girdwood**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **4/8/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Briana testified on behalf of herself but also currently sits in an elected seat on the Girdwood Board of Advisors. Briana spent several years living near District 22 and now calls District 9 home. For the same reasons cited about local government and acknowledging compact areas of town found during this process, the Senate redistricting could also follow identified voting areas of the municipality.**

**Over the last few weeks, several of the public have urged the board to quickly make a crucial decision, not waste time, not pair Eagle River with Girdwood, and take the Alaska Supreme Court ruling when making these considerations. It is prudent to solve the unconstitutional error in splitting Eagle River to give them more representation. Pairing House Districts 22 and 23 have been cautioned against by the courts. Thus, Briana urged the board to revert to pairing House Districts 22 and 24.**

**In the public process, we start with our roots, neighbors, communities, and representatives. These public offices are held by residents in the areas they live in who understand the nuances of their cities and have a vested interest in serving their constituents. Citizens can support and vote for their residents, so it makes sense for their representatives to be within reach. Contiguous districts make sense; please do not substantially break up communities.**

**The idea of connecting extremely distant House Districts 9 and 22, where thick forests, rivers, drainages, and mountains in between, causes confusion and is far-fetched when there is another logical option. These districts also have six to eight Senate districts in between. Most from Eagle River do not want to be paired with South Anchorage and Girdwood and vice versa.**

**The topography information is missing from district size considerations. Hillside and South Anchorage have more in common with the Turnagain Arm and Girdwood community than with Eagle River.**

**Briana urged Member Simpson to listen to the constitution as read, to the outpouring**

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of public support for Option 2, and the several people providing public testimony.

Briana testified against Option 3-B as it is unconstitutional and asked the board not to confuse the public with more maps.

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 11, 2022, 8:07 pm

First Name: **Phil**

Last Name: **Moser**

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

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

Your ZIP Code: **Juneau**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **4/8/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Phil is familiar with the history of gerrymandering in Alaska and feels. Option 2 is the map that most fairly represents Anchorage and has ramifications for the entire state.**

**South Anchorage is a diverse area, and the representation there represents the people of South Anchorage and adds a voice to diverse communities from Alaska, including Juneau. For this reason, Phil testifies in support of Option 2.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 11, 2022, 8:11 pm

First Name: **Leon**

Last Name: **Jaimes**

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): **4/8/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Leon referred to previous testimonies about the definition of "contiguous" and Article 6 of the Constitution. The last sentence of the article discusses drainage and other geographic features that should be used as boundaries when possible. Leon pointed out that when looking at the topography, the drainage for District 22 goes into both the Turnagain Arm and Knik Arm of the Cook Inlet. District 9 only drains into the Knik Arm. It is significant that drainage and other geographic features were included because if you look at the highest elevations between Eagle River and Whittier, that is a distinct boundary that should be considered.**

**Leon testified in support of Option 2 as it is the only map that is practicable for Senate District K.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 11, 2022, 8:54 pm

First Name: **Forrest**

Last Name: **McDonald**

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): **4/8/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Forrest addressed several comments made by the public and board members being critical of people in support of Option 3-B and accusing them of being the same people who were against the Assembly districting pairings. Through actions and commentary, it has been made clear that the voting power and footprint is trying to be reduced as much as possible.**

**Forrest also expressed he is upset about board members asking confrontational questions that push people to re-evaluate their opinions. Members of the public with different opinions, values, and priorities are trying to add to the equation so their voice is heard to result in a diverse array of views and opinions.**

**Forrest would like to know why it was appropriate for the Anchorage Assembly to not pair the two Eagle River districts and why Eagle River specifically has additional follow-up questions that are applied in the process and have not been applied to other areas in the state. There has been no explanation as to why this has happened.**



## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 11, 2022, 8:20 pm

First Name: **Randy**

Last Name: **Ruedrich**

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): **4/8/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Randy submitted a map to the board that solely focuses on the new Senate E in Option 3-B, which clearly shows the entire length of the boundary where District 9, District 22, and District 12 meet. This boundary extends east in various segments to the far east side of the Municipality of Anchorage. This map is contiguous. Therefore, the words "being close to contiguous" are irrelevant. This map is also materially the same as a Senate district that has existed in the past and shows that the whole area is socioeconomically integrated with over 37 miles of contiguous territory.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 11, 2022, 8:31 pm

First Name: **Judy**

Last Name: **Eledge**

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): **4/8/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Judy expressed that there seems to be a board member who has already decided on a map based on the nature of her questions, asking testifiers. Everyone should be respectful to one another, and the public should not be questioned about what they are saying.**

**Judy testified in support of Option 3-B and expressed concern about the board being accused of gerrymandering Senate District K. However, gerrymandering can be seen in another place to support Senator Tom Begich's seat, who was also seen sending text messages to another board member about Option 2. Option 3-B is the most logical map that pairs House Districts 9 and 22. When you view the entire map, they both share common boundaries as the most contiguous districts. Judy recalled when Senator Cathy Giessel went from Hillside to Kenai in her first term, which seemed like a difficult task for her. Often, some districts were not easy to reach. Additionally, pairing House Districts 9 and 22 protects the interest of minority communities of East Anchorage, Muldoon, and Mountain View.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 11, 2022, 9:01 pm

First Name: **Yarrow**

Last Name: **Silvers**

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): **4/8/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Yarrow testified against Option 3-B and stated that the burden of proof for using second-rate contiguity and salt contiguity, as described by Justice Matthews and Matthew Singer, combined with splitting the communities of Downtown Anchorage, South Anchorage, Eagle River, and Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) falls on those who think these actions are logical and rational. There has been no sensible argument about using second-rate contiguity and salt contiguity.**

**Option 3-B splits every Anchorage community apart. Keeping communities together is not gerrymandering. Splitting communities is gerrymandering.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 11, 2022, 9:07 pm

First Name: **Mike**

Last Name: **Edgington**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Co-Chair, Girdwood Board of Supervisors**

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

Your ZIP Code: **Anchorage**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **4/8/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **The Girdwood Board of Supervisors recently met to review the newly proposed three maps by the Alaska Redistricting Board. The Girdwood Board unanimously voted that Maps 1 and 2 represented more compact and contiguous Senate districts than Map 3. The board also supports similar maps that combine Eagle River with South Anchorage, Hillside, Turnagain Arm, and Girdwood. The main reason for keeping these maps is the contiguousness across the Chugach State Park.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 11, 2022, 9:10 pm

First Name: **Doug**

Last Name: **Robbins**

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

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

Your ZIP Code: **Anchorage Hillside**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **4/8/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Doug quoted the Alaska Constitution describing the legal criteria for redistricting: "Range and other geographic features shall be used in describing boundaries whenever possible." This tells Doug that Option 3, as modified, contradicts the criteria defined in the constitution for designating Senate districts. To validate the pairing, you would have to consider that the Chugach Mountains are not a geographic feature, which is false, or that there is no other possible way to join districts, which is also incorrect.**

**Option 3 cannot stand, according to the constitution.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 13, 2022, 9:16 pm

First Name: **Katherine**

Last Name: **McDonald**

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): **4/9/2022 ARB Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Michelle has lived in Anchorage for almost three decades in various locations: JBER, South Muldoon, Abbott, and now in proposed District 9 in Hillside. Michelle reviewed a timeline of her public comments and occurrences during the redistricting process:**

**1) September 18, 2021: Noted the importance of providing Senate district pairings early for public comment, then drew and submitted maps for Anchorage**

**2) November 7, 2021: Proposed Senate pairings, not including Eagle River districts because they are considered to be separate communities**

**3) November 8, 2021: Board discussion was quoted on Senate pairings that gave a sense that District 9 (now named District 11) would be paired with District 15; Michelle testified and applauded the board for proposing to pair District 9 with an O'Malley district.**

**November 9, 2021: The board emerged from the executive session to put a vote on the record with no justification given for Senate pairings for Anchorage; the pairings did not include the consensus of District 9 (now named District 11). Districts 9 and 10 were paired and unaligned with the unanimous public testimony from the day prior**

**April 5, 2022: Michelle submitted written testimony and ranked her support of the proposed maps placing Option 1 first because it pairs Districts 9 and 11. After becoming further educated, Michelle realized that Option 1, although aligned with the constitution, did not comply with the court's ruling. Michelle applauded the board for removing the option for consideration. In the same written testimony, Michelle supported Option 2, too.**

**During the April 9, 2022, ARB meeting, Michelle testified in support of Option 2. While some board members may state that the contiguity is all that matters, if that is the case, Michelle asked how the courts could have found the pairing of Districts 22 and**

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**21 to be illegal as they also touch through the Chugach Mountains.**

**Intent can be shown legally in ignoring the charge of the court remand and in the spirit of ignoring the will of the citizens whose testimonies include socioeconomic linkages in communities.**

**Michelle attempted to put herself in the board's shoes and noted that she would think the court reprimanded her actions based on intent. She would be concerned that her actions, especially in pairing Eagle River over a non-populated mountain range, would appear to be political gerrymandering to the court. Michelle would also be concerned that selecting District 9 with the Eagle River district could look like political gerrymandering.**

**The JBER and Chugiak-Eagle River pairings were presented in all four of Member Marcum's maps; this was also the case for the Hillside and O'Malley districts. Michelle asked what is so compelling about the Eagle River and JBER pairings that the board must maintain it at all costs? The board gives little consternation in breaking the verbal consensus expressed at the board meeting on November 8, 2021, to pair the O'Malley and Hillside districts. To attempt political gerrymandering again, the board must resort to the "Rank 3" Option 3-B to once again fragment Eagle River.**

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Date: April 11, 2022, 9:26 pm

First Name: **Julie**

Last Name: **Coulombe**

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

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

Your ZIP Code: **Anchorage Hillside**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **4/8/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Julie was engaged in the reapportionment process and has not called to testify because she has been torn on the maps. During the reapportionment process, she and other community members fought hard to combine Eagle River with South Anchorage. The main issue is that, during reapportionment, a small population of South Anchorage was combined with a large Eagle River population, giving an inaccurate representation of South Anchorage residents. Julie can now support the pairing of Eagle River and South Anchorage because the South Anchorage population has been balanced to provide fair representation.**

**Julie struggles with Option 2 and Option 3-B because of the combination of Hillside and Eagle River since this is what she fought against in the Assembly districts. When you are making lines for Senate districts, it's much different than the Assembly because Senators tackle different issues than Assembly members.**

**Julie pointed out that, during the reapportionment process, there were many arguments that Eagle River and South Anchorage are contiguous by the Chugach State Park, but in this redistricting process, there are arguments about it not being contiguous.**

**Julie has lived in Eagle River for 20 years, South Anchorage for 15 years, and has lived on JBER. Through Julie's experience in Eagle River, Julie knows a heavy military population in Eagle River. Julie does not believe a Downtown Anchorage representative well represents the JBER community.**

**Julie cautioned the board against how they have been treating the public, which has intimidated the public into testifying.**

**Julie reminded the board that the point of public testimony is to ensure that the people are being represented.**



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**Overall, Julie does not fully support any of the maps, but Option 3-B better represents JBER residents, and the South Anchorage area combined with Eagle River would also have fair representation. Also, there is a difference between the redistricting process and the municipal reapportionment process.**

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Date: April 13, 2022, 10:05 pm

First Name: **Denny**

Last Name: **Wells**

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): **4/9/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **The board now has an opportunity to pair communities divided by the board into their House Districts. This has been a challenge in past decades because the Municipality of Anchorage did not separate in an even number of House seats. Still, this year, the board is fortunate that the Municipality of Anchorage is divided into an exact number of 16 House seats with the small addition of Whittier. Further, the Chugiak-Eagle River area now has two House seats, giving the board the maximum opportunity to bring the community back together. Future boards may not be as fortunate to have this situation and may need to pair Chugiak-Eagle River with South Anchorage or another district outside of their area. With the 2020 US Census data, the board does not need to divide Eagle River or South Anchorage.**

**The Superior Court found that the Senate K pair ignored communities of interest in Eagle River and South Muldoon with very little justification. The court reviewed the board's arguments (contiguity through the Chugach, JBER connection to Eagle River) for this pairing and still found little reason.**

**Denny noted the following:**

**- Downtown Anchorage is split along 4th Avenue. Denny lived at the district boundary on Barrow Street and noted it was easy walking to Downtown events. District 23 comprises 10,832 residents of JBER and 7,191 Anchorage residents - 2,389 of the Anchorage residents are in Muldoon, and the remainder is South Anchorage and Government Hill residents. If any place in Anchorage constitutes a community of interest, it is Downtown Anchorage - the city's heart. Downtown should be paired with Eagle River.**

**- Eagle River is split along the Glenn Highway and Eagle River Road. The board also divided along a residential street in Eagle River, a small neighborhood road where people know their neighbors and should be in the same district. Member Marcum stated on April 8, 2022, to a public member that there is only one Eagle River House seat while the other is a Chugiak/Peters Creek/JBER House seat. This is factually**

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inaccurate as District 24 has 7,586 residents of Eagle River and Eagle River Valley community councils - 33% of the total population of Eagle River community councils. The Eagle River Fred Meyer, business boulevard, and Carr's are all in District 24. District 24 is most certainly an Eagle River House seat.

- District 24 includes a small portion of JBER, but it has no population except for one census block that appears to be noise from the bureau's anonymization efforts. The block is bounded by Eagle River, the Inlet, and Otter Lake and has a population of 197 people with no visible infrastructure; it is 100% adult, 38.6% white versus 74% adult, and 58.9% white in JBER. Other anomalous census blocks like this were discovered in Anchorage bowl; the most obvious was between International Airport Road and Raspberry Road on Walter J. Hickel Parkway. The District 23 and 24 pairings have been justified through the military connection between JBER and Chugiak-Eagle River. Through Denny's experience in his photography business, he has seen this to be true.

- Denny has heard concerns that JBER is more similar to Chugiak-Eagle River than Downtown Anchorage. This argument ignores the 7,200 residents in District 23 who live in Muldoon and Downtown Anchorage, where the Muldoon residents have more in common with Downtown Anchorage than Chugiak-Eagle River. For example, the residents live in older houses on smaller lots, use the city water and sewer service, and use the city-maintained roads.

- Parts of Downtown and Muldoon in District 23 are 43% white, District 17 is 51% white, and District 24 is 73% white. The Downtown and Muldoon parts of District 23 are more similar to the population of District 17 Downtown than in District 24. The JBER part of District 23 is 59% white, closer to District 17's 51% white population. District 23 is 52% white; taking a minority population and combining it with a 73% white district when there are other available options is a sign of racial gerrymandering.

- The pairing of Districts 22 and 9 has been justified because both districts have rural road services, share the same roads, and use septic systems. These justifications also apply to the pairing of Districts 22 and 24. Several houses have wells and septic systems, a long contiguous border with the Chugach, and the same road service area.

- Denny has heard that the pairings in Option 3-B are justified through the Ship Creek hunting area, a tenuous claim because people from all over the state come there to hunt. The site is contained in District 22. If you rely on the constitutional verbiage about drainages justifying Senate pairings, the Ship Creek drainage would support Districts 22 and 23, not 23 and 24, making both pairs well due to the Eagle River drainage.

Denny testified in support of the Senate pairings in Option 2.

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 13, 2022, 10:16 pm

First Name: **Jason**

Last Name: **Warfield**

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): **4/9/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Jason is a 40-year Anchorage and stated that Option 3-B joins Districts 22 and 9, and the Hillside community has generally spoken against this pairing. The municipal reapportionment committee made this case and took part of Hillside and put it into municipal District 2. Throwing a portion of District 6 (about 12K people) into Municipal District 2 would result in a far underrepresentation due to population disparity, thus not being an equal pairing.**

**The Option 3-B pairings, while not optimal, also represent the fairest map. The two districts share a 35-mile border and are demographically similar; an argument made during municipal reapportionment when trying to pair Districts 6 and 2. Both communities have a similar population and would equally be represented by their state senators. The map also puts JBER with Eagle River instead of pairing it with Downtown Anchorage. Through Jason's experience working at an auto shop in Downtown Anchorage, several military clients lived in Eagle River, not Downtown.**

**NOTE: District 6 = South Anchorage, District 2 = Eagle River**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 13, 2022, 10:20 pm

First Name: **Queen**

Last Name: **Parker**

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

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

Your ZIP Code: **Sterling**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **4/9/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Queen testified in support of Option 3-B as it would be fair for all residents.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 13, 2022, 10:25 pm

First Name: **Laura**

Last Name: **Bonner**

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): **4/9/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Laura testified in support of the following:**

**1) Pairing the two Eagle River House districts, Eklutna is closer, and it is illogical to pair Eagle River with Anchorage**

**2) Keeping Girdwood with South Anchorage since the only proximity to Eagle River is through a mountain range that can only be traveled by foot**

**3) Downtown Anchorage districts should be paired together.**

**Laura lives in Lower Hillside and prefers to be paired with her neighbors above her. Laura is unsure which map outlines her preferences but believes it may be Option 2.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 14, 2022, 9:47 am

First Name: **Yarrow**

Last Name: **Silvers**

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): **4/9/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Yarrow addressed various comments and characterizations heard over the last week:**

1) Yarrow has heard that Map 2 is partisan. Yarrow introduced this map and it was arrived at by the East Anchorage plaintiffs with legal guidance who advised that pairing Muldoon with Eagle River, and then pairing the districts that were left unpaired was the method that most closely followed the remand order from the court which had ruled that the splitting of Eagle River, to increase representation, was a partisan gerrymander violating equal protection. No incumbent information or partisan data was accessed and Yarrow does not know where incumbents live nor the districts they represent.

2) It is known that both independent makers of Option 3-B, Member Marcum and Randy Ruedrich, have seen incumbent information during the mapping process. In contrast, the Option 2 pairings were based on logic, reason, similarity between communities, the constitution, and the remand requirements.

3) Most of the testimony, which favored Map 1, to introduce Map 2 which the ADN has reported Cathy Giessel, who appointed John Binkley to the board, as stating that the map "was a very elegant solution" and one she prefers.

4) Most of the testimony backs up the non-partisan and inherently fair nature of Option 2 which has broad bipartisan support. There have been several testimonies about the irrationality of Option 3-B from organizations and individuals who are not partisan or left-wing. In contrast, the majority of the testimony for Option 3-B is based on partisan considerations, number of Republican Senate seats, specific incumbents, "do it because you can", or one-line statements with no reason included.

5) Despite the quick timeframe of the process and there being a significant amount of testimony against these pairings in the municipal process, Chairman Binkley has

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indicated that those testimonies do not count because the numbers and considerations are different. Yarrow asked which numbers and considerations are different and stated the false contiguity, distance, broken communities, and lack of commonality are the same. The only difference is that the lowest deviations were sacrificed to have meaningful contiguity in 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 socioeconomic connections, both community's residents stated it was not and the Assembly listened.

6) In the redistricting process, Eagle River is being split despite having enough population for one Senate seat. Yarrow believes most people want effective local representation that reflects the unique communities regardless of political affiliation, and Map 2 reflects that. If the board chooses a map that uses second-rate or false contiguity for pairings, then the burden of proof falls on the board to show why a constitutional map is not possible.

7) Regarding the justifications heard for Option 3-B, Yarrow heard District 23 is actually not Eagle River, but the map does include the northern part of Eagle River including parts of its business district.

8) Yarrow has heard that Eagle River and South Anchorage share the longest border. She would like to ask the board to consider how long the populated area of the border is compared to the unpopulated area that Member Simpson has been heard referring to as "basically affixion" in another part of the map. Member Simpson's sentiments are true in this case, too. It is irrational to pair Districts 9 and 22 just because they touch when there is another logical pairing.

10) There have been statements about how JBER and Eagle River should be paired together while obtusely ignoring that the communities of Downtown Anchorage, Government Hill, and South Anchorage must be split in order to accommodate this false vision of JBER. JBER is integrated into the municipality, including Government Hill and Downtown Anchorage where a JBER access gate is located in Government Hill and is utilized by the majority of service members. Also, service members living off-base are already represented by the communities they reside in while on-base members are most connected to communities in the Anchorage proper outside of their respective gates - not Eagle River. Some say the pairing of JBER and Eagle River has been done historically, but this doesn't mean it should be done today.

In closing, Yarrow feels that East Anchorage residents have gained their voice back through legal remedy. Yarrow also feels deep regret that some members of the board seem tempted to shift the burden of harm and silence to another community. Yarrow implored the board to stop fighting for unconstitutional maps and choose the right thing instead.



## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 14, 2022, 9:55 am

First Name: **Roger**

Last Name: **Holland**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Alaska State Senate**

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

Your ZIP Code: **South Anchorage**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **4/9/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Senator Holland testified in support of Option 2 and noted that South Anchorage (District 28) and the Muldoon curve (District 27) have different family types with additional needs. During the tax proposals that Senator Holland worked on recently, everything in Muldoon had big-ticket intersection issues with much concrete work, and everything in South Anchorage was much smaller. A typical project in District 27 was millions of dollars, and a typical project in District 28 is hundreds of thousands of dollars.**

**Senator Holland understands that the Chugach mountain makes Eagle River and South Anchorage contiguous, but it is impassable. The constitution states contiguity as a factor, but contiguity also means access and flow, but there is no flow of trade or commerce between Eagle River and South Anchorage.**

**As a Senator, representing Eagle River and South Anchorage is challenging if a Senator's intentions are to be present and representative of the communities.**

**Option 2 has great pairings that solve many complications that Senator Holland has seen in District N (Districts 27 and 28, as stated above).**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 14, 2022, 11:37 am

First Name: **Lora**

Last Name: **Reinbold**

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): **4/9/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Lora Reinbold spent 10 years as a Huffman resident, 15 years as an Eagle River resident, and spent time in Girdwood with family members who have cabins there. Thus, Lora knows these areas very well and testified against Option 3-B as it makes the political gerrymandering called out by Judge Matthews even worse.**

**Lora testified in support of Option 2 that pairs House Districts 22 and 24 together and strongly encouraged keeping Eagle River together.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 14, 2022, 12:13 pm

First Name: **Lance**

Last Name: **Pruitt**

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): **4/9/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Lance has not heard much dialogue about JBER and military personnel, and this compelled Lance to testify. They do not have enough residents to make up a Senate district and are more tied to Eagle River and East Anchorage than other parts of Anchorage. The board is left with an option to ensure that military personnel are taken care of by keeping them in a Senate district pair with Eagle River.**

**One fact is that Eagle River High School would not exist if it wasn't for the military. If the military was not present, Eagle River High School could fit into Chugiak High School. Thus, you must tie the two together as they have the closest socioeconomic similarities. Also, the board must consider military personnel on voting ballots. There is usually a higher turnout from the military during the presidential elections.**

**Lance addressed comments about the long distance driving from Eagle River to South Anchorage and stated that a senator will likely spend more time in further districts as they want communities to know they are being considered and heard.**

**Lance testified in support of Option 3-B as it considers the military, a key group that has not had a strong presence in public testimonies. To support the military, you must pair JBER with Eagle River.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 14, 2022, 1:30 pm

First Name: **Joelle**

Last Name: **Hall**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **AFFR**

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

Your ZIP Code: **Anchorage**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **4/9/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **AFFR testified in support of the recently withdrawn Map 1 and has read the court remand to the board to pair Muldoon and Eagle River. AFFR supports the move to withdraw Map 1 to narrow the scope down to Options 2 and 3-B.**

**Breaking apart Eagle River with no basis to pair it with another part of Anchorage in an attempt at gerrymandering is why we are here today. Unbelievably, the board appears to be giving real consideration to a map that does the same thing. Mathematically, Eagle River is entitled to one Senate seat.**

**Since the remand, Joelle has listened to contorted explanations attempting to justify Option 3-B pairings. What is more compact, contiguous, and socioeconomically integrated than keeping a community whole?**

**The court has found that Eagle River is a community of interest whose needs can be considered with context to the larger Municipality of Anchorage. This leads to the debate on one of contiguity: the dividing line of Districts 22 and 24 is the majority of Eagle River Road, the heart of Eagle River that runs 13 miles. The neighborhoods on both sides attend the same elementary schools, recreate at the same parks, and shop at the same places. The contiguity of Option 2 is better than Option 3-B.**

**The board has made some tough contiguity calls in the process, such as Valdez, but Eagle River, South Anchorage, and Downtown Anchorage are not tough calls. There is a simple, rational, legal , constitutional solution.**

**Testifiers have continued to give the board rationales to break these communities apart, but the underlining constitutional question remains: What is more practicably contiguous? Is Option 3-B more practicably contiguous than Option 2? (It is not.)**

**Option 2 has side-by-side districts as the constitution envisions; there are no contortions required and no contiguity slights of hand. Joelle encouraged the board to adopt Option 2.**

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## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 14, 2022, 1:44 pm

First Name: **Mike**

Last Name: **Edgington**

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

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

Your ZIP Code: **Girdwood**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **4/9/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Mike testified in support of Option 2 as it is the most rational of the proposed options. Mike offered the following anecdotes:**

**1) Mike reviewed some history in the last 4.5 years of visiting places. He rarely visited Eagle River and South Anchorage, often more than once per week. This is likely similar to most of his Girdwood neighbors.**

**2) Mike referred to a discussion on second-rate contiguity between Judge Matthews and the board's legal counsel, Matt Singer. In this discussion, the sea and unpopulated mountains are used as contiguity, and this type of second-rate contiguity has been used to justify Option 3-B. This does not make sense as there is no practical way of traveling along the Chugach Mountains between districts.**

**3) There have been discussions on the Municipality of Anchorage's reapportionment process. Several testifiers supporting Option 3-B have mentioned objections to a proposal in the reapportionment process to combine some of Hillside Anchorage with Eagle River; this was true later in the process, but at the beginning, the city's contractor proposed other maps. One of the maps combines South Anchorage, Girdwood, and Turnagain Arm with Eagle River. Mike heard several objections from his community to this combination as they felt the two communities were not connected.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 14, 2022, 1:51 pm

First Name: **Judy**

Last Name: **Eledge**

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): **4/9/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Judy addressed Yarrow Silvers' comments about political organizations supporting Option 3-B and noted that both Yarrow and Denny Wells have supported the Eagle River and Hillside combination during the Anchorage Assembly reapportionment. Judy believes this is documented.**

**Judy asked others not to accuse other testifiers about their reasons for testifying. Judy noted that Cathy Giessel made sure Eagle River was represented as meetings in Eagle River were well-attended by Cathy when she was a senator.**

**Anchorage and Eagle River residents share similar socioeconomic backgrounds. Also, Judy consulted with a friend who is an attorney and confirmed that the constitution does not state that there must be a transportation corridor. There must be a geographical link shared, not a road. If this was the case, rural Alaska would not be represented.**

**Judy testified in support of Option 3-B.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 14, 2022, 2:15 pm

First Name: **Leighan**

Last Name: **Gonzales**

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): **4/9/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Leighan testified in support of Option 2 and noted that she did not intend to testify until she watched the April 8, 2022 hearing and saw how her neighbors were mistreated during the online and in-person verbal testimonies. Leighan expressed concern about the board asking testifiers questions who are not subject matter experts on constitutional law. The public is participating because they care about their communities.**

**Leighan asked the board to follow the constitution and the public's request to keep East Anchorage together, keep Downtown Anchorage together, and keep Eagle River together.**



## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 14, 2022, 2:20 pm

First Name: **Margarite**

Last Name: **Leeds**

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

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

Your ZIP Code: **Girdwood**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **4/9/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Margarite testified in support of Option 2, which pairs her community of Girdwood with South and Hillside Anchorage. These communities share common interests, allowing her to be fairly represented. This option also gives representation to East Anchorage and maintains representation in Eagle River.**

**Margarite testified against Option 3-B because the map pairs communities together with different concerns. For example, Eagle River has well-developed infrastructure while Girdwood has underdeveloped infrastructure, including police, fire, and emergency medical services. This option also violates the Supreme Court ruling splitting Eagle River would result in political gerrymandering. Overall, Option 3-B would damage her community of Girdwood.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 14, 2022, 2:22 pm

First Name: **Erik**

Last Name: **Steinfort**

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

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

Your ZIP Code: **Girdwood**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **4/9/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Erik testified in support of Option 2 and testified against Option 3-B. It seems like there is an intent to dilute Girdwood's voting representation, and the board is trying to find reasons to hide blatant gerrymandering.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 14, 2022, 2:46 pm

First Name: **Lisa**

Last Name: **Gentemann**

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): **4/9/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Lisa testified in support of Map 2 as it keeps the Eagle River districts together. Lisa lives on Eagle River Road and has been residing there for 25 years.**

**Lisa testified against Option 3-B which would only work "if we were mountain goats." In Lisa's experience supporting campaigns, door-knocking is already a challenge, and adopting Option 3-B would make campaign door-knocking hazardous. The houses in Eagle River are already far enough apart.**

**Constitution starts with "con" which means "together". Lisa hopes that the board considers keeping the community together.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 14, 2022, 2:50 pm

First Name: **Shelley**

Last Name: **Chaffin**

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): **4/9/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Shelley testified in support of Option 2 and asked the board to follow the guidelines set forth by Judge Matthews and affirmed by the Alaska Supreme Court. Map 2 is the constitutional choice.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 14, 2022, 3:47 pm

First Name: **Robert**

Last Name: **Hockema**

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): **4/9/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Robert noted an automatic assumption that JBER belongs to Eagle River and vice versa because many JBER families end up moving to Eagle River among other reasons. This is false, JBER belongs to all of Anchorage because JBER residents live and play in Anchorage. People often forget that there are two sides of JBER that have different social and economic behaviors.**

**JBER residents on the airport side are most associated with Downtown Anchorage and residents on the Fort Richardson side will most likely be seen in Muldoon and Eagle River. However, all JBER residents still travel to Anchorage. JBER does not belong to Eagle River.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 14, 2022, 3:48 pm

First Name: **Corwyn**

Last Name: **Wilkey**

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): **4/9/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Corwyn spoke in favor of Option 2 as it is the consitutional choice and it makes sense to keep communities together. Option 3-B is an obvious attempt at political gerrymandering.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 14, 2022, 3:52 pm

First Name: **Miles**

Last Name: **Baker**

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): **4/9/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Miles Baker testified in favor of Option 2 as it keeps District 24 paired with District 17. Miles has spent most of his life in Anchorage and feels he has a good understanding of Anchorage. He has lived in Turnagain, Rabbit Creek, and now owns a home in Government Hill, one of Anchorage's oldest neighborhoods. Government Hill is a sizeable community that does not work and lives on JBER, nor do they have access to JBER.**

**Miles does not intend to disenfranchise military members and veterans. The results of the September 11th tragedy have significantly limited public access to JBER, so it does not feel realistic to use a purely geographic bird's eye view to develop district boundaries.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 14, 2022, 4:02 pm

First Name: **Dan**

Last Name: **Saddler**

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): **4/9/2022 ARB  
Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Dan testified in support of Option 3-B as it pairs Districts 9 and 22 together in a single Senate district. District 22 includes the Eagle River Valley, a semi-rural area characterized by people living in or on the Chugach Mountains. District 9 encompasses a semi-rural area characterized by people living in or on the Chugach Mountains. The state constitution also requires continuity, and Dan has heard people from the public disqualifying the Chugach Mountains as contiguity. Dan reminded everyone that Alaska is a big state and Anchorage is a big municipality, so House districts and Senate pairings reflect these sizes.**

**Senators also have access to constituents by telephone, mail, teleconference, email, and the internet, which discounts the implications of pairing Eagle River and South Anchorage together, thus creating a long driving distance for senators**

**Option 3-B better reflects the common interests between districts.**

**Dan testified against Option 2, which would pair Districts 23 and 17. Dan represented District 18 in the State House, which linked the two areas - this was when he learned that the two communities are different.**

**Dan cautioned everyone against characterizing the motive of board members and cautioned the board against inferring any partisanship on the part of testifiers.**



## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

**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**

**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

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: March 30, 2022, 2:47 pm

First Name: **Elizabeth**

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): Senate pairings: keep community council areas intact

Public Comment: I'm in House district 11(O'Malley, Hillside, Independence Park). I support Melanie Bahnke's proposed pairings because it keeps more community council areas intact. If there are too many community council meetings per senator, they are unlikely to attend and so are less effective at representing their constituents.

The districts and community council areas are as follows:

District 9: Turnagain Arm, Girdwood, Rabbit Creek, Bear Valley, Glen Alps, Basher(shared with 21), Hillside(shared with 10), Huffman/O'Malley(shared with 10), and HALO(shared with 10 and 11)

District 10: Bayshore Klatt, Old Seward/Ocean view, Sand Lake (shared with 15), Taku/Campbell(shared with 13)

District 11: Huffman/O'Malley (shared with 9), Hillside(shared with 9), Abbott Loop(shared with 12), HALO(shared with 9 and 12)

District 12: Abbott Loop (shared with 11), Campbell Park(shared with 13 and 19), HALO(shared with 9 and 11)

To reduce overlap between community council meetings and keep communities intact, 9 (South Anchorage) should be paired with 11 (O'Malley) and 10 (Bayshore/Klatt) with either 13 (Taku/Campbell) or 15(Sand Lake).

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: March 30, 2022, 3:03 pm

First Name: **Tyler**

Last Name: **Watson**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Self**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

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

Public Comment: **I'm writing as a resident of the current Senate District K and I urge the board to accept the senate pairings originally proposed by member Bahnke. It's in the board's and public's interest to get this resolved quickly and simply switching to her proposed senate pairings allows the redistricting work to quickly wrap up so campaigns and voters can learn the new map. We already have so many changes to our election system coming up this year, the board shouldn't needlessly drag on the process. As a resident of the new District 21, I think pairing my district with 20 makes the most sense for my neighborhood, allowing for a true East Anchorage(Muldoon) senate seat. Thank you for your hard work on this.**



**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.

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

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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,



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## **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**

Date: March 30, 2022, 4:11 pm

First Name: **Alex**

Last Name: **Jorgensen**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Self**

Email or Phone Contact: 

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.**



## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: March 30, 2022, 4:15 pm

First Name: **Kimberly**

Last Name: **Hays**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

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**

**Kate Quick** <[REDACTED]>

Wed 3/30/2022 8:06 PM

Dear redistricting board,

My family and I live in Goldstream, which is a neighborhood in Fairbanks that you have tried to remove from the Fairbanks representation areas by creating a sprawling House District 36 covering various parts of rural Alaska. This is unfair and unjust, and the courts agree.

My kids go to school at Fairbanks area schools. My husband and I work in Fairbanks. We vote in local Fairbanks elections. We go to Fairbanks doctors. We drive on Fairbanks roads and shop in Fairbanks stores.

Your current plan to redistrict our Alaska House representation from a Fairbanks representative to someone representing a HUGE swath of rural Alaska does not make any logical sense. It is gerrymandering. We are Fairbanksans and should be represented in the state government by other Fairbanksans.

Please follow the Alaska Supreme Court's order to redraw House District 36 so that Fairbanks residents in Goldstream, Murphy Dome, and Ester continue to be represented by other Fairbanks residents.

Best,  
Kate Quick

[REDACTED]  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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: 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**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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, 12:44 pm

First Name: **Brandon**

Last Name: **Calcaterra**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Self**

Email or Phone Contact: 

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.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD 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: 

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.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: March 31, 2022, 12:49 pm

First Name: **James**

Last Name: **Dahl**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **self**

Email or Phone Contact: 

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.**



## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD 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.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: March 31, 2022, 6:07 pm

First Name: **Ryan**

Last Name: **Schryver**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: **99517**

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

Public Comment: **The Bahnke map is fair and equitable. It should be adopted immediately to reduce voter confusion.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: March 31, 2022, 8:49 pm

First Name: **Gretchen**

Last Name: **Wade**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99502**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **15&16 Keep Together**

Public Comment: **Hello,**

**As a resident of Sand Lake, I'm writing to request that House Districts 15 and 16 continue to be paired in a West Anchorage Senate district. This makes far more sense than east-west pairings that would break up West Anchorage. While "socioeconomic integration" is more strictly required for House boundaries than Senate districts in the Constitution, keeping neighborhoods together in logical Senate districts is good for voters, and our West Anchorage neighborhoods clearly have more in common than other neighborhoods to the east.**

**Thank you,**

**Greta Wade**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 1, 2022, 8:51 am

First Name: **Sheri**

Last Name: **Whitethorn**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

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.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 1, 2022, 10:47 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): **Please act immediately to adopt senate pairings using Bahnke's map**

Public Comment: **Hello,**

**I am writing today to encourage the Board to act immediately to adopt Member Bahnke's senate pairing map. The elections are coming up fast and it is important that voters find out what their senate districts are as soon as possible. Member Bahnke's map is a fair map that provides a great option for one person-one vote as well as common sense socioeconomic and geographic pairings. A failure to act quickly is likely to lead to voter disenfranchisement and confusion.**

**Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.**

**Leon Jaimes**

# **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**

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**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**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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, 12:36 pm

First Name: **Mary**

Last Name: **Burtness**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

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**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 1, 2022, 1:36 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):

Public Comment: **Please take action quickly on this supreme court ruling. We the voters deserve a fair map this coming election cycle.**

## **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:

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

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

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.**

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**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.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 1, 2022, 4:43 pm

First Name: **Brent**

Last Name: **Nichols**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Personal**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99701**

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

Public Comment: **With election season nearly six months away now, it is important that we have a finalized map that gives voters enough time to understand and candidates enough time to prepare for. While the map is not perfect and no doubt has characteristics which many would view as flawed, it is one of the fairest maps we've had in decades. It is also important to note that this map has already been upheld in court and has relatively fair house-senate pairings. Voters will also have to learn ranked choice voting in the ensuing months, and the more complicated and drawn out the redistricting process is, the less fair it is to voters. Please let this map be finalized as is so that we can move on and prepare for a first of its kind election. I applaud the redistricting board for their efforts so far and hope that Alaska can benefit from a more rational drawing of the map.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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.

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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.



**VIA EMAIL ONLY**

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

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Sincerely,



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## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Michelle Turner <[REDACTED]>  
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 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

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 1, 2022, 6:39 pm

First Name: **Andrew**

Last Name: **Gray**

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: **I support the senate pairings proposed by Redistricting Board Member Melanie Bahnke in November 2021:**

**9E with 11F**

**10E with 15H**

**16H with 14G**

**13G with 12F**

**17I with 23L**

**18I with 19J**

**20J with 21K**

**These combinations are logical. Please support Ms. Bahnke's pairings.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 1, 2022, 7:06 pm

First Name: **John**

Last Name: **Blaine**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: **99517**

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

Public Comment: **The pairings recommended by Melanie Bahnke appear to be the most reasonable and I hope you will move ahead with approval of her recommendations. Thank you.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 1, 2022, 7:06 pm

First Name: **John**

Last Name: **Blaine**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: **99517**

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

Public Comment: **The pairings recommended by Melanie Bahnke appear to be the most reasonable and I hope you will move ahead with approval of her recommendations. Thank you.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 1, 2022, 7:14 pm

First Name: **Holly**

Last Name: **Hill**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Bahnke district pairings must be adopted**

Public Comment: **The court has ordered a new redistricting map. The pairings proposed by Melanie Bahnke have already been presented and considered on the record. They are fair. Please adopt them expeditiously so that voters and candidates know what to expect by the next election.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 1, 2022, 7:21 pm

First Name: **Lisa**

Last Name: **Haugen**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Alaska Districting Map - Senate**

Public Comment: **I am asking that you please adopt the following senate pairings:**

**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.**

**Thank you for your consideration.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 1, 2022, 7:26 pm

First Name: **John**

Last Name: **Duffy**

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

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99645**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Adopt the Senate pairings proposed by Redistricting Board member Melanie Bahnke**

Public Comment: **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.**

**I respectfully request that the Redistricting Board adopt the Senate pairings proposed by Redistricting Board Member Melanie Bahnke which have already been presented and considered on the record and were informed by public input and testimony.**

**Thank you.**

**John Duffy**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 1, 2022, 10:03 pm

First Name: **Michael**

Last Name: **Garvey**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **ACLU of Alaska**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99503**

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

Public Comment: **I submit this comment on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union of Alaska, an organization dedicated to protecting the civil rights and individual liberties enshrined in the U.S. and Alaska Constitutions, including the right to vote and equal rights and protection under the law. The ACLU of Alaska additionally represented six amici in litigation over the Redistricting Board's decision to pair Eagle River/Chugiak and East Anchorage/Muldoon house districts to create Senate Districts K and L.**



## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 1, 2022, 11:40 pm

First Name: **Doug**

Last Name: **Robbins**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

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

Public Comment: **I urge the Board to adopt the Anchorage Senate pairings proposed by commissioner Bahnke, to replace the pairings rejected by the Supreme Court as unconstitutional. There is no reason to delay implementation of the Court's ruling.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 2, 2022, 8:06 am

First Name: **Sandy**

Last Name: **Blomfield**

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

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

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

Public Comment: **I sincerely request the State of Alaska Redistricting Committee to wait until after the spring elections prior to proceeding. There is a lot of change in the entire electoral process, the ranked choice voting being the largest change, followed by the special election to fill the congressional seat of the Honorable Don Young. Putting a hold onto the redistricting issue would benefit all Alaskans who want to have their voices heard but are frankly overwhelmed with the new procedures, voting choices and trying to ascertain how to cast their votes with the new "Ranked Choice" voting. Your delay regarding this matter would be truly appreciated. I hope you will consider this urgent request of the board. Sincerely, Sandy Blomfield, (born in the territory, 67 years in AK)**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 2, 2022, 9:36 am

First Name: **Ann**

Last Name: **Rappoport**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **not applicable**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Supreme/Superior Courts Remand Orders - it's time to adopt the proposed Bahnke district pairings!**

Public Comment: **I urge the Redistricting Board to act immediately to implement requirements in the Supreme Court's Remand Order. Voters need time to familiarize themselves with their potentially new districts, as well as the applicable candidates.**

**I also want to urge the Board to swiftly adopt the Senate district pairings proposed by Melanie Bahnke for the remaining district areas that need to be revised in order to avoid gerrymandering, as the Courts have ruled. These pairings were both informed and overwhelmingly supported by public testimony when they were presented to the public as well as being considered on the 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. Eagle River needs to be paired with Eagle River (i.e., pair House districts 22 and 24 in one Senate district); Muldoon needs to be paired with Muldoon (i.e., pair districts 20 and 21 into one Senate seat; pair districts 18 and 19 into one Senate seat); etc. These pairings unite neighborhoods into compact areas as they should. NOTE - we recently went through an extensive redistricting process for the Anchorage Assembly and similar issues arose where people tried to pair Eagle River with South Anchorage - public comments proved that illogical and fortunately that attempt was overruled. We need similar common sense to prevail here!**

**For South Anchorage, house districts 9 and 11 should be paired as these Hillside areas share concerns around limited and rural road service areas, septic systems, private wells, geographic limitations (steep slopes) for development and drainage issues.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 2, 2022, 9:43 am

First Name: **Jan Carolyn**

Last Name: **Hardy**

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: **The 2021 Board Proclamation for Anchorage was ratified on November 10, 2021. There has been a public hearing publicly presented with public input and testimony. This Board has the opportunity to be the first Redistricting Board in over 20 years to have a map that is viable for a full 10 years.**

**The Board did a good job with the overall house map and senate pairings in Southeast, Rural, Interior, and MatSu. Further delays would result in some candidates running three elections in a row. We have seen the chaos that creates both for the candidates and the voters. Some voters did not exercise the franchise because they did not know in which district they resided. This is unfair to the candidates and the voter.**

**We have a new system of voting: Rank Choice Voting. To complicate the matter further we will have special election to replace him. This is unprecedented. The voter needs time to reorient themselves to their new senate and house district. If questions surrounding our new Anchorage Municipality have not been resolved immediately the result could be voter disenfranchisement and failure of the system to protect one voter, one vote.**

**The Alaska Supreme Court has upheld the unconstitutional political gerrymander of Senate Seat K (Eagle River/East Anchorage) and remanded the pairing back to the Alaska Redistricting Board. Please act swiftly to adopt a map with final senate pairings. There is no time to waste.**

## **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).**

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17 and 18 downtown and Mountain View  
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15 and 16 same as what you have already decided.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 2, 2022, 10:16 am

First Name: **Elizabeth**

Last Name: **Barry**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99517**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Court Remand Orders--Adopt the Bahnke District Pairings**

Public Comment: **The Redistricting Board needs to act immediately to implement requirements in the Supreme Court's Remand Order. Voters need time to familiarize themselves with their potentially new districts, as well as the applicable candidates.**

**I urge the Board to swiftly adopt the Senate district pairings proposed by Melanie Bahnke for the remaining district areas that must be revised to avoid gerrymandering, as the Courts have ruled. These pairings were both informed and overwhelmingly supported by public testimony when they were presented to the public as well as being considered on the record. Crucially, these pairings uphold the requirements for geographic contiguity, socioeconomic similarity, and reasonableness, upholding our Constitutional mandates of one person, one vote. Eagle River needs to be paired with Eagle River (i.e., pair House districts 22 and 24 in one Senate district); Muldoon needs to be paired with Muldoon (i.e., pair districts 20 and 21 into one Senate seat; pair districts 18 and 19 into one Senate seat); etc. These pairings unite neighborhoods into compact areas as they should. The Anchorage Assembly recently went through an extensive redistricting process and similar issues arose where people tried to pair Eagle River with South Anchorage. Public comments proved that illogical and fortunately that attempt was overruled. We need similar common sense to prevail here.**

**Districts 23 and 17 should be paired to place Government Hill, Downtown, Fairview, and JBER in the same district. For populations, the Board had to divide Downtown into two districts; pairing these districts will ensure they are at least in the same Senate District. Government Hill is one of the oldest neighborhoods in Anchorage and has longstanding ties to the other historic neighborhoods in District 17. Service members from JBER regularly frequent businesses and services in Downtown.**

**The Spenard district (District 14) should be paired with the Turnagain district (District 16). Spenard and Turnagain are two very closely linked neighborhoods and residents often describe the whole area as "Spenard-Turnagain".**

# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE

Mary E. Fenno



Fairbanks, Alaska 99709

To the 2021 Alaska Redistricting Board:

Hello, My name is Mary E. Fenno, I live at 1630 Goldridge Dr. in the Goldstream Valley, and I have lived at this address since 1983. I have been an Alaskan since 1975. My children went to Fairbanks schools, I receive my mail through a post office in Fairbanks, and I live approximately ten miles from the city of Fairbanks.

I believe that my neighborhood in District 36 was deliberately gerrymandered to break up the Democratic vote in our district which **SHOULD INCLUDE** neighborhoods in our area. This totally violates the directions the redistricting board are to follow as stated in Section 6.6, District Boundaries, and I quote:

*"Each house district shall be formed of contiguous and compact territory containing as nearly as practicable a relatively integrated socio-economic area."*

My neighborhood and others in the Goldstream Valley have been taken out of our district and put with a very rural area, far from the Fairbanks area where we work and live.

To give those who are not familiar with District 36 as this redistricting board constructed it, the western border of district 36 includes Holy Cross and other communities others along the Yukon River, to the north Arctic Village, the western border is the Canadian border including Chicken and, and the southern border ripples around the McCarthy, Gulkana area and finally doglegs around Cantwell. Then the border goes north and includes Delta, Ft. Greely, and then goes around the Fairbanks districts, **except for excluding part of the Goldstream Valley**, and then heads south again to Nenana and Anderson.

I respectfully ask that the redistricting board change the border that deliberately slices our section of Goldstream Valley out of the Fairbanks districts and put us back in the district where we belong with our socio-economic area!

Also, I would also point out that, sadly, gerrymandering is always a part of the redistricting in our state, and this year's maps reveal the usual decennial debacle of manipulation that, once again, promotes political partisanship. I believe this is because the Alaska Constitution is misinterpreted. It states in, Section 6.8 Redistricting Board, it's plan for redistricting board members:

*"Appointments shall be made without regard to political affiliation..."*

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

*The governor shall appoint two members of the board. The presiding officer of the senate, the presiding officer of the house of representatives, and the chief justice of the supreme court shall each appoint one member of the board."*

I believe that these words are misconstrued by politicians. I **DON'T** believe Alaska's founders meant to give any administration and/or legislature the power to stack the redistricting board with their party members. The founders did not want five people who are appointed by politicians **with regard**, that is, with favor, to their political affiliation. I believe they wanted all Alaskans to be represented in this process.

Thank you for reading and listening to my testimony.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Fenno

[REDACTED]

Fairbanks, Alaska 99709



## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 2, 2022, 10:38 am

First Name: **Andy**

Last Name: **Durny**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **None**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99701**

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

Public Comment: **Please adopt Senate pairings proposed by Redistricting Board member Melanie Bahnke rather than coming up with new pairings. These pairings proposed by Ms. Bahnke are fair, logical, and sensible.**

# **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  
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**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, 11:12 am

First Name: **Anne Marie**

Last Name: **Moylan**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99508**

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

Public Comment: **Dear Board,**

**Please waste no time in adopting the Bahnke plan and pairings as is because it followed all the precepts of fair and equitable means: the principle of one person to one vote.**

**It provides people the time to acquaint themselves with what may be their shifted district before very important voting opportunities. If allowed to drag on there would likely be further disenfranchisement of voters.**

**Thank you,**

**Anne Marie Moylan**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

To the Alaska Redistricting Board,

As you revisit unconstitutional district lines of House District 36, please take this opportunity to rectify the mistake of excluding the Goldstream area of the Fairbanks North Star Borough from a Fairbanks area House district.

Goldstream is entirely socioeconomically associated with Fairbanks, and it plainly defies compactness to associate an area dependent on, and integrated with, Fairbanks with communities hundreds of miles away instead.

My children attend school in a Fairbanks North Star Borough School District School, I work in Fairbanks, and have served on an FNSB commission. In the current foolhardy proposal for our house district alignment, I would have to travel through a couple Fairbanks House districts to visit other communities with whom we would be politically associated.

Take this opportunity to right a wrong and keep our community and House district whole.

Thank you,

John Perreault

# **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.**

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## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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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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.<sup>1</sup>

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.<sup>2</sup>

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

<sup>2</sup> 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

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 2, 2022, 12:28 pm

First Name: **Julia**

Last Name: **Bockmon**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

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.).**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 2, 2022, 12:49 pm

First Name: **Camilla**

Last Name: **Dalton**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99517**

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

Public Comment: **I ask the Board to comply with the Court's requirements. There will only be confusion and more confusion if this process is allowed to drag out. In my opinion, the Board should adopt the Bahnke senate pairings, instead of trying to come up with new pairings. It is in the public interest to adopt a map with final senate pairings ASAP!! so that voters can familiarize themselves with their new districts, precincts, and voting locations, besides an unprecedented special election.**

**PLEASE just Adopt the Bahnke pairings NOW. They have already been presented and considered and informed by public input and testimony. In addition, they are the common-sense geographic and socioeconomic pairings. Thank you**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 2, 2022, 1:06 pm

First Name: **Pamela**

Last Name: **Miller**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Alaska Community Action on Toxics**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99518**

Issue of Concern: **Fair and equitable re-districting**

Public Comment: **April 2, 2022**

**Dear Members of the Re-Districting Board:**

I am writing on behalf of our board, staff, volunteers, and supporters of Alaska Community Action on Toxics, a statewide public interest non-profit environmental health and justice organization. We also work to ensure voter rights and uphold democratic principles. We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the critical issue of re-districting and write to ensure that voting districts are representative, fair, and equitable for all Alaskans. Thank you for your careful deliberations. The redistricting board must be responsible to the public by resolving this expeditiously to prevent voter disenfranchisement and confusion.

Given the urgency of this issue, we respectfully request that the Alaska Re-Districting Board immediately fulfil the Court's requirements. We assert that it is necessary and in the public interest to prevent further confusion by expeditiously adopting a map with final Senate pairings. This is necessary to provide voters with timely understanding of their new districts, precincts, and voting locations. This is especially important and timely given the new ranked choice voting election system and complications of the upcoming and unprecedented special election.

We further recommend that the Board should adopt the Bahnke Senate pairings in Anchorage rather than attempting to create new pairings. These pairings were informed by public input and testimony and uphold the "one person, one vote principle." In addition, they provide common-sense geographic and socioeconomic pairings.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
**Pamela Miller**  
Executive Director

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 2, 2022, 1:23 pm

First Name: **Camilla**

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,**

**Camilla Hussein-Scott  
Eagle River**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 2, 2022, 1:24 pm

First Name: **Elizabeth**

Last Name: **Jones**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99709**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **District 36-R**

Public Comment: **Do not understand why the Murphy Dome area and Goldstream area are no longer part of the Fairbanks area. We are an Alaska "suburb" of Fairbanks. That is the closest commercial district to us. While we are all Alaskans, we are more like Fairbanks than the rural areas we have been placed with in the new redistricting map. Please put us back with Fairbanks as before.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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.**



## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 2, 2022, 1:54 pm

First Name: **Mary**

Last Name: **Geddes**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

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

Public Comment: **I am an Anchorage resident and homeowner who has lived in Alaska since 1984. I vote in every election. I wish to express my support for the Senate pairings proposed by Melanie Bahnke. Her proposal reflected public input and the pairings are the most sensible reflection of geographical and socioeconomic criteria.**

Sincerely,

**Mary Geddes**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 2, 2022, 5:00 pm

First Name: **Diane**

Last Name: **Herrmann**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99709**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **District 36 and Goldstream Valley, Fairbanks**

Public Comment: **I urge you to reconsider the inclusion of Goldstream Valley in District 36, a rural district. Goldstream Valley residents are members of the Fairbanks community: they work, go to school, and shop in Fairbanks, similar to those who live in Ester, off Farmers Loop, or much of Chena Hot Springs Road. In looking at the map for 35R and 36R, the west side of Fairbanks has been carved up and divided among those districts as well as 34Q. This does not follow the constitutional rule that calls for “relatively integrated socioeconomic area.” Please fix this.**

## ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE

From: Alyssa Quintyne <[REDACTED]>

Hi good afternoon again,

My name is Alyssa Quintyne from Fairbanks. I'm not able to call in today, but did want to email in my thoughts to this board.

I've mentioned in previous emails the cultural and community nuances of Interior Alaska, as it is everywhere, is imperative to how we vote. I explained that even though Farmer's Loop and Eielson AFB are in the same borough and only 10 minutes away from each other, that those communities are drastically different and have drastically different needs and impacts, and that to ask an elected leader to represent both of those communities would become competitive and harmful to both those communities and to the representative. I explained that this current 2021 map felt obviously politically motivated and gentrified, and how this broke my trust in this process that will impact me for the next decade. I and several other organizers worked hard to rally our friends and neighbors to engage in this process, and it is not clear how, or even if our feedback was taken seriously. None of the changes we advocated for are reflected on your website. I don't see how putting College road, Downtown, and all of South Cushman - the historic and current Black and Native neighbors, our military families, and the area with the highest and most diverse population density in the entire Borough into the 2 smallest districts in the Interior is fair or constitutional. I don't see how putting Farmer's Loop with Eielson AFB is fair and constitutional. I don't see removing the Goldstream and Ester communities from our broader communities to somehow represent Rural Alaskans is fair and constitutional. None of this is clear to me.

What is clear is this;

It is clear that this board has no regard for how this will impact communities, just money and politics. It's clear that our Fairbanks member has succeeded in representing their fantasy community that fits their socio-political and financial needs, but has failed to represent the actual needs and thoughts of their community. It is clear that there is no room for Black, Brown, Indigenous, Disabled, LGBTQ, Military, Migrant, or young voters to truly have a say or have any meaningful representation in this process and in our own government.

This map proves it, and this Board's comments have proved it.

I am happy this board is working so hard to achieve their personal goals, but now, I and so many other people will have to work to undo the harm and confusion and frustration and inequities this Board will cause us. You sit there and argue and banter and crunch numbers, I have to be out there on the streets, neighborhood to neighborhood, explaining to this entire borough how to vote again and why this Board chose the way they did. Our fights and worlds are different. You all had a chance to understand that, you asked people to engage, and our words fell on closed ears. I sincerely hope you at least take that into consideration for future endeavors.

~ Alyssa


## **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: 

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**

Date: April 4, 2022, 8:09 am

First Name: **Amy**

Last Name: **Woodward**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Corrupt 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 4, 2022, 8:10 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): **Do NOT adopt the 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.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 4, 2022, 8:25 am

First Name: **Robin**

Last Name: **Platt**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **96501**

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.**



## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 4, 2022, 8:28 am

First Name: **Tiffany**

Last Name: **Quirk**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

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 flawed and 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 4, 2022, 8:38 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): **Do NOT adopt the 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 4, 2022, 8:39 am

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): **Bahnke redistricting**

Public Comment: **Please do not support this redistricting move. It's not fair or balanced**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 4, 2022, 8:47 am

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): **Bahnke pairing**

Public Comment: **I feel that this is an unfair and unbalanced redistricting. I urge you to vote against it.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 4, 2022, 8:48 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): **DO NOT ADOPT THE 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 East Anchorage we as a community deserve to be heard. Please slow the process down.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 4, 2022, 8:53 am

First Name: **Elizabeth**

Last Name: **Welsh**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99654**

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

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, 9:01 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): **Do NOT adopt the Bahnke plan**

Public Comment: **I am total disagreement with this Bahnke plan, the people of these communities deserve to have ample time for public input. Adopting these boundaries is an intentional political maneuver designed to isolate and de-power the people of Eagle River-Chugiak.**

**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, 9:10 am

First Name: **Jason**

Last Name: **Woodward**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

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

Public Comment: **Please do not 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 4, 2022, 9:14 am

First Name: **Florence**

Last Name: **Preston**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99654**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **DONT ADOBT THE 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, 9:18 am

First Name: **Trina**

Last Name: **Johnson**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: **99509**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **DO NOT ADOPT BAHNKE PLAN**

Public Comment: **The public has a right to participate in this redistricting and pushing this through without that process and the time needed is not fair. More time to inform more people about this is needed.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 4, 2022, 9:22 am

First Name: **Kevin**

Last Name: **Cross**

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

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

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

Public Comment: **Do not approve this without greater public participation. It currently appears that only those with a specific agenda have been part of the decision making process. The desires of a few should not outweigh the rights of the many.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 4, 2022, 9:24 am

First Name: **Brandon**

Last Name: **Welsh**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99654**

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.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 4, 2022, 9:26 am

First Name: **Jeremy**

Last Name: **Tompkins**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99503**

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.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

First Name: **Dustin**

Last Name: **Sherman**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Do not adopt the 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. If things arent equal you are not listening to your constituents.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 4, 2022, 9:32 am

First Name: **Curtis**

Last Name: **Randle**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99508**

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.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 4, 2022, 9:38 am

First Name: **Michael**

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): **Redistricting**

Public Comment: **The Bahnke plan should not be adopted. The Bahnke plan is clearly partisan and in its current form is politically unbalanced, politically unfair, and does not accurately represent the people of Anchorage and Eagle River. The Board should reevaluate the timeframe and incorporate enough time and public input to produce a plan that reflects a nonpartisan effort that incorporates the constituents wants (not political party wants) of the communities involved. When rushing a political process driven by board members political beliefs, instead of the community's wants, produces a sloppy product such as the Bahnke plan. In order to provide a fair and just plan the process should slow its tempo so community involvement can be used in the development of a plan. By rushing the process you are denying our rights as citizens to govern our government. This process needs to be fair to all not just a small group of individuals. As a resident of Eagle River our community deserves to be heard and our comments incorporated into the plan.**



## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 4, 2022, 9:41 am

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): **Do NOT 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, 9:52 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): **District map**

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**

First Name: **Dawn**

Last Name: **Merryfield**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

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

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, 10:01 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):

Public Comment: **To Whom It May Concern:**

**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 4, 2022, 10:02 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):

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 4, 2022, 10:29 am

First Name: **Roxana**

Last Name: **Castaneda**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Please DO NOT adopt the Bahnke Plan**

Public Comment: **Rushing the redistricts is partisan and does not allow actual representation of the people of Anchorage and Alaska.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 4, 2022, 10:31 am

First Name: **Alan**

Last Name: **Welsh**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

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.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 4, 2022, 10:41 am

First Name: **Dan**

Last Name: **Zipy**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: **99511**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **House District 36 or Senate District K**

Public Comment: **Do not pass as this district needs more time to process. Let the people of Eagle River have more say to elaborate on issue.**



## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 4, 2022, 10:53 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): **Do NOT adopt the Bahnke Plan.**

Public Comment: **Do NOT adopt the Bahnke Plan.**

# **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, 11:00 am

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): **Do NOT adopt the Bahnke Plan.**

Public Comment: **Do NOT adopt the Bahnke Plan.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 4, 2022, 11:18 am

First Name: **Nick**

Last Name: **Arnold**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Do NOT adopt the 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, 12:08 pm

First Name: **La quen nay Elizabeth**

Last Name: **Medicine Crow**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **First Alaskans Institute**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

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

Public Comment: **Sangay 'laa uhlaang, the day is getting good! I write to submit my comments on behalf of First Alaskans Institute to encourage the Redistricting Board to quickly and without delay follow the Alaska Supreme Court Ruling and adopt the Bahnke Senate Pairings which have already been vetted by this Board and the Public. Complying with the court order is essential for letting Alaskans know that you understand your duty to not violate equal protections any further by delaying this process. There is no reason to not comply immediately with the court order and immediately adopt the Bahhnke Senate Pairings. Gunalchesh, H;w'aa for your time.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 4, 2022, 12:50 pm

First Name: **Robyn**

Last Name: **DiLorenzo**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

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. 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 4, 2022, 1:45 pm

First Name: **Joe**

Last Name: **Wright**

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**

Public Comment: **The Bahnke plan is partisan and should not be adopted. Please take the time to review all the options to meet the conditions outlined by the courts and develop a map that represents all including Eagle River.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 4, 2022, 1:54 pm

First Name: **Terri**

Last Name: **Gagne**

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: **Needs more time for discussion and public comments**



## **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**

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 fully 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 4, 2022, 2:34 pm

First Name: **Bob**

Last Name: **Griffin**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

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

Public Comment: **As a longtime former Eagle River resident I'm asking to not adopt the Bahnke plan. . The Bahnke plan is clearly partisan. The plan should be balanced and fair and accurately represent the people of Anchorage and Eagle River.**

## **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, 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 4, 2022, 2:57 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): **DO NOT ADOPT the Bahnke Redistricting Plan**

Public Comment: **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!**

## **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 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, 3:48 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): **Bahnke pairings against**

Public Comment: **I am against Bahnke pairings as proposed by Melanie Bahnke, Scott Kendall, Sen Tom Begich.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 4, 2022, 3:54 pm

First Name: **Brooklynn**

Last Name: **Clinton**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Republican**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

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.**

## **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, 4:44 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): **Senate Pairings Revision**

Public Comment: **Please adopt the Senate District revision map introduced by Member Borromeo on April 4, 2022, '2022 Proposed Revision: Bahnke v1.'** It represents an excellent solution to correcting the gerrymander that was challenged and found to be unconstitutional. Thank you.

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 4, 2022, 4:48 pm

First Name: **Christopher**

Last Name: **Wright**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: **99515**

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

Public Comment: **Please do not adopt the Bahnke Plan. This partisan plan should not be adopted and citizens should be heard through public comment.**

## **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, 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, 6:44 pm

First Name: **Jesse**

Last Name: **Venable**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: **99708**

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

Public Comment: **We live in the Goldstream hills and do not like being placed in a rural district. We are suburban Fairbanks and demographically and politically we should be in the same district as UAF. We are being gerrymandered!**



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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:

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## **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

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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, 6:52 pm

First Name: **Marcy**

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): **DON'T ADOPT BAHNKE PLAN!**

Public Comment: **Please 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.**

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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, 7:22 pm

First Name: **Susan**

Last Name: **Keys**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99708-1087**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **House District 36**

Public Comment: **I live in the Goldstream Valley. Your decision to remove the Goldstream Valley from Fairbanks and call it a rural district is gerrymandering, and does not meet the constitutional requirement that a house district be compact, contiguous, and socio-economically integrated. The Goldstream Valley should not be included in House District 36. It should be with Fairbanks.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 4, 2022, 8:00 pm

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): **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.**

Public Comment: **Please follow the list No and post in favor of 9/22 and 23/24 maps that include these changes and no to the Bahnke map. 9/22 and 23/24 maps that include these changes and no to the Bahnke map.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 4, 2022, 8:08 pm

First Name: **Keith's**

Last Name: **Manternach**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

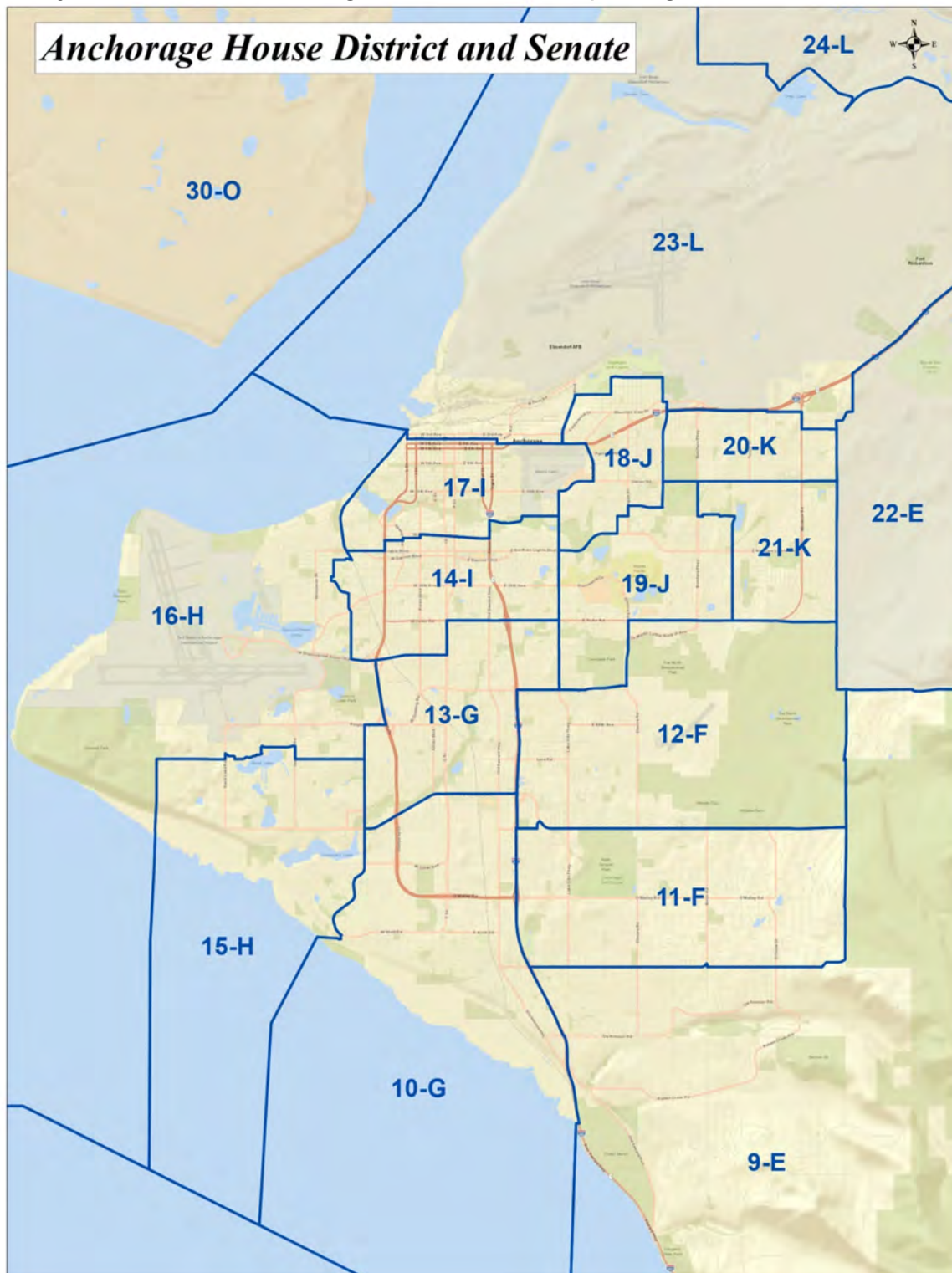
Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

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.**



# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE

From: Randy Ruedrich <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 7:34 PM  
Subject: AFFER Anchorage Senate District pairings.



# **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:**

**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 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 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.**

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**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 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 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, port 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 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, 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 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 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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## **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, 7:34 am

First Name: **Jason**

Last Name: **Norris**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

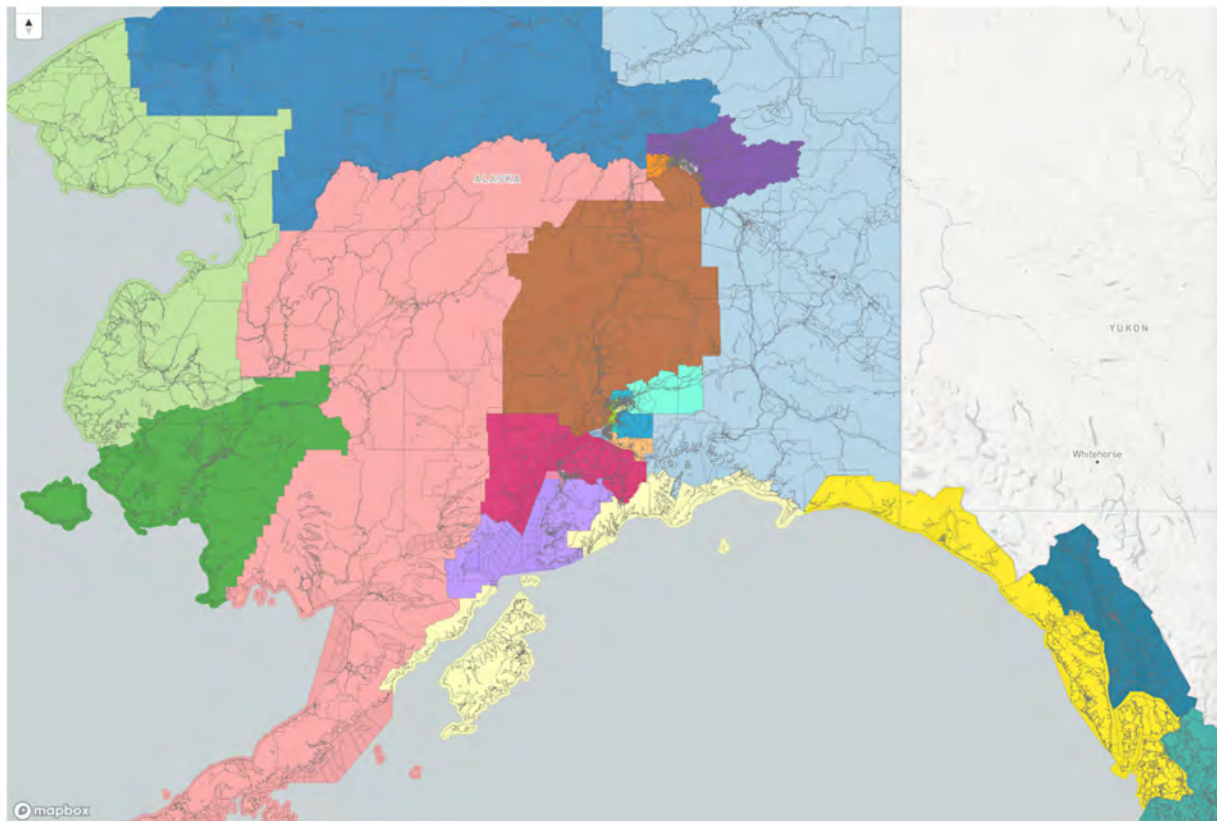
Your ZIP Code: **99516**

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 "Banhke 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.**

<https://districtr.org/plan/122886>



## **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: 

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, 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, 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**

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 pairings/

Please approve the AFFER map. Thank you.

AG  
John A (Alex) Gimarc  
[REDACTED]

## **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, 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**

Date: April 5, 2022, 10:34 am

First Name: **Randall**

Last Name: **Hagenstein**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

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, 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, 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**

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, 12:24 pm

First Name: **Kevin**

Last Name: **McClear**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

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, 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, 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, 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 constitutional pairing is House District 23 to House District 17.**



## **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**

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**

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 it'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, 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, 6:37 pm

First Name: **Teri**

Last Name: **Lembeck**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: **99508**

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

Public Comment: **V1**

## **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 military 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,

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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). These 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'Malley 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, "The Loudest Voice Should Rule The Day". Rather, your job is to provide balance and fairness in determining the election districts for Alaska that will be law for the next decade. I ask that you move forward with a fair and equitable plan that serves the best interest of all Alaskans.

Thank you for your time this morning.

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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, 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, 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**

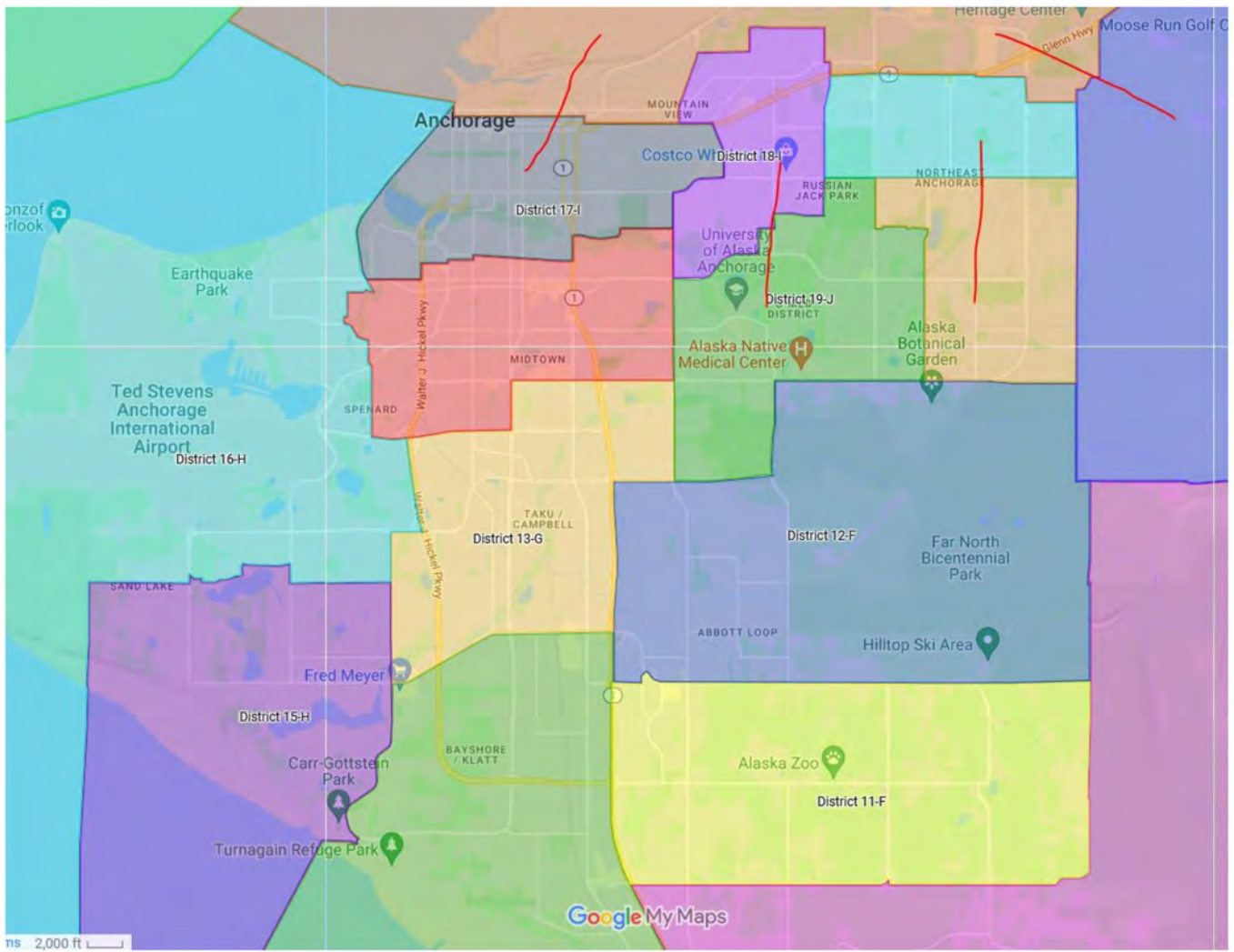
Several proposals have been put forth. While I would have offered further pairings, my recommendation would be to **make as few changes as possible from the 2021 Proclamation while respecting the rulings of the Superior Court and Supreme Court**. This will minimize the opportunity for further litigation 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.



**Municipality of Anchorage**  
**Assembly Member Christopher Constant**

[christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov](mailto: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

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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.

**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, Vice Chair  
Anchorage Assembly, District 1  
(907)787-9989



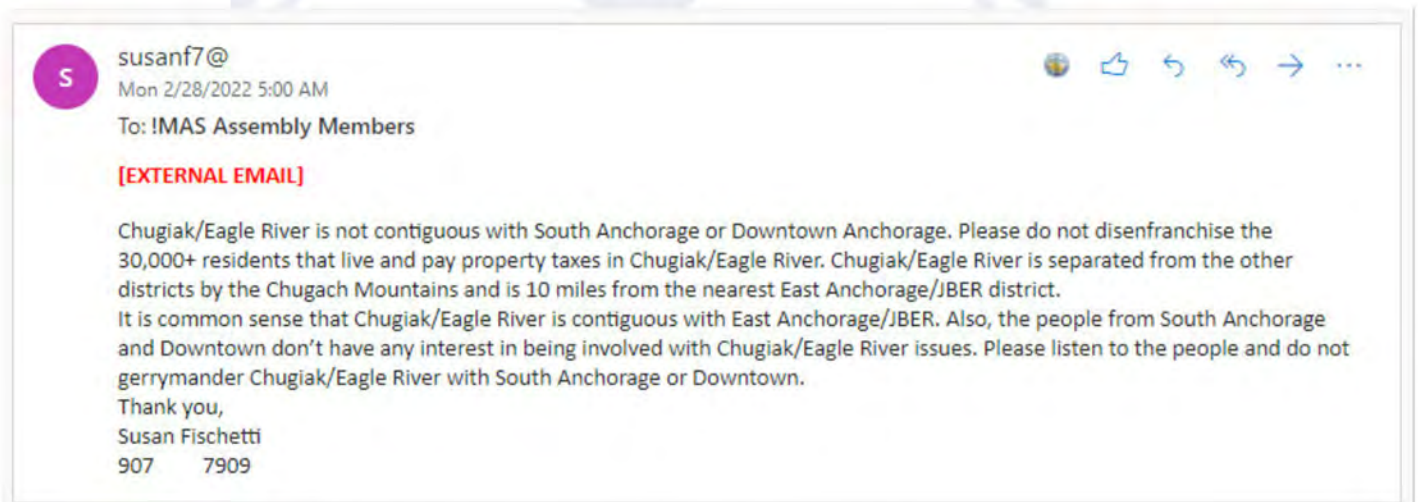
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**Assembly Member Christopher Constant**

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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:



Appendix 2 and 3 follow.

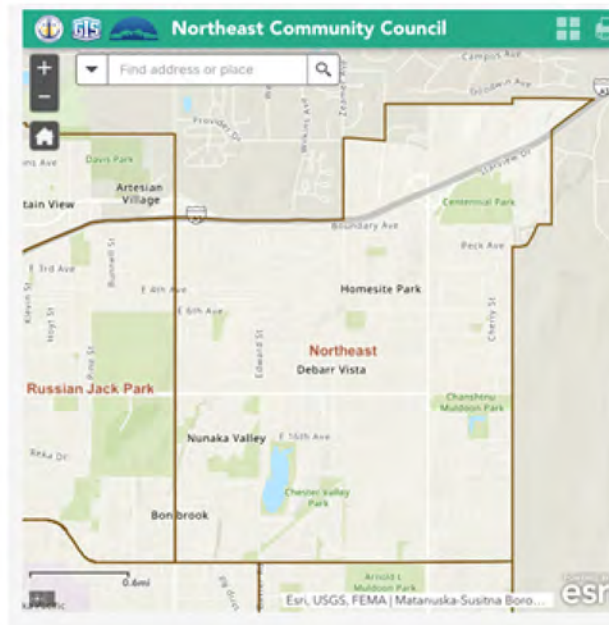
## Resolution 2022-01

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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

Graham Spotted  
Signature  
President, Huffman  
Title  
O'Malley Community  
Council





## **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

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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



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Date	Topic	Commenter	Comment
1/21/2022	Map 10 Wells B	Denmer Wells	<p>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: <a href="https://distrctr.org/plan/103441">https://distrctr.org/plan/103441</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Even smaller population deviation than Denny's Map A</li><li>- 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.</li><li>- District 5 includes Russian Jack, as in the current districts.</li><li>- District 4 is more mid-town and less SW Anchorage.</li><li>- The District 1/ District 3 boundary is at West Chester rather than the railroad.</li></ul>
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 discontinuous, 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

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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 <a href="https://districtr.org/plan/101570">https://districtr.org/plan/101570</a> 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	<p>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)</p> <p>Why do you want to move JBER into District 1 anyway?</p> <p>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?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Map 6: Not sure why Independence Park needed to be carved out of District 6.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Please especially refer my comments to my two assembly members, John Weddleton and Suzanne LaFrance.</p>

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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 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 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	<p>I would like to strongly advocate for the adoption of Map #6 proposed by Anchorage Action for many reasons including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Highly compact and contiguous</li><li>- Closely resembles the current map except for the District 1, which understandably extends into Midtown due to the addition of a second representative</li><li>- Better than Map #2, the next best map, for reasons that include:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Lower total deviation</li><li>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)</li></ul></li></ul> <p>All of the remaining maps have substantial issues including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Not contiguous--e.g., Map numbers 1, 7, 9, 10 all pair Eagle River / Chugiak with parts of South Anchorage and/or Stuckagain Heights</li><li>- 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</li><li>- 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</li></ul> <p>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.</p> <p>Curtis Smith</p>

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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	<p>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 Map 9 on the reapportionment page. This map can be found at It can also be found at <a href="https://districtr.org/plan/107533">https://districtr.org/plan/107533</a> and an image of it is attached to this comment.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Some of the other maps were less concerned with deviation, but they also missed some neighborhood cohesion elements.</p>

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2/1/2022	Map 6 Anchorage Action	Doug Robbins	<p>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.</p> <p>Map 6: Good. Districts are contiguous and compact, connecting related neighborhoods, with a better population deviation than Map 2.</p>
2/1/2022	Map Two	Doug Robbins	<p>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.</p>
2/1/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Doug Robbins	<p>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.</p>

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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	<p>After studying the maps presented, Maps 3 and 5 are the most reasonable reapportionment suggestions.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
2/1/2022	Map Three	Nicole Branch	<p>After studying the maps presented, Maps 3 and 5 are the most reasonable reapportionment suggestions.</p>

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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 9 Wells A	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
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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Thanks for considering my input!</p> <p>Cindy Lelake</p>
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 join South 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 Eagle River with JBER, where 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 attend 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	<p>Hi Reapportionment Committee,</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Thanks for all your hard work.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Paula Davis</p>
2/7/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Cynthia Wentworth	<p>Dear Assembly members,</p> <p>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.</p>
2/8/2022	Map Five	Bryan Silva	<p>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.</p>

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

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2/9/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Huffman O'Malley Community Council 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 Anchorage's political voice.

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2/13/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Kim Mazzolini	<p>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 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.</p> <p>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!</p>
2/13/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	EG Paul Mazzolini	<p>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 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.</p> <p>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!</p>

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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	<p>To whom it may concern:</p> <p>I would like to place a rank order for preference of the remaining three reapportionment maps.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Weddleton map. Boundaries are clear and concise between districts.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol> <p>Thank you, Nicole Branch</p>

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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	<p>Reapportionment Committee, I have reviewed the criteria and maps presented for consideration. I would like to endorse MAP #6.</p> <p>However, you might consider minor changes to the midtown area. Boundaries for a midtown area logically could include:</p> <p>NORTH BOUNDARY DEBAR ROAD SOUTH BOUNDARY TUDOR ROAD EAST BOUNDARY BONIFACE ROAD WEST BOUNDARY MINNESOTA</p> <p>The above boundaries offer Midtown residents their own representation and is not included with the Downtown district. Downtown district should include the port</p> <p>JBEAR should be included with Eagle River</p> <p>Strong opposition to moving the Upper Hillside to Eagle River.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration. Sandy Blomfield</p>
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	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	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration on this matter.</p>



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2/20/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Catherine Giessel	<p>Dear Assembly members, I am writing in SUPPORT OF MAP 11v2. I believe it keeps well-identified neighborhoods intact, which is very important.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>I am OPPOSED to combining any portion of the Anchorage hillside with any portion of Eagle River.</p> <p>Thank you for your diligent work on this important issue.</p> <p>Best regards, Cathy</p> <p>Cathy Giessel, MS, RN, APRN, FAANP cgiessel@me.com 907.242.5450</p> <p>12701 Ridgewood Rd, ANC 99516</p>
2/20/2022	Map 6v2 Anchorage Action	Catherine Giessel	<p>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.</p>

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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	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 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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Sincerely, Kathy Kuletz</p>

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2/22/2022	Map 7v2 Hockema	Joy Boston	Please do not reapportion any part of the Anchorage Hillside area to Eagle River as depicted in map 7 version 2. Of the remaining maps, 6v2, 11 and 12, I prefer map 11. Any reapportionment should maintain district integrity; constituents should not have to cross into or through other districts to access any and all parts of their own district.  Keep districts contiguous and do not combined Hillside with Eagle River.
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2/22/2022	Map 7v2 Hockema	Joseph Connolly	<p>To all who are part of the district reapportionment process.</p> <p>I will keep my thoughts simple and brief about the 3 different plans that have been proposed.</p> <p>Specifically, Map 7v.2 should either be amended or removed from consideration for the following primary reasons:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Thank you for the consideration.</p> <p>Joe Connolly -Glen Alps Resident -Glen Alps Road Service Area Board of Supervisors Chairperson</p>

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2/23/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Jan Carolyn Hardy	<p>9040 Emerald Drive Anchorage, Alaska 99502 February 23, 2022</p> <p>Honorable Members of the Anchorage Assembly,</p> <p>I am a resident of District 3 and an endorser of Map 11 v2 for the Anchorage Reapportionment of District Boundaries.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>2. JBER is in one District as befits a more transient population.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>4. Midtown remains its own District. Midtown is distinct from Downtown and South Anchorage.</p> <p>5. Eagle River and Chugiak remain in their own distinct and unique geographical area.</p> <p>Map 11 v2 respects the integrity of Anchorage's diverse and distinct geographical areas. Neighborhoods and</p>

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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	<p>Dear Assembly Members,</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and efforts dealing with these difficult topics.</p> <p>D. Matt Duncan, TSGT, AKANG Vice President Spenard Community Council</p>
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	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	<p>Hello,</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>District 5 should keep Basher.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Map 11.v.2 Weddleton - seems ok. Similar comments to 6.v.2.</p> <p>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.</p>

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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 infrastructure 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 infrastructure shared, issues directly affecting both areas, or maintaining voting integrity. Stuckagain Heights needs to remain in District 5.
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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	<p>I live in Independence Park(Abbott Loop CC; O'Malley/Hillside house district; HALO district 1)</p> <p>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:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The best Map 11 v2: Keeps intact: Morningrise Loop, Abbott Loop, Hillside, and Basher.</p>

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3/1/2022	Unclassified	Jo Ann Gruber	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 &amp; 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Thank you for allowing us an opportunity to comment.</p>

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3/1/2022	Unclassified	Sandy Blomfield	<p>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!</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

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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	<p>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.</p> <p>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 &amp; roads, fire and safety, crime prevention, parks and recreation, and land-use.</p> <p>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 community 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.</p> <p>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</p>

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3/1/2022	Unclassified	Leon Jaimes	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>G.O. said: "Wow. I cant believe just how many supporters of the terrorist organization there are in alaska"</p> <p>T.T. said: "So they think we have some store to loot? That won't go well for them."</p> <p>C.B. said "They better not come here at all if they know whats good for them!"</p> <p>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"</p> <p>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> <p>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."</p> <p>L.A. said "We are also heavily armed."</p> <p>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!""</p>

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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	<p>March 14, 2022</p> <p>Dear Assembly Members: Re: AO 2022-37(S-1) Assembly Redistricting of Turnagain and West High Neighborhood</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Respectfully Jon and Marnie Isaacs 2418 Forest Park Drive Anchorage, Alaska 99517 isaacs@gci.net</p>

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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	<p>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 job of highlighting the reasoning and positive outcome: moving three high schools back into their namesake districts.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
3/17/2022	Unclassified	Tiffany Ma	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

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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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Current information I see from the Muni Reapportionment website. This is a cut &amp; 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.....</p>

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3/20/2022	Unclassified	Yarrow Silvers	<p>I am strongly opposed to the Meg/Felix amendment for a couple reasons.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Yarrow Silvers</p>

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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	<p>RESOLUTION AND COMMENTS FROM THE RABBIT CREEK COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON THE 2022 ASSEMBLY REAPPORTIONMENT PROCESS</p> <p>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:</p> <p>RESOLUTION</p> <p>The Rabbit Creek Community Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Affirms that the re-apportionment closely follow the legal requirements to create compact, contiguous, and socioeconomically integrated districts.</li><li>• Opposes combination of any portions of the Hillside with Eagle River.</li><li>• 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.</li><li>• 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.</li></ul>

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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 voice of the people of Northeast Anchorage and includes the following boundaries: Northeast Community 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	<p>Dear Chair LaFrance and Assembly Members:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

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3/21/2022	Unclassified	Anna Brawley	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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, it removes more of our council area from District 3, which conflicts with keeping our council area within one district.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to engage in this thorough and complex process, and finding a balance that promotes fair representation in Anchorage.</p>

# 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



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morning and came out with 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 necessary 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

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 6, 2022, 7:43 am

First Name: **Steven**

Last Name: **Carhart**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

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 sensible approach to redistricting. Please defeat the Bahnke Plan.**

# **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 shopping 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 JBERR for jobs and off base housing. The commercial activities along Muldoon Road serve the entire Senate District.**

## **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**

Date: April 6, 2022, 9:15 am

First Name: **Leon**

Last Name: **Jaimes**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:



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**


## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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: 

Your ZIP Code: **99518**

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

Public Comment:

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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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**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 communities 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: 

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:**

**- 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 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**

**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**

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.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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!**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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.**



## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 6, 2022, 11:19 am

First Name: **Jamie**

Last Name: **Allard**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

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

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.

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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**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 6, 2022, 12:12 pm

First Name: **tom**

Last Name: **brice**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

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**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 6, 2022, 12:20 pm

First Name: **Jon**

Last Name: **Cecil**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

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.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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**



## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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 community 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.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 6, 2022, 1:33 pm

First Name: **Dennis J**

Last Name: **Knebel Jr**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

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.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 6, 2022, 2:00 pm

First Name: **Spencer**

Last Name: **Moore**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

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!**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 6, 2022, 2:10 pm

First Name: **Sally**

Last Name: **Kneeland**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

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.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

**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



## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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**

**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**

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**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 6, 2022, 4:41 pm

First Name: **Jan Carolyn**

Last Name: **Hardy**

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: **The 2021 Board Proclamation for Anchorage was ratified on November 10, 2021. There has been a public hearing publicly presented with public input and testimony. This Board has the opportunity to be the first Redistricting Board in over 20 years to have a map that is viable for a full 10 years.**

**The Board did a good job with the overall house map and senate pairings in Southeast, Rural, Interior, and MatSu. Further delays would result in some candidates running three elections in a row. We have seen the chaos that creates both for the candidates and the voters. Some voters did not exercise the franchise because they did not know in which district they resided. This is unfair to the candidates and the voter.**

**We have a new system of voting: Rank Choice Voting. To complicate the matter further we will have special election to replace him. This is unprecedented. The voter needs time to reorient themselves to their new senate and house district. If questions surrounding our new Anchorage Municipality have not been resolved immediately the result could be voter disenfranchisement and failure of the system to protect one voter, one vote.**

**The Alaska Supreme Court has upheld the unconstitutional political gerrymander of Senate Seat K (Eagle River/East Anchorage) and remanded the pairing back to the Alaska Redistricting Board. Please act swiftly to adopt a map with final senate pairings. There is no time to waste.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 6, 2022, 4:46 pm

First Name: **John**

Last Name: **Finley**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

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**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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.**



## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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 WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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**

Rabbit Creek Community Council  
1057 W. Fireweed Lane, Ste. 100  
Anchorage, AK 99503



## **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

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

  
Wed 4/6/2022 11:37 AM

Peter,

Here is the URL for the article I cited in my public testimony this morning.

<https://labor.alaska.gov/trends/apr19.pdf>

I misspoke when citing the article - it is from 2019, not 2017.

**Doug Robbins**





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## FROM THE COMMISSIONER

### Public, private sectors both vital to workforce development

**By Dr. Tamika L. Ledbetter**, Commissioner

The public and private sectors — we need both!

Inviting private industry to the discussion on how to better train Alaskans for existing and future job opportunities is an important part of a comprehensive workforce development plan. For decades we have highlighted the excellent work labor unions have done to prepare workers through on-the-job training and apprenticeships, and we must also recognize the many contributions private education and training providers have made in giving people the necessary skills to enter the workforce.

Government and the private sector have a great opportunity in our shared responsibility to *skill or reskill* people for first jobs, better performance in their current work, or wage progression. This collective approach gives workers a range of choices for education and job training, and it creates more qualified workers and high-paying jobs to help strengthen our economy. Now is the time for an all-hands-on-deck approach, because the possibilities are enormous if we work together to ensure Alaskans are prepared for a broad range of industry opportunities.

The Department of Labor and Workforce Development serves all workers, all employers, and all edu-



cation and training providers. We are invested in building strong partnerships state-wide, and I'm excited to create a welcoming environment that's considerate of many perspectives.

I've spent my first three months as commissioner reaching out to business and

industry leaders, labor unions, and educators to listen to their concerns, offer ideas for improvement, and celebrate successes. I have been encouraged by the positive reception, pointedness of discussions, and creative suggestions. Further, I sensed a willingness to forge new partnerships and renew commitments to work with the department.

I will continue to demonstrate this openness to all feedback, because it helps us better understand industry needs. Education and training providers invest in the workforce by giving job seekers necessary skills. Let us know how we can better support your employment and training plans or bolster local workforce development strategies. We are here for you!

Contact Dr. Tamika L. Ledbetter, Commissioner, at (907) 465-2700 or [commissioner.labor@alaska.gov](mailto:commissioner.labor@alaska.gov).



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# Alaska's Voting Districts

## How legislative seats are determined and how areas differ

By **ERIC SANDBERG**

The next decennial census will be conducted early next year. While the census provides a multitude of statistics and is used to distribute government funds, its primary purpose is the reapportionment and redistricting of the U.S. House of Representatives and state legislatures across the country. This once-a-decade process is a good barometer for how the population's distribution has changed.

Reapportionment is the distribution of a determined number of legislative seats to states or districts whose boundaries don't change, while redistricting is the redrawing of legislative district boundaries, based on population.

Each state redraws its own congressional boundaries after the census reapportions its number of U.S. House seats. States also control the redistricting of state legislatures.

After the 2020 count and by the end of the year, the U.S. Census Bureau will announce the initial statewide numbers for reapportioning the number of districts per state in the U.S. House of Representatives. In spring 2021, the bureau will release the 2020 Census results down to the smallest level of geography, the census block. From that release date, the Alaska Redistricting Board will have 90 days to finalize a plan for new districts in the Alaska Senate and Alaska House of Representatives.

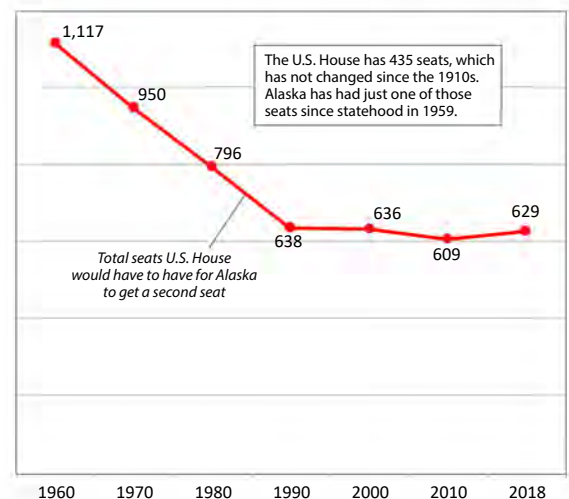
### How seats are determined in the U.S. House of Representatives

House districts at the national level were the original reason for conducting a census. (Each state always has

## 1 Total U.S. House Seats Needed for AK to Have Two

House, 1960

2018



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

*Reapportionment is the distribution of a set number of legislative seats within set boundaries, and redistricting is the redrawing of legislative district boundaries, based on population.*

two seats in the U.S. Senate regardless of population.) Article One of the U.S. Constitution requires a population count every 10 years for the reapportionment of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. The total number of House seats has remained at 435 since 1913.

Every decade, 385 out of the 435 voting seats in the chamber are reapportioned to states based on population — 385 because each of the 50 states gets one seat automatically.

After each state gets a seat to start, the Census Bureau calculates a "priority value" for each state based on population and its updated number of seats. The state with the highest priority value gets the next seat on the list, and then the bureau recalculates priority values and repeats the process until all available seats have

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## Historical Number of Seats in the U.S. House, by State

1789\* 2010

Census Year	2010	2000	1990	1980	1970	1960	1950	1940	1930	1920	1910	1900	1890	1880	1870	1860	1850	1840	1830	1820	1810	1800	1790	1789*
Total	435	435	435	435	435	435	437	435	435	435	435	391	357	332	293	243	237	232	242	213	186	142	106	65
Alabama	7	7	7	7	7	8	9	9	9	10	10	9	9	8	8	6	7	7	5	3	1	-	-	-
Alaska	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	9	8	6	5	4	3	2	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	4	4	4	4	4	4	6	7	7	7	7	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
California	53	53	52	45	43	38	30	23	20	11	11	8	7	6	4	3	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Colorado	7	7	6	6	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	6	6	7	7	7	5
Delaware	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
Florida	27	25	23	19	15	12	8	6	5	4	4	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	14	13	11	10	10	10	10	10	10	12	12	11	11	10	9	7	8	8	9	7	6	4	2	3
Hawaii	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	18	19	20	22	24	24	25	26	27	27	27	25	22	20	19	14	9	7	3	1	1	-	-	-
Indiana	9	9	10	10	11	11	11	11	12	13	13	13	13	13	13	11	11	10	7	3	1	-	-	-
Iowa	4	5	5	6	6	7	8	8	9	11	11	11	11	11	9	6	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kansas	4	4	4	5	5	5	6	6	7	8	8	8	8	7	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Missouri	8	9	9	9	10	10	11	13	13	16	16	16	15	14	13	9	7	5	2	1	-	-	-	-
Montana	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	5	6	6	6	6	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	4	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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North Dakota	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	16	18	19	21	23	24	23	23	24	22	22	21	21	21	20	19	21	21	19	14	6	1	-	-
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Rhode Island	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
South Carolina	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	5	4	6	7	9	9	9	8	6	5
South Dakota	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	9	9	9	9	8	9	9	10	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	8	10	11	13	9	6	3	1	-
Texas	36	32	30	27	24	23	22	21	21	18	18	16	13	11	6	4	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Utah	4	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	5	5	6	4	2	-
Virginia	11	11	11	10	10	10	10	9	9	10	10	10	10	10	9	11	13	15	21	22	23	22	19	10
Washington	10	9	9	8	7	7	7	6	6	5	5	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	3	3	3	4	4	5	6	6	6	6	6	5	4	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	8	8	9	9	9	10	10	10	10	11	11	11	10	9	8	6	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wyoming	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

\*Seats were apportioned by the U.S. Constitution in 1789, then reapportioned according to census results thereafter.

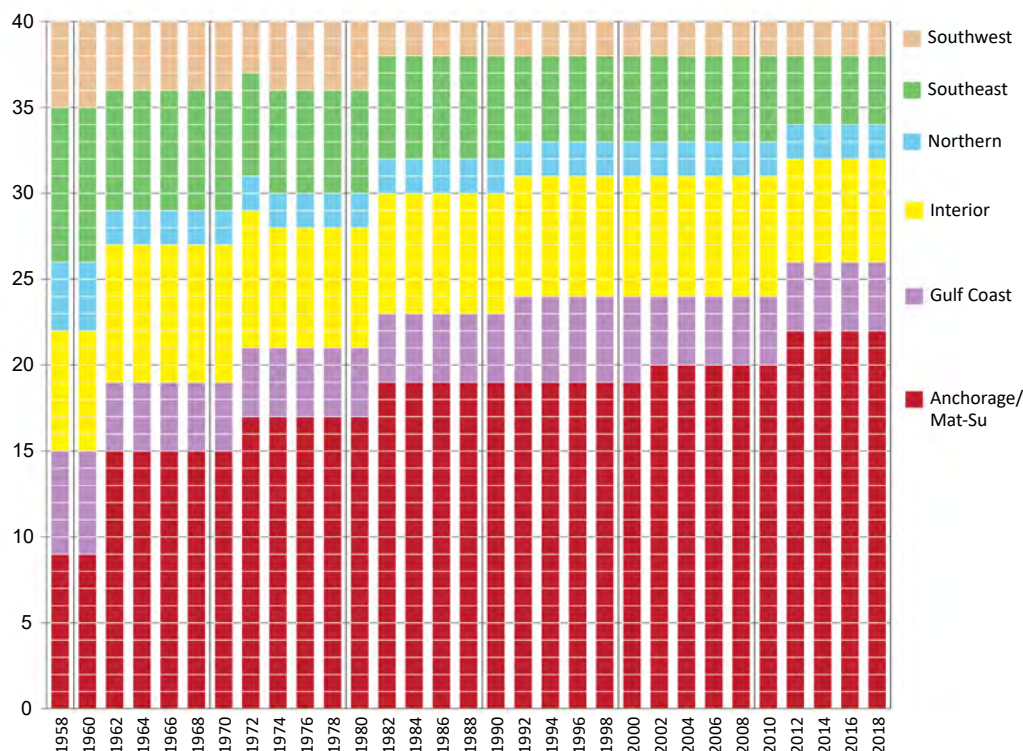
Note: After Alaska and Hawaii became states in 1959, Congress briefly added two seats before the next census.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau



# 3 Number of House Seats in Legislature by Region

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Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section

been given out. Essentially, the equation gives states with more population a higher priority value, but that priority value decreases the more seats a state gains.

Since statehood in 1959, Alaska has never had a large enough population to get additional seats in the U.S. House. Exhibit 1 shows how many seats the U.S. House of Representatives would need to have before Alaska would receive a second seat.

Just after statehood, the U.S. House would have had to be two-and-a-half times larger for Alaska to get another seat. Over the next three decades, Alaska steadily moved closer to an additional seat as our population grew much faster than the nation as a whole. However, growth cooled after 1990, and Alaska's population has grown at about the same rate as the U.S. overall, stalling Alaska's momentum toward a second congressional seat and keeping us in about the same place through the 2000 and 2010 censuses.

In 2010, for the first time, Alaska's total population was larger than the population of the average U.S. House district. Despite this, Alaska would have needed a population of just over a million to get a second seat, assuming all other states' populations remained the same. Our population was only about 70 percent of that.

Since 2010, the state's population has grown slower than the national population, so a second congressional seat is now further away than it was at the beginning of the decade.

## Legal history of Alaska's legislative districts

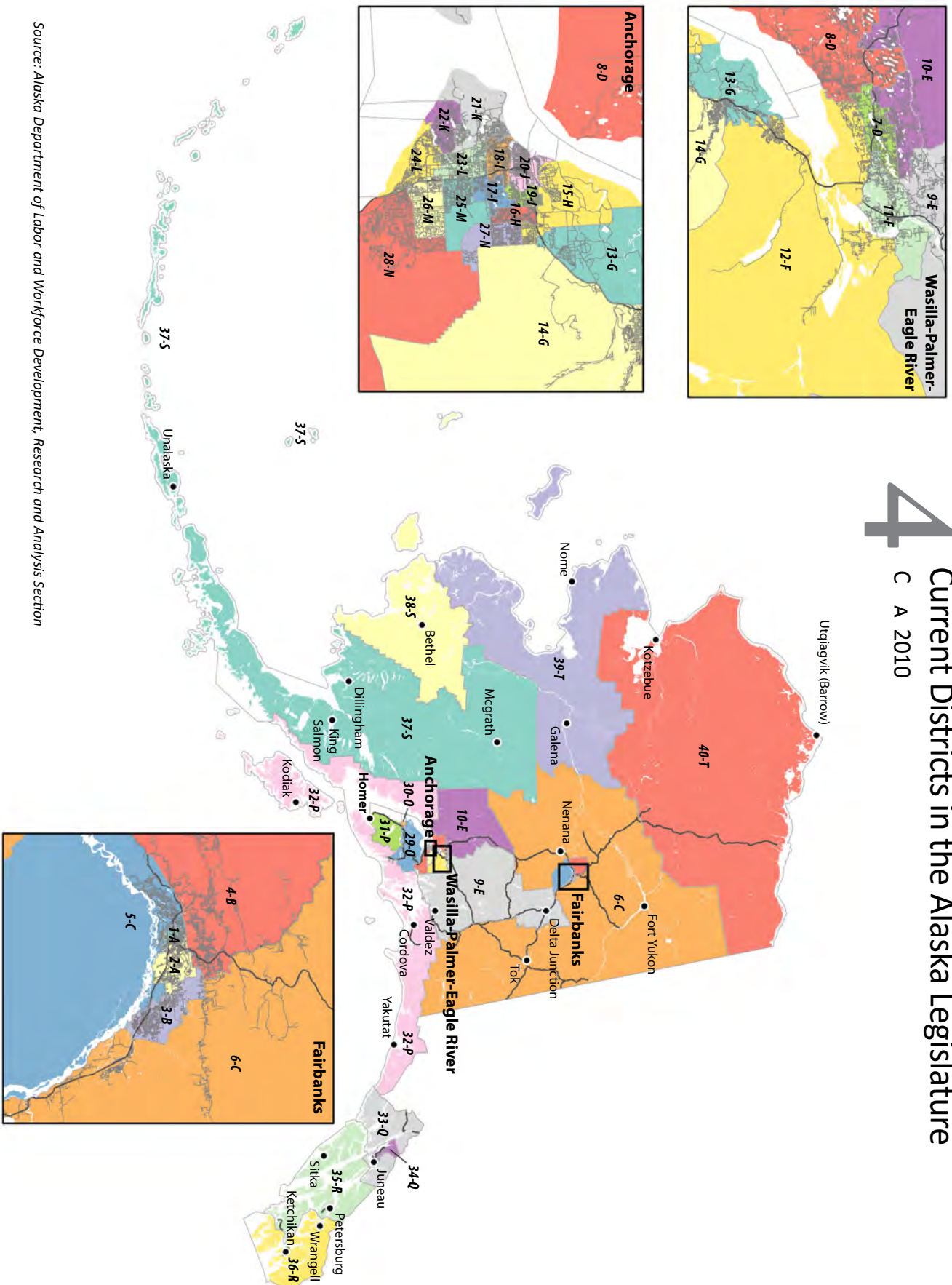
With only one U.S. House district in its history, Alaska has always focused on the Alaska Legislature for redistricting. All references to the House or Senate in the rest of this article will be at the state level.

The legislature consists of two bodies, the Alaska Senate and Alaska House of Representatives, which contain 20 and 40 seats, respectively. Since the early 1990s, each seat in the Senate has contained two adjacent House seats. House districts are numerical and the Senate is alphabetical.

During the territorial days, Alaska's four judicial districts stood in as election districts. Larger cities within the districts often dominated their respective regions. In the Alaska Constitutional Convention of 1955-56, the state's founders drew new districts, based on geographic areas and allowing for multiple members to be elected from

# 4 Current Districts in the Alaska Legislature

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Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section

the same district, and wrote them into the state constitution. (So, for example, Anchorage originally had one large district with multiple representatives, and so did Juneau.) The intent was that the geographic distribution of Alaska Senate seats would remain the same for good, and House districts would largely keep the same boundaries but the number of seats within each would be reapportioned with each census.

Events outside Alaska nullified this plan, though. In 1964, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Reynolds v. Sims* that all state legislative districts in any chamber must be roughly equal in population (“one person, one vote”). Alaska’s governor then reapportioned both chambers using the same method, after the decennial census, based on recommendations from a five-member reapportionment board.

Through the next few decades, questions about the reapportionment process were debated both in and out of Alaska courtrooms on issues such as multi-member versus single-member districts, the counting of non-resident populations such as the military, and the maximum allowable population deviation from “one person, one vote.”

In 1998, Alaska voters approved a constitutional amendment that replaced sections of the Alaska constitution made redundant by various court rulings and changed the way the process worked. The amendment required single-member districts, with two House districts nested within a Senate district. Instead of the governor drawing the maps, the responsibility shifted to an independent redistricting board. Finally, the new amendment required the state to base districts on the decennial population, disallowing adjustments such as removing military populations.

## Population history and area changes in total legislative seats

Exhibit 3 shows the number of Alaska House seats for each of the six economic regions in all state election years since statehood. For districts that cross region boundaries, the exhibit uses the economic region with the majority or plurality of voters. Alaska has always adjusted the House for population after the decennial census, holding the first election under the new changes during years that end in two.

Over time, the Anchorage/Matanuska-Susitna Region has gained seats while the other five regions have lost seats. In the original plan from the constitutional con-

vention, Anchorage/Mat-Su had the same number of seats as Southeast Alaska, at nine. Following a large population jump in the 1950s, Anchorage/Mat-Su’s tally rose to 15 seats after the 1960 Census. Each subsequent decade brought the region one to two new seats, with the exception of the 1990s. After passing 50 percent of the state’s population in the mid-’90s, Anchorage/Mat-Su grew to half of the Alaska House during the 2000s. Currently, the region holds 22 of the 40 seats.

For each of the other regions, the current number of House seats is less than what they started with in 1958. Southeast’s decline has been steepest. The region went from nine seats in the beginning to six seats through the 1970s and 1980s, five seats during the 1990s and 2000s, and finally four seats today.

The other two regions off the road system, Northern and Southwest, also successively declined from their original allotments to their current two seats each. The Northern Region has had two seats since

the first reapportionment in the 1960s while Southwest fell to two seats during the 1980s.

In the last two regions, Interior and Gulf Coast, the total number of seats has fluctuated. The Interior, which includes Fairbanks, initially gained a seat over its constitutional allocation and maintained eight seats through 1972. Then the region fell to seven seats through the rest of the 1970s and remained there until a further decline to six in the current decade. The Gulf Coast’s seats declined early, from six in the Alaska constitution to four during the 1960s. It remained there for several decades until growing to five seats during the 1990s. After 2002, the Gulf Coast again settled at four House seats.

## The current Alaska districts and what each covers

Exhibit 4 is a map of the current legislative districts with inset maps to zoom in on the Anchorage bowl, Fairbanks, and the Eagle River/Mat-Su area. Each district is labeled with the House district number and the Senate district letter.

House districts 1 through 5 are completely within the Fairbanks North Star Borough. HD 6 runs from the Denali Borough through the upper Yukon area and down through Tok and part of the Copper River Basin. Most of HDs 7 through 11 are entirely within the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, with the exception of HD 9, which includes the Delta Junction area and parts of the Richardson Highway down to Valdez. HD 12 straddles Mat-Su

*Over time, the Anchorage/Matanuska-Susitna Region has gained seats while the other five regions have lost seats.*



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## Alaska's Legislative Districts in Detail

ALASKA'S LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS IN DETAIL, 2010-2018

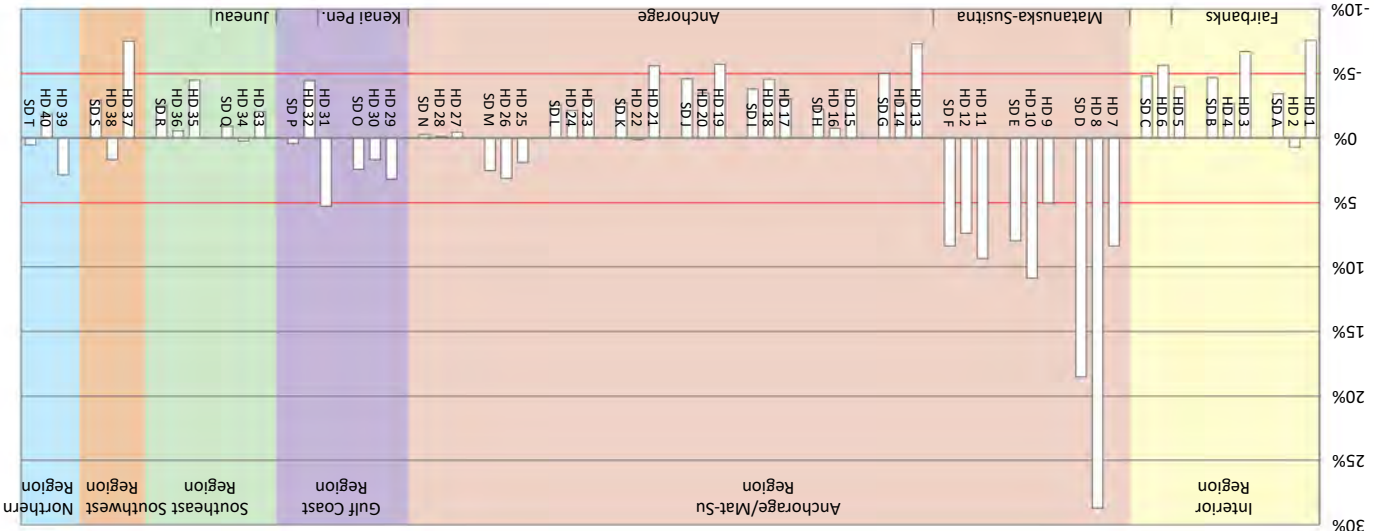
Dist	Incumbent	Sq Miles	Comparably Sized Geographic Feature	2010 Census			2018 Estimate		
				Total Population	Ideal Sz District	Percent Deviation	Total Population	Ideal Sz District	Percent Deviation
1	Barton LeBon	8.0	Hartsfield-Jackson Int Airport (GA)	17,726	17,755	-0.2%	17,010	18,405	-7.6%
2	Steve Thompson	34.6	Vashon Island (WA)	17,738	17,755	-0.1%	18,533	18,405	0.7%
A	Scott Kawasaki	42.6	The Bronx (NY)	35,464	35,510	-0.1%	35,543	36,810	-3.4%
3	Tammie Wilson	58.5	Staten Island (NY)	17,673	17,755	-0.5%	17,168	18,405	-6.7%
4	Grier Hopkins	805.1	Great Smokey Mountains Nat Park (TN)	17,786	17,755	0.2%	17,912	18,405	-2.7%
B	John Coghill	863.7	Dallas County, TX (Dallas)	35,459	35,510	-0.1%	35,080	36,810	-4.7%
5	Adam Wool	1,331.8	Rhode Island (US)	17,837	17,755	0.5%	17,673	18,405	-4.0%
6	Dave Talerico	120,916.2	Poland	17,807	17,755	0.3%	17,365	18,405	-5.7%
C	Click Bishop	122,247.9	New Mexico (US)	35,644	35,510	0.4%	35,038	36,810	-4.8%
7	Colleen Sullivan-Leonard	26.5	Oxnard, CA	17,703	17,755	-0.3%	19,944	18,405	8.4%
8	Mark Neuman	571.0	Phoenix, AZ	17,830	17,755	0.4%	23,684	18,405	28.7%
D	David Wilson	597.5	Island of Oahu	35,533	35,510	0.1%	43,628	36,810	18.5%
9	George Rauscher	25,244.4	Ireland	17,739	17,755	-0.1%	19,331	18,405	5.0%
10	David Eastman	11,869.2	Taiwan	17,827	17,755	0.4%	20,402	18,405	10.9%
E	Mike Shower	37,113.6	Liberia	35,566	35,510	0.2%	39,733	36,810	7.9%
11	Delena Johnson	55.5	Bryce Canyon National Park (UT)	17,716	17,755	-0.2%	20,124	18,405	9.3%
12	Cathy Tilton	899.2	Orange County, FL (Orlando)	17,671	17,755	-0.5%	19,763	18,405	7.4%
F	Shelley Hughes	954.7	Luxembourg	35,387	35,510	-0.3%	39,887	36,810	8.4%
13	Sharon Jackson	65.0	District of Columbia (US)	17,678	17,755	-0.4%	17,060	18,405	-7.3%
14	Kelly Merrick	332.2	San Diego, CA	17,818	17,755	0.4%	17,908	18,405	-2.7%
G	Lora Reinbold	397.3	Hong Kong	35,496	35,510	-0.0%	34,968	36,810	-5.0%
15	Gabby LeDoux	22.0	Manhattan Island (NY)	17,672	17,755	-0.5%	17,718	18,405	-3.7%
16	Ivy Spohnholz	3.0	Logan International Airport (MA)	17,806	17,755	0.3%	18,263	18,405	-0.8%
H	Bill Wielechowski	25.0	San Marino	35,478	35,510	-0.1%	35,981	36,810	-2.3%
17	Andy Josephson	4.4	McCarran International Airport (NV)	17,797	17,755	0.2%	17,844	18,405	-3.0%
18	Harriet Drummond	4.2	SeaTac Airport (WA)	17,925	17,755	1.0%	17,566	18,405	-4.6%
I	Elvi Gray-Jackson	8.6	Paterson, NJ	35,722	35,510	0.6%	35,410	36,810	-3.8%
19	Geran Tarr	2.6	Gibraltar	17,692	17,755	-0.4%	17,353	18,405	-5.7%
20	Zack Fields	5.4	Key West (FL)	17,718	17,755	-0.2%	17,763	18,405	-3.5%
J	Tom Begich	8.0	Fort Meade (MD)	35,410	35,510	-0.3%	35,116	36,810	-4.6%
21	Matt Claman	20.9	Bermuda	17,642	17,755	-0.6%	17,374	18,405	-5.6%
22	Sara Rasmussen	5.3	Los Angeles International Airport (CA)	17,755	17,755	0.0%	18,429	18,405	0.1%
K	Mia Costello	26.2	Arlington, VA	35,397	35,510	-0.3%	35,803	36,810	-2.7%
23	Chris Tuck	6.2	Mercer Island (WA)	17,809	17,755	0.3%	17,854	18,405	-3.0%
24	Chuck Kopp	9.2	Inglewood, CA	17,702	17,755	-0.3%	18,012	18,405	-2.1%
L	Natasha Von Imhof	15.4	Alexandria, VA	35,511	35,510	0%	35,866	36,810	-2.6%
25	Josh Revak	9.7	Macau	17,924	17,755	1.0%	18,752	18,405	1.9%
26	Laddie Shaw	7.9	Miami Beach, FL	17,693	17,755	-0.3%	18,980	18,405	3.1%
M	Chris Birch	17.5	Hartford, CT	35,617	35,510	0.3%	37,732	36,810	2.5%
27	Lance Pruitt	6.9	Andrews Air Force Base (MD)	17,678	17,755	-0.4%	18,323	18,405	-0.4%
28	Jennifer Johnston	611.0	Oklahoma City, OK	17,778	17,755	0.1%	18,384	18,405	-0.1%
N	Cathy Giessel	617.9	Sequoia National Park (CA)	35,456	35,510	-0.2%	36,707	36,810	-0.3%
29	Benjamin Carpenter	3,020.1	Puerto Rico	18,026	17,755	1.5%	18,989	18,405	3.2%
30	Gary Knopp	75.5	Catalina Island (CA)	18,021	17,755	1.5%	18,711	18,405	1.7%
O	Peter Micciche	3,095.6	Cyprus	36,047	35,510	1.5%	37,700	36,810	2.4%
31	Sarah Vance	2,568.2	Brunei	17,971	17,755	1.2%	19,377	18,405	5.3%
32	Louise Stutes	31,819.0	Austria	18,077	17,755	1.8%	17,583	18,405	-4.5%
P	Gary Stevens	34,387.3	Hungary	36,048	35,510	1.5%	36,960	36,810	0.4%
33	Sara Hannan	8,176.6	Massachusetts (US)	17,635	17,755	-0.7%	18,026	18,405	-2.1%
34	Andi Story	679.5	Kings Canyon National Park (CA)	17,668	17,755	-0.5%	18,447	18,405	0.2%
Q	Jesse Kiehl	8,856.1	New Hampshire (US)	35,303	35,510	-0.6%	36,473	36,810	-0.9%
35	Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins	12,308.9	Netherlands	17,825	17,755	0.4%	17,579	18,405	-4.5%
36	Dan Ortiz	9,307.9	Rwanda	17,874	17,755	0.7%	18,301	18,405	-0.6%
R	Bert Stedman	21,616.8	Croatia	35,699	35,510	0.5%	35,880	36,810	-2.5%
37	Bryce Edgmon	96,772.7	Ecuador	17,448	17,755	-1.7%	17,024	18,405	-7.5%
38	Tiffany Zulkosky	30,396.7	Czech Republic	17,546	17,755	-1.2%	18,710	18,405	1.7%
S	Lyman Hoffman	127,169.4	Malaysia	34,994	35,510	-1.5%	35,734	36,810	-2.9%
39	Neal Foster	65,806.1	Uruguay	17,677	17,755	-0.4%	18,930	18,405	2.9%
40	John Lincoln	146,773.7	Montana (US)	17,323	17,755	-2.4%	18,070	18,405	-1.8%
T	Donny Olson	212,579.7	Kenya	35,000	35,510	-1.4%	37,000	36,810	0.5%

\*Ideal district size is the standard state redistricting boards use when redrawing district boundaries. It's the state's population divided by the total number of seats in a chamber.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section

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## Seats and Districts by Region and Percent Deviation From 'Ideal'\*



\*Ideal district size is the standard state redistricting boards use when redrawing district boundaries. It's the state's population divided by the total number of seats in a chamber.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section

and the Municipality of Anchorage.

Sixteen HDs lie completely within the Municipality of Anchorage, numbered 13 through 28. HDs 13 and 14 contain the Eagle River area and Fort Richardson. HDs 15 through 27 are entirely in the Anchorage bowl. HD 28 is made up of parts of the Anchorage hillside, along with Turnagain Arm communities and Girdwood.

On the Kenai Peninsula, three HDs are within the borough boundaries. HD 29 goes from Seward across the northern part of the peninsula to Nikiski. HD 30 encompasses the Kenai-Soldotna area, while HD 31 largely follows the road system south of Soldotna, including Homer. HD 32 is centered on much of the Gulf Coast, running from Yakutat through Cordova to Kodiak Island, along with some off-road Kenai Peninsula Borough communities such as Seldovia and Tyonek.

Four HDs cover the Southeast panhandle. HD 33 includes downtown Juneau and Douglas along with Haines and Skagway, while HD 34 is centered on Juneau's Mendenhall Valley. In the southern half of Southeast, HD 35 is made up of Sitka and Petersburg plus many smaller communities while HD 36 contains Ketchikan, Wrangell, and Metlakatla.

The final four HDs are in western and northern Alaska. HD 37 runs from the Bristol Bay area down the Aleutian chain, and HD 38 is centered on the lower Kuskokwim River. HD 39 takes in the Seward Peninsula plus villages

## Some Alaska districts are as vast as entire states or countries

on the lower Yukon River. The last HD is 40, containing the Northwest Arctic and North Slope boroughs along with a few villages on the upper Koyukuk River.

Exhibit 5 shows each current legislative district in Alaska by who currently holds each seat, population, and land area in square mileage. The creation of districts of roughly equal population based on the 2010 Census resulted in wide variation in area size. Districts range from a couple square miles in urban areas such as Anchorage to several hundred thousand square miles in remote Alaska. The average size of all Alaska legislative districts is 19,000 square miles — nearly the size of Costa Rica.

Alaska's largest legislative district is SD T, which at more than 200,000 square miles is about the size of Kenya. It would be the third largest state by itself after Alaska and Texas.

Two other Senate districts and two House districts are more than 100,000 square miles each, which if they were states would put them in the top 10 for area size. Seven House districts and three Senate districts are smaller than 100,000 square miles but still larger than 10,000. Most of these are in western Alaska, the South-



east Region, or more remote parts of the road system.

At the other end, half of the House districts and seven of the Senate districts are less than 100 square miles. The smallest is HD 19 in Anchorage at 2.6 square miles, about the size of Gibraltar. Ten other Anchorage HDs cover less than 10 square miles. Outside of Anchorage, the smallest districts are in the urban parts of Fairbanks, Mat-Su, and Kenai-Soldotna.

## The current state population and the ‘ideal’ district size

The redistricting process, under “one person, one vote,” divides the total state population by the total number of seats in a legislative chamber to get an ideal district population. This ideal is how many people a redistricting board tries to put in each district when drawing them.

Though not set in law, the general standard for state legislative districts is they shouldn’t differ from the ideal district size by more than 5 percent in either direction. When a new redistricting cycle ensues, at a minimum, districts too far below ideal will have to add people while population in districts well above the ideal will be redistributed to another. With Senate districts made up of two House districts apiece, the ideal district size in the Senate is merely double the House ideal.

Exhibit 5 gives the population of current legislative districts from the 2010 Census and the Department of Labor and Workforce Development’s 2018 estimates. In 2010, the ideal House district size was 17,755 people. That was more than 2,000 people above the year 2000 ideal (15,673), which itself had been nearly 2,000 more people over the ideal from 1990 (13,751). During the 1990s and 2000s, the ideal district grew more than 1 percent a year.

Since 2010, population growth has been low. Based on our 2018 population estimates, the ideal district size in the Alaska House would now be 18,405, a gain of only 650 people and representing yearly growth of just 0.4 percent.

When the current legislative districts were drawn with 2010 numbers, no district deviated from the ideal more than 2.4 percent, with the entire redistricting plan having an overall range of deviation (highest minus lowest) of 4.2 percent.

The population changes for Alaska since 2010 have, not surprisingly, caused district sizes to diverge. The overall range of deviation in the districts, from the highest above to the lowest below zero, is now over 36 percent, with the highest individual district deviation at around 29 percent, suggesting what types of changes will come

*‘Ideal’ district size is the standard state redistricting boards use when redrawing district boundaries. It’s the state’s population divided by the total number of seats in a chamber.*

after the 2020 Census.

Barring a large population shift before 2020, the overall range of deviation will likely still be less than it was in recent decades, however. At the end of the 2000s, the legislative districts in place had an overall deviation of 68 percent, and at the end of the 1990s, it was 84 percent.

With the Mat-Su Borough having the fastest growth rate in the state, the region’s legislative districts have gained the most population (see Exhibit 6). The top three Senate districts and top five House districts for deviation above the ideal are all completely or mostly in Mat-Su, led by HD 8 at 29 percent above the ideal size. Two other Mat-Su districts, SD D and HD 10, are more than 10 percent above the ideal. Outside of Mat-Su, the only district more than 5 percent over the ideal district size outside is HD 31 on the Kenai Peninsula. This means Mat-Su will continue to gain district representation with the next decennial redistricting cycle.

Twenty-four Alaska House districts and 13 Alaska Senate districts have smaller-than-the-ideal populations and will likely lose representation. HD 1 in downtown Fairbanks is the furthest below ideal at -7.6 percent, followed by HD 37 in Southwest Alaska at -7.5 percent and HD 13 in Eagle River at -7.3 percent. Overall, districts in Anchorage and the Interior predominate among those under ideal, though districts in Southeast and rural Alaska are included.

Because of the lower population growth this decade, the least populated district is closer to ideal than earlier decades. Before redistricting after the 2010 Census, the district furthest below ideal was in rural Southeast at -22 percent while 10 years earlier it was district covering the Aleutian Islands, at -28 percent.

## Mat-Su continues to grow and gain representation

Exhibit 7 further illustrates Mat-Su’s growth in legislative representation. These maps take the 2010 census population and 2018 estimated population by borough/census area and convert them to how many “ideal size” Alaska House districts they would roughly equal, with the ideal as the state population divided by 40 seats.

The labels under each area name represent fractions of an ideal district, rounded to the nearest fourth. In both decades shown, only six boroughs/census areas had enough population for a full district.

The colors on the map show increases or decreases since the prior census as the area's population converted to equivalent district gains or losses. The change for most areas came out to less than a quarter of an ideal district.

Between 2000 and 2010, Mat-Su's population growth represented an increase of more than an entire district in the Alaska House. In 2000, Mat-Su had enough population for three full districts and three-fourths of another. Ten years later, the borough's population was enough for five districts. The only other borough with a substantial increase was Fairbanks, with an increase of a quarter of a district.

Populations in six areas outside the Railbelt, and especially in Southeast, declined by at least a quarter of a House district from 2000 to 2010. These included Juneau and Ketchikan. Ketchikan, along with Kodiak Island, no longer had enough population for a full House district by 2010.

The 2020 decennial census that will launch the next redistricting process hasn't begun, but the 2018 estimates give a glimpse at how population changes since 2010 will likely affect House representation.

As the second map shows, Mat-Su's growth this decade will largely be at the expense of Anchorage and Fairbanks, in contrast to the 2000s. Mat-Su's population is now large enough for five full districts plus three-quarters of another and it has overtaken Fairbanks as the second-largest borough. This drops Fairbanks to five and one-fourth districts, which would be a return to its 2000 representation level.

The biggest loss is set to fall on Anchorage, whose population now amounts to 16 districts, a decline of half a district from 2010. Anchorage still represents the largest number of districts by far of any borough or census area.

## How race, education, and marriage status vary by Alaska district

The Census Bureau conducts an ongoing survey, the American Community Survey, to gather more frequent and detailed social and economic data. The bureau replaced the old long form census sheet, conducted once every 10 years, with a periodic survey throughout the decade. At more detailed levels of geography such as legislative districts, the data represent five years of surveys. It's important to note these survey data have

often substantial margins of error.

Exhibit 8 shows select social statistics for each Alaska House and Senate district by race, educational attainment, and marital status between 2013 and 2017.

### *Racial makeup*

Racial makeup varies widely among districts. Alaskans who mark their race as "white alone" constitute about 65 percent of the population statewide and are the majority of the population in 35 out of 40 House districts and 17 out of 20 Senate districts. The House district with the highest percentage of white alone residents is HD 4 in Fairbanks, at nearly 90 percent, while the lowest numbers are in western Alaska with HDs 38 and 39 at 11 and 12 percent white, respectively. The only districts outside western Alaska where white alone residents are not the majority are HD 19 and SD J in Anchorage, though whites are a plurality in both (not the majority but still the largest racial group).

Alaska Natives are the majority in three western House districts and two Senate districts, with a plurality being Alaska Native in HD 37 in Southwest. HDs 38 and 39 are over 80 percent Native. Outside western Alaska, the highest Native proportions are in Southeast and the rural Interior. The district with the lowest percentage of Alaska Natives is HD 13 in Eagle River, at 2 percent.

Although no other racial group has a majority or plurality in a district, various parts of the state have substantial populations of other groups. Those marking Asian alone have their highest percentage in Southwest, with HD 37 at 18 percent Asian. Three other districts are at least 15 percent Asian, two of which (17 and 23) are in Anchorage while HD 32 is along the Gulf Coast. Black alone residents make up 10 percent of the population in four House districts and one Senate district, while Pacific Islanders represent 10 percent in one House district. All of these are in Anchorage.

### *Level of education and marital status*

Educational attainment by legislative district also varies widely, particularly among the percentages of residents 25 and older who have at least a bachelor's degree. In HD 28 on the outskirts of Anchorage, 60 percent of adults have a bachelor's or higher. Four other House districts and one Senate district are at over 40 percent. The district with the smallest college-educated percentage is HD 39, which contains the Seward Peninsula and lower Yukon River villages, at 11 percent.

The two highest and lowest House districts for educational attainment diverge on marital status as well. The Anchorage district has the highest number of married

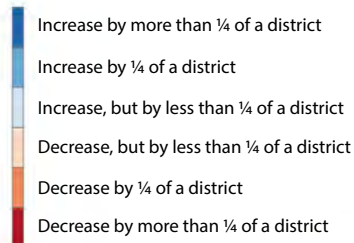
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# 7a 2010 Population Converted to Number of 'Ideal' House Districts

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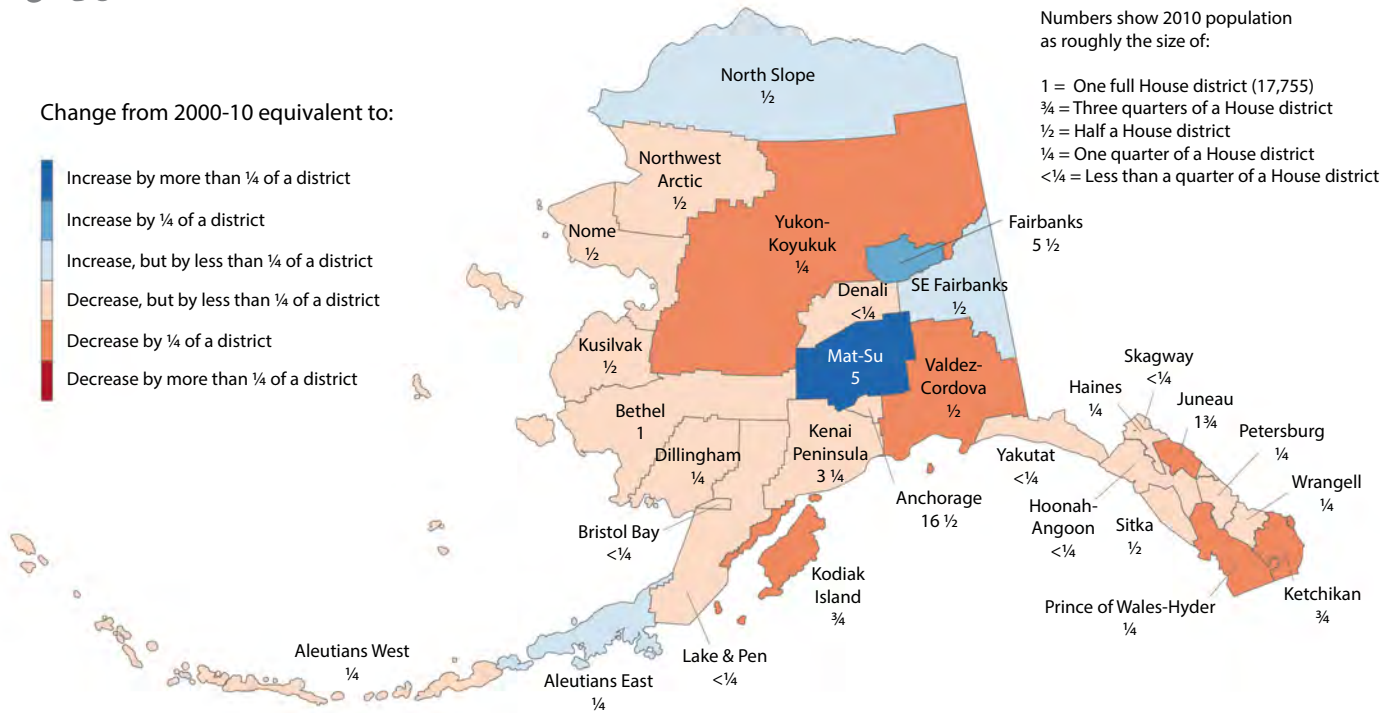
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Change from 2000-10 equivalent to:



Numbers show 2010 population as roughly the size of:

1 = One full House district (17,755)  
 ¾ = Three quarters of a House district  
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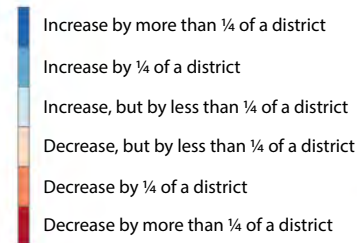


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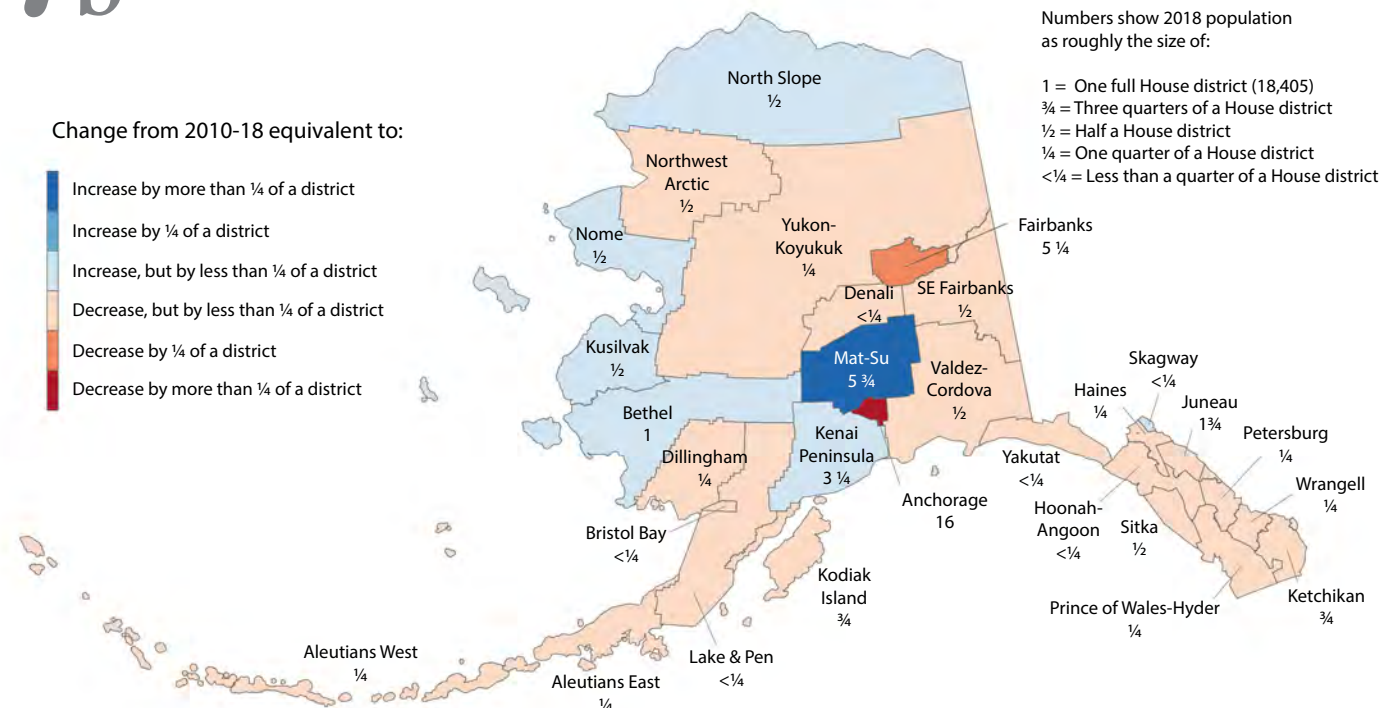
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Change from 2010-18 equivalent to:



Numbers show 2018 population as roughly the size of:

1 = One full House district (18,405)  
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Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section



# Demographics by Alaska Legislative District

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District	Race					Education (Ages 26+)				Marital Status (Ages 15+)				
	White	Alaska Native	Black	Asian	Pac Islander	Other	2+ races	HS diploma or above	Bachelor's or above	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Separated	Never married
Alaska	65.3% (±0.2%)	14.2% (±0.2%)	3.2% (±0.1%)	6.2% (±0.1%)	1.2% (0.1%)	1.4% (±0.2%)	8.5% (±0.3%)	92.4% (±0.5%)	29.0% (±0.5%)	48.9% (±0.5%)	3.7% (±0.2%)	11.6% (±0.3%)	1.7% (±0.1%)	34.1% (±0.4%)
HD 1	63.0% (±3.7%)	12.6% (±1.8%)	7.3% (±1.8%)	4.4% (±1.4%)	1.2% (±1.2%)	1.5% (±1.2%)	9.9% (±2.0%)	90.3% (±2.0%)	23.1% (±2.8%)	38.0% (±2.8%)	5.1% (±1.3%)	15.9% (±2.1%)	2.1% (±1.0%)	38.8% (±2.7%)
HD 2	71.4% (±3.2%)	3.2% (±1.3%)	8.2% (±1.6%)	5.1% (±1.1%)	1.2% (±1.0%)	2.0% (±1.2%)	8.8% (±2.2%)	95.4% (±1.7%)	30.1% (±4.0%)	56.8% (±3.8%)	2.4% (±1.1%)	6.3% (±1.6%)	1.0% (±0.6%)	33.5% (±3.3%)
SD A	67.3% (±2.5%)	7.9% (±1.0%)	7.8% (±1.2%)	4.8% (±0.9%)	1.2% (±0.5%)	1.7% (±0.9%)	9.4% (±1.5%)	92.6% (±1.4%)	26.3% (±2.4%)	47.2% (±2.4%)	3.8% (±0.8%)	11.2% (±1.2%)	1.6% (±0.6%)	36.2% (±2.0%)
HD 3	80.6% (±1.6%)	8.1% (±3.6%)	3.1% (±1.2%)	0.7% (±0.4%)	0.0% (±0.1%)	0.5% (±0.5%)	7.0% (±2.1%)	95.0% (±1.7%)	23.7% (±3.2%)	57.6% (±4.1%)	2.6% (±1.1%)	11.8% (±2.8%)	2.4% (±1.1%)	25.5% (±3.3%)
HD 4	89.4% (±2.1%)	3.7% (±1.6%)	0.2% (±0.3%)	1.9% (±1.1%)	0.2% (±0.3%)	0.0% (±0.1%)	4.9% (±2.0%)	96.9% (±1.7%)	45.9% (±5.1%)	57.3% (±4.4%)	2.3% (±0.9%)	7.4% (±2.0%)	0.4% (±0.5%)	32.5% (±4.0%)
SD B	85.0% (±1.6%)	5.3% (±1.8%)	1.6% (±0.6%)	1.3% (±0.6%)	0.1% (±0.2%)	0.3% (±0.2%)	6.0% (±1.5%)	96.0% (±1.1%)	35.4% (±2.8%)	57.5% (±3.2%)	2.5% (±0.7%)	9.6% (±1.7%)	1.4% (±0.6%)	29.1% (±2.6%)
HD 5	71.8% (±3.3%)	9.3% (±2.3%)	4.1% (±2.0%)	4.2% (±2.1%)	0.3% (±0.3%)	0.2% (±0.3%)	10.1% (±2.5%)	94.4% (±2.2%)	40.8% (±4.4%)	45.1% (±3.5%)	1.9% (±0.8%)	10.9% (±2.3%)	1.2% (±0.7%)	40.8% (±3.3%)
HD 6	67.8% (±3.6%)	19.6% (±0.7%)	0.9% (±0.6%)	2.4% (±0.8%)	0.1% (±0.2%)	1.7% (±1.6%)	7.5% (±1.9%)	92.9% (±1.0%)	27.3% (±3.3%)	49.4% (±3.3%)	3.3% (±0.9%)	8.5% (±2.0%)	2.2% (±0.9%)	36.6% (±2.8%)
SD C	69.9% (±2.5%)	14.2% (±1.2%)	2.6% (±1.1%)	3.3% (±1.1%)	0.2% (±0.2%)	0.9% (±0.8%)	8.8% (±1.5%)	93.7% (±1.3%)	34.4% (±2.9%)	47.1% (±2.6%)	2.5% (±0.6%)	9.8% (±1.6%)	1.7% (±0.6%)	38.9% (±2.4%)
HD 7	80.7% (±1.9%)	5.2% (±1.2%)	1.3% (±0.7%)	1.6% (±0.7%)	0.2% (±0.2%)	0.5% (±0.6%)	10.4% (±1.7%)	91.7% (±1.7%)	18.1% (±2.1%)	45.1% (±2.5%)	5.7% (±1.2%)	13.7% (±1.7%)	1.9% (±0.7%)	33.6% (±2.4%)
HD 8	86.3% (±2.4%)	4.0% (±1.0%)	0.1% (±0.1%)	1.6% (±0.9%)	0.0% (±0.1%)	0.4% (±0.5%)	7.6% (±2.1%)	90.0% (±2.3%)	14.4% (±2.0%)	51.9% (±3.0%)	3.7% (±0.9%)	12.6% (±1.9%)	1.9% (±0.6%)	30.0% (±2.8%)
SD D	83.2% (±1.4%)	4.7% (±0.8%)	0.8% (±0.4%)	1.6% (±0.5%)	0.1% (±0.1%)	0.4% (±0.4%)	9.2% (±1.3%)	91.0% (±1.5%)	16.4% (±1.3%)	48.2% (±1.9%)	4.8% (±0.7%)	13.2% (±1.3%)	1.9% (±0.5%)	32.0% (±1.5%)
HD 9	84.8% (±2.0%)	3.3% (±0.7%)	1.0% (±0.4%)	2.3% (±0.7%)	0.2% (±0.2%)	0.6% (±0.3%)	7.9% (±1.8%)	92.1% (±1.3%)	25.7% (±2.4%)	51.9% (±2.8%)	3.2% (±0.7%)	11.7% (±1.7%)	1.5% (±0.5%)	31.7% (±2.5%)
HD 10	83.2% (±2.1%)	6.3% (±1.6%)	0.3% (±0.3%)	0.7% (±0.4%)	0.3% (±0.2%)	1.0% (±0.7%)	8.2% (±1.3%)	91.6% (±1.3%)	18.8% (±1.9%)	50.5% (±2.1%)	3.8% (±0.8%)	12.4% (±1.8%)	2.6% (±0.8%)	30.7% (±2.3%)
SD E	84.0% (±1.4%)	4.8% (±0.8%)	0.7% (±0.2%)	1.5% (±0.4%)	0.2% (±0.1%)	0.8% (±0.4%)	8.0% (±1.1%)	91.8% (±0.9%)	22.3% (±1.5%)	51.2% (±1.7%)	3.5% (±0.5%)	12.1% (±1.2%)	2.0% (±0.5%)	31.2% (±1.7%)
HD 11	82.0% (±1.2%)	5.8% (±0.9%)	2.1% (±0.6%)	1.2% (±0.4%)	0.4% (±0.2%)	0.5% (±0.2%)	8.0% (±1.3%)	95.0% (±0.7%)	26.9% (±1.5%)	49.9% (±1.8%)	3.9% (±0.9%)	11.9% (±1.0%)	2.0% (±0.5%)	32.3% (±1.7%)
HD 12	84.5% (±1.5%)	4.6% (±1.3%)	1.4% (±0.9%)	1.0% (±0.5%)	0.0% (±0.1%)	0.6% (±0.3%)	7.8% (±1.8%)	96.1% (±0.8%)	27.0% (±2.7%)	57.3% (±3.0%)	3.1% (±0.8%)	11.1% (±1.7%)	0.6% (±0.3%)	27.8% (±2.7%)
SD F	83.3% (±1.2%)	5.2% (±0.8%)	1.8% (±0.4%)	1.1% (±0.3%)	0.2% (±0.1%)	0.5% (±0.2%)	7.9% (±1.1%)	95.6% (±0.5%)	27.0% (±1.6%)	53.6% (±1.8%)	3.5% (±0.8%)	11.5% (±1.1%)	1.3% (±0.3%)	30.1% (±1.6%)
HD 13	76.2% (±3.3%)	1.9% (±1.1%)	5.3% (±1.9%)	5.6% (±2.0%)	1.0% (±1.2%)	2.8% (±1.4%)	7.2% (±1.9%)	94.8% (±1.9%)	31.9% (±4.1%)	57.5% (±3.6%)	2.4% (±1.2%)	7.0% (±1.7%)	1.1% (±0.6%)	32.0% (±3.3%)
HD 14	83.8% (±1.8%)	4.5% (±1.3%)	1.7% (±1.0%)	1.8% (±0.8%)	0.0% (±0.0%)	0.4% (±0.4%)	7.9% (±2.0%)	97.9% (±0.8%)	43.2% (±4.1%)	61.6% (±3.5%)	2.8% (±1.1%)	10.1% (±2.0%)	1.0% (±0.6%)	24.4% (±2.7%)
SD G	80.1% (±1.3%)	3.0% (±0.9%)	3.5% (±1.0%)	3.7% (±1.1%)	0.5% (±0.6%)	1.6% (±0.7%)	7.6% (±1.3%)	96.8% (±0.9%)	38.3% (±3.1%)	60.0% (±2.4%)	2.4% (±0.8%)	8.3% (±1.4%)	1.1% (±0.4%)	28.2% (±2.0%)
HD 15	52.9% (±3.1%)	5.9% (±2.5%)	12.5% (±2.7%)	9.5% (±4.0%)	6.1% (±3.0%)	1.5% (±0.6%)	11.6% (±3.0%)	93.3% (±2.4%)	19.3% (±3.1%)	46.9% (±3.7%)	1.5% (±0.7%)	8.3% (±2.1%)	2.2% (±1.2%)	41.0% (±3.6%)
HD 16	53.0% (±2.6%)	10.2% (±2.6%)	8.5% (±2.0%)	11.5% (±3.5%)	2.4% (±1.6%)	0.9% (±0.7%)	13.5% (±3.1%)	94.0% (±1.6%)	35.8% (±3.6%)	47.3% (±3.5%)	2.9% (±1.0%)	10.1% (±1.8%)	1.6% (±0.8%)	38.1% (±3.1%)
SD H	53.1% (±1.8%)	8.3% (±1.7%)	10.3% (±1.3%)	10.5% (±2.4%)	4.1% (±1.5%)	1.2% (±0.5%)	12.5% (±2.2%)	93.5% (±1.3%)	28.6% (±2.3%)	46.8% (±2.6%)	2.4% (±0.6%)	9.6% (±1.3%)	1.9% (±0.7%)	39.3% (±2.4%)
HD 17	55.2% (±3.5%)	11.6% (±2.9%)	3.2% (±1.1%)	14.9% (±4.4%)	2.8% (±1.6%)	2.8% (±1.3%)	9.5% (±2.6%)	91.3% (±2.3%)	29.9% (±3.0%)	39.3% (±3.1%)	2.7% (±1.0%)	12.4% (±2.2%)	1.9% (±0.9%)	43.7% (±3.3%)
HD 18	56.3% (±3.6%)	9.1% (±2.8%)	10.0% (±3.7%)	11.1% (±2.7%)	3.8% (±2.4%)	1.7% (±0.9%)	7.9% (±1.9%)	90.4% (±2.2%)	30.5% (±3.7%)	35.9% (±3.6%)	3.8% (±1.1%)	17.8% (±2.4%)	2.6% (±0.9%)	40.0% (±3.5%)
SD I	55.7% (±2.5%)	10.4% (±1.8%)	6.5% (±1.8%)	13.1% (±2.7%)	3.3% (±1.3%)	2.3% (±0.7%)	8.8% (±1.6%)	90.8% (±1.7%)	30.2% (±2.2%)	37.6% (±2.4%)	3.3% (±0.8%)	15.0% (±1.6%)	2.2% (±0.6%)	41.9% (±2.1%)
HD 19	36.8% (±3.8%)	14.9% (±3.7%)	10.6% (±3.6%)	12.3% (±4.4%)	10.7% (±3.5%)	3.9% (±1.7%)	10.7% (±2.7%)	85.5% (±3.5%)	21.3% (±3.4%)	39.4% (±4.1%)	4.4% (±1.6%)	11.9% (±2.4%)	2.1% (±1.0%)	42.3% (±3.7%)
HD 20	56.2% (±2.2%)	13.4% (±3.0%)	8.4% (±1.9%)	6.2% (±1.5%)	3.4% (±1.5%)	3.7% (±1.7%)	8.7% (±2.0%)	90.6% (±2.1%)	33.8% (±3.0%)	32.9% (±3.3%)	5.6% (±1.3%)	15.8% (±2.5%)	2.2% (±0.8%)	43.5% (±3.1%)
SD J	46.8% (±2.2%)	14.1% (±2.0%)	9.5% (±1.9%)	9.2% (±2.2%)	6.9% (±1.8%)	3.8% (±1.1%)	9.7% (±1.6%)	88.4% (±1.9%)	28.4% (±2.3%)	35.8% (±2.6%)	5.1% (±1.1%)	14.0% (±1.8%)	2.2% (±0.6%)	43.0% (±2.4%)
HD 21	62.5% (±1.3%)	9.6% (±3.3%)	2.8% (±1.5%)	12.6% (±3.1%)	0.8% (±0.6%)	2.6% (±1.8%)	9.1% (±2.1%)	93.0% (±2.5%)	36.6% (±2.9%)	45.5% (±2.9%)	4.0% (±0.9%)	14.6% (±2.2%)	1.4% (±0.7%)	34.5% (±2.4%)
HD 22	66.7% (±2.8%)	5.5% (±2.6%)	3.2% (±1.4%)	8.7% (±2.8%)	1.8% (±1.8%)	3.8% (±2.0%)	10.3% (±2.7%)	95.5% (±2.1%)	35.6% (±4.1%)	47.1% (±3.9%)	2.7% (±1.1%)	12.6% (±2.2%)	1.8% (±0.9%)	35.9% (±3.6%)
SD K	64.6% (±1.6%)	7.6% (±2.2%)	3.0% (±1.1%)	10.7% (±1.8%)	1.3% (±0.9%)	3.2% (±1.2%)	9.7% (±1.6%)	94.2% (±1.6%)	36.1% (±2.4%)	46.3% (±2.5%)	3.4% (±0.7%)	13.6% (±1.5%)	1.6% (±0.6%)	35.1% (±2.1%)



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Alaska	65.3% (±0.2%)	14.2% (±0.2%)	3.2% (±0.1%)	6.2% (±0.1%)	1.2% (0.1%)	1.4% (±0.2%)	8.5% (±0.3%)	92.4% (±0.5%)	29.0% (±0.5%)	48.9% (±0.5%)	3.7% (±0.2%)	11.6% (±0.3%)	1.7% (±0.1%)	34.1% (±0.4%)
HD 23	54.4% (±4.1%)	8.9% (±2.3%)	2.3% (±0.9%)	16.9% (±3.4%)	2.1% (±1.5%)	3.9% (±2.0%)	11.6% (±2.6%)	91.6% (±1.8%)	23.3% (±2.5%)	45.5% (±3.7%)	4.3% (±1.3%)	12.8% (±2.1%)	1.8% (±0.9%)	35.6% (±3.1%)
HD 24	73.2% (±2.7%)	3.9% (±1.5%)	1.7% (±1.1%)	8.4% (±3.2%)	0.5% (±0.4%)	0.4% (±0.3%)	12.0% (±3.2%)	94.1% (±2.1%)	37.4% (±3.9%)	54.8% (±3.6%)	4.3% (±1.3%)	10.4% (±2.1%)	1.9% (±0.9%)	28.6% (±3.5%)
SD L	63.8% (±2.9%)	6.4% (±1.5%)	2.0% (±0.7%)	12.7% (±2.2%)	1.3% (±0.7%)	2.1% (±1.0%)	11.8% (±2.2%)	92.9% (±1.4%)	30.4% (±2.3%)	50.2% (±2.5%)	4.3% (±0.9%)	11.6% (±1.5%)	1.8% (±0.6%)	32.1% (±2.2%)
HD 25	62.1% (±2.6%)	6.6% (±2.4%)	5.2% (±2.3%)	11.9% (±2.9%)	0.6% (±0.6%)	2.3% (±1.5%)	11.5% (±2.6%)	91.5% (±2.0%)	32.6% (±3.1%)	54.5% (±3.4%)	4.1% (±1.3%)	10.7% (±2.1%)	1.4% (±0.7%)	29.2% (±2.7%)
HD 26	67.3% (±3.4%)	6.4% (±2.3%)	5.0% (±2.8%)	10.5% (±2.9%)	0.5% (±0.6%)	2.9% (±2.5%)	7.4% (±2.5%)	95.4% (±1.4%)	38.3% (±3.7%)	56.8% (±3.3%)	2.5% (±0.8%)	12.3% (±2.8%)	1.2% (±0.7%)	27.2% (±3.0%)
SD M	64.7% (±1.8%)	6.5% (±1.7%)	5.1% (±1.8%)	11.2% (±2.1%)	0.5% (±0.5%)	2.6% (±1.5%)	9.4% (±1.9%)	93.5% (±1.3%)	35.5% (±2.3%)	55.7% (±2.5%)	3.3% (±0.7%)	11.5% (±1.9%)	1.3% (±0.5%)	28.2% (±1.9%)
HD 27	61.5% (±2.8%)	5.3% (±1.9%)	9.9% (±3.8%)	8.6% (±3.2%)	4.2% (±2.3%)	0.9% (±0.8%)	9.6% (±3.0%)	93.3% (±2.2%)	35.3% (±3.5%)	46.3% (±4.8%)	3.6% (±1.0%)	13.9% (±2.6%)	0.7% (±0.5%)	35.5% (±3.8%)
HD 28	84.7% (±1.7%)	1.8% (±0.7%)	1.4% (±0.9%)	2.8% (±0.9%)	0.0% (±0.1%)	1.3% (±1.0%)	8.0% (±2.0%)	97.6% (±0.8%)	60.4% (±3.6%)	65.4% (±2.6%)	2.7% (±0.8%)	6.8% (±1.5%)	0.9% (±0.5%)	24.2% (±2.3%)
SD N	73.1% (±0.8%)	3.6% (±1.0%)	5.6% (±2.0%)	5.7% (±1.7%)	2.1% (±1.2%)	1.1% (±0.6%)	8.8% (±1.6%)	95.5% (±1.1%)	47.9% (±2.6%)	55.7% (±2.8%)	3.2% (±0.7%)	10.4% (±1.6%)	0.8% (±0.4%)	30.0% (±2.3%)
HD 29	83.2% (±2.1%)	7.3% (±1.5%)	0.8% (±0.2%)	2.2% (±1.0%)	0.1% (±0.1%)	0.5% (±0.4%)	5.9% (±1.4%)	92.3% (±1.5%)	18.8% (±2.5%)	50.2% (±3.1%)	5.8% (±1.4%)	12.7% (±1.9%)	2.0% (±0.7%)	29.3% (±2.3%)
HD 30	82.3% (±2.7%)	7.7% (±1.9%)	0.5% (±0.4%)	1.2% (±0.8%)	0.6% (±0.4%)	1.1% (±0.7%)	6.5% (±1.7%)	91.2% (±1.6%)	23.5% (±2.6%)	50.3% (±3.1%)	4.2% (±1.2%)	16.5% (±2.3%)	2.3% (±0.9%)	26.7% (±2.2%)
SD O	82.7% (±1.0%)	7.5% (±1.0%)	0.7% (±0.2%)	1.7% (±0.4%)	0.4% (±0.2%)	0.8% (±0.4%)	6.2% (±1.0%)	91.7% (±1.1%)	21.1% (±1.6%)	50.3% (±2.1%)	5.0% (±0.9%)	14.6% (±1.5%)	2.2% (±0.6%)	28.0% (±1.4%)
HD 31	88.9% (±1.7%)	4.1% (±0.9%)	0.3% (±0.2%)	0.9% (±0.3%)	0.2% (±0.3%)	0.7% (±0.3%)	5.0% (±1.0%)	93.9% (±1.1%)	30.3% (±2.4%)	54.8% (±2.3%)	4.8% (±0.8%)	13.1% (±1.6%)	1.4% (±0.6%)	25.9% (±1.8%)
HD 32	55.7% (±1.6%)	16.2% (±1.5%)	0.2% (±0.2%)	16.7% (±0.8%)	1.1% (±0.3%)	1.9% (±1.1%)	8.3% (±1.8%)	90.6% (±1.4%)	26.6% (±3.1%)	49.6% (±2.9%)	3.3% (±0.6%)	12.0% (±2.2%)	1.4% (±0.6%)	33.8% (±2.2%)
SD P	72.0% (±1.6%)	10.2% (±0.9%)	0.2% (±0.1%)	8.9% (±0.4%)	0.7% (±0.3%)	1.3% (±0.6%)	6.7% (±1.0%)	92.3% (±0.9%)	28.5% (±2.1%)	52.2% (±1.8%)	4.0% (±0.5%)	12.5% (±1.4%)	1.4% (±0.4%)	29.8% (±1.5%)
HD 33	71.1% (±1.7%)	11.9% (±1.8%)	1.0% (±0.5%)	6.5% (±1.5%)	0.7% (±0.5%)	0.6% (±0.4%)	8.2% (±1.6%)	95.6% (±1.0%)	41.4% (±2.1%)	47.4% (±2.7%)	4.2% (±1.0%)	13.7% (±1.8%)	1.7% (±0.6%)	33.1% (±2.7%)
HD 34	69.3% (±1.9%)	9.9% (±1.9%)	1.0% (±0.4%)	7.4% (±1.7%)	1.0% (±0.5%)	2.0% (±1.6%)	9.5% (±2.2%)	96.2% (±1.4%)	37.7% (±3.5%)	55.3% (±3.2%)	3.5% (±1.1%)	9.8% (±1.9%)	1.9% (±0.8%)	29.5% (±2.4%)
SD Q	70.2% (±0.8%)	10.9% (±0.9%)	1.0% (±0.2%)	6.9% (±0.6%)	0.9% (±0.2%)	1.3% (±0.8%)	8.9% (±1.3%)	95.9% (±0.9%)	39.6% (±1.9%)	51.4% (±2.1%)	3.8% (±0.8%)	11.8% (±1.4%)	1.8% (±0.5%)	31.3% (±1.7%)
HD 35	63.6% (±0.7%)	18.7% (±1.0%)	1.0% (±0.3%)	5.1% (±0.6%)	0.5% (±0.3%)	0.5% (±0.3%)	10.6% (±1.1%)	91.5% (±1.0%)	26.8% (±1.7%)	48.6% (±2.2%)	5.7% (±0.6%)	14.5% (±1.3%)	1.8% (±0.5%)	29.4% (±1.4%)
HD 36	61.1% (±0.8%)	21.7% (±1.1%)	0.4% (±0.2%)	6.6% (±0.8%)	0.2% (±0.1%)	0.6% (±0.3%)	9.4% (±0.9%)	91.4% (±0.9%)	22.1% (±1.7%)	49.8% (±1.9%)	4.1% (±0.6%)	13.7% (±1.1%)	1.7% (±0.4%)	30.6% (±1.4%)
SD R	62.4% (±0.6%)	20.2% (±0.7%)	0.7% (±0.1%)	5.9% (±0.4%)	0.3% (±0.2%)	0.5% (±0.2%)	10.0% (±0.7%)	91.4% (±0.7%)	24.5% (±1.3%)	49.2% (±1.5%)	4.9% (±0.4%)	14.1% (±0.8%)	1.8% (±0.3%)	30.0% (±0.9%)
HD 37	23.7% (±1.1%)	43.6% (±1.3%)	2.9% (±0.8%)	18.4% (±0.9%)	1.2% (±0.2%)	3.2% (±0.8%)	7.2% (±0.9%)	87.2% (±1.1%)	15.2% (±1.1%)	43.3% (±1.6%)	4.4% (±0.5%)	10.0% (±0.7%)	2.7% (±0.5%)	39.5% (±1.4%)
HD 38	10.6% (±0.6%)	82.2% (±0.9%)	0.6% (±0.2%)	0.9% (±0.2%)	0.0% (±0.0%)	0.5% (±0.6%)	5.2% (±0.9%)	80.2% (±1.4%)	12.3% (±1.8%)	37.7% (±1.9%)	4.5% (±0.6%)	6.2% (±0.9%)	3.5% (±0.7%)	48.1% (±1.7%)
SD S	16.9% (±0.6%)	63.4% (±0.8%)	1.7% (±0.4%)	9.4% (±0.5%)	0.6% (±0.1%)	1.8% (±0.5%)	6.1% (±0.6%)	84.0% (±0.8%)	13.8% (±1.1%)	40.6% (±1.3%)	4.5% (±0.4%)	8.2% (±0.6%)	3.1% (±0.4%)	43.6% (±1.1%)
HD 39	11.5% (±0.4%)	81.6% (±0.8%)	0.7% (±0.3%)	1.0% (±0.2%)	0.2% (±0.1%)	0.1% (±0.1%)	4.9% (±0.7%)	82.8% (±1.1%)	10.9% (±1.3%)	33.3% (±1.4%)	5.4% (±0.5%)	6.9% (±0.7%)	2.5% (±0.5%)	52.0% (±1.3%)
HD 40	23.4% (±0.7%)	65.0% (±0.9%)	0.7% (±0.4%)	3.6% (±0.3%)	1.0% (±0.2%)	1.2% (±0.5%)	5.0% (±1.1%)	85.4% (±1.2%)	13.6% (±1.6%)	42.0% (±2.0%)	3.7% (±0.5%)	8.8% (±1.2%)	1.7% (±0.6%)	43.8% (±1.7%)
SD T	17.3% (±0.4%)	73.5% (±0.5%)	0.7% (±0.2%)	2.3% (±0.2%)	0.6% (±0.1%)	0.6% (±0.3%)	5.0% (±0.6%)	84.1% (±0.9%)	12.3% (±1.0%)	37.7% (±1.2%)	4.5% (±0.4%)	7.9% (±0.7%)	2.1% (±0.4%)	47.8% (±1.1%)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

## Worker Characteristics by Alaska Legislative District

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District	Employment Status					Class of Worker					Median income, household	Percent below poverty	Commuter, avg minutes
	Population 16 and over	Labor force participation	Employment to pop. ratio	Unemployment rate	Employed civilians	Private sector workers	Government workers	Self-employed	Unpaid fam workers				
Alaska	571,453 (±613)	70.1% (±0.4%)	62.0% (±0.4%)	7.7% (±0.2%)	354,045 (±1,983)	68.3% (±0.6%)	25.2% (±0.5%)	6.3% (±0.2%)	0.2% (±0.1%)	\$76,114 (±\$979)	10.2% (±0.4%)	18.8 (±0.3)	
HD 1	14,018 (±662)	68.4% (±2.5%)	58.1% (±2.8%)	10.7% (±2.6%)	8,141 (±474)	75.0% (±3.3%)	19.5% (±3.0%)	5.5% (±1.9%)	0.0% (±0.2%)	\$58,695 (±\$4,968)	15.5% (±2.9%)	14.2 (±1.1)	
HD 2	13,374 (±768)	78.6% (±2.4%)	47.2% (±3.9%)	7.8% (±2.9%)	6,311 (±703)	62.6% (±5.8%)	34.7% (±5.6%)	2.3% (±1.3%)	0.4% (±0.4%)	\$69,863 (±\$7,628)	7.5% (±2.6%)	14.6 (±2.4)	
SD A	27,392 (±646)	73.4% (±1.8%)	52.8% (±2.3%)	9.4% (±2.1%)	14,452 (±780)	69.6% (±3.7%)	26.1% (±3.3%)	4.1% (±1.2%)	0.2% (±0.2%)	\$64,064 (±\$5,641)	11.6% (±2.0%)	14.4 (±1.4)	
HD 3	14,344 (±842)	74.7% (±3.0%)	62.9% (±3.2%)	9.5% (±2.7%)	9,024 (±678)	65.5% (±3.9%)	30.2% (±3.8%)	3.6% (±1.7%)	0.8% (±1.0%)	\$83,399 (±\$4,473)	6.0% (±3.5%)	24.6 (±2.3)	
HD 4	15,414 (±921)	71.8% (±3.6%)	67.9% (±3.6%)	4.4% (±1.9%)	10,459 (±719)	64.7% (±4.8%)	30.2% (±4.3%)	4.9% (±2.1%)	0.2% (±0.3%)	\$85,431 (±\$10,685)	5.5% (±2.6%)	21.3 (±2.1)	
SD B	29,758 (±1,111)	73.2% (±2.5%)	65.5% (±2.4%)	6.9% (±1.7%)	19,483 (±1,017)	65.1% (±3.4%)	30.2% (±3.1%)	4.3% (±1.4%)	0.5% (±0.5%)	\$84,137 (±\$4,395)	5.8% (±2.4%)	22.9 (±1.5)	
HD 5	14,735 (±869)	72.6% (±3.0%)	66.5% (±3.1%)	6.9% (±1.9%)	9,796 (±720)	62.4% (±4.4%)	33.3% (±4.7%)	4.3% (±2.0%)	0.0% (±0.2%)	\$85,773 (±\$7,661)	5.8% (±2.0%)	17.5 (±1.3)	
HD 6	12,674 (±932)	71.2% (±2.8%)	52.8% (±3.2%)	12.2% (±3.4%)	6,690 (±690)	58.3% (±5.4%)	35.2% (±4.5%)	6.2% (±2.0%)	0.3% (±0.3%)	\$57,383 (±\$5,222)	13.3% (±2.1%)	19.2 (±2.2)	
SD C	27,409 (±1,179)	72.0% (±2.2%)	60.1% (±2.3%)	9.1% (±2.0%)	16,486 (±958)	60.7% (±3.1%)	34.1% (±3.3%)	5.1% (±1.4%)	0.1% (±0.1%)	\$70,938 (±\$6,414)	9.4% (±1.3%)	18.3 (±1.1)	
HD 7	16,516 (±533)	61.3% (±2.4%)	53.7% (±2.4%)	11.0% (±2.0%)	8,861 (±477)	74.1% (±2.6%)	19.2% (±2.5%)	6.5% (±1.7%)	0.2% (±0.3%)	\$69,101 (±\$4,499)	12.4% (±1.8%)	30.6 (±1.9)	
HD 8	13,799 (±760)	59.8% (±2.9%)	53.0% (±2.8%)	10.7% (±2.1%)	7,318 (±560)	71.6% (±2.9%)	19.0% (±2.6%)	9.3% (±2.4%)	0.0% (±0.2%)	\$74,878 (±\$7,112)	9.5% (±1.8%)	40 (±2.2)	
SD D	30,315 (±885)	60.6% (±1.8%)	53.4% (±1.8%)	10.9% (±1.5%)	16,179 (±653)	73.0% (±1.8%)	19.1% (±1.6%)	7.8% (±1.3%)	0.1% (±0.1%)	\$71,860 (±\$3,832)	11.1% (±1.4%)	34.7 (±1.5)	
HD 9	14,671 (±557)	63.6% (±2.1%)	55.0% (±2.1%)	10.4% (±2.1%)	8,073 (±417)	63.9% (±4.0%)	29.1% (±4.0%)	6.9% (±1.5%)	0.1% (±0.1%)	\$80,388 (±\$5,439)	8.3% (±1.6%)	21.4 (±1.5)	
HD 10	14,622 (±636)	63.9% (±2.2%)	56.9% (±2.4%)	10.2% (±1.6%)	8,325 (±510)	73.0% (±2.4%)	17.2% (±2.1%)	9.3% (±1.5%)	0.5% (±0.3%)	\$66,834 (±\$3,173)	10.9% (±2.1%)	35.8 (±2.1)	
SD E	29,293 (±806)	63.7% (±1.6%)	56.0% (±1.7%)	10.3% (±1.4%)	16,398 (±653)	68.5% (±2.4%)	23.1% (±2.2%)	8.1% (±1.1%)	0.3% (±0.2%)	\$74,345 (±\$3,859)	9.6% (±1.3%)	28.5 (±1.3)	
HD 11	14,970 (±399)	64.9% (±1.5%)	59.1% (±1.7%)	7.4% (±1.2%)	8,841 (±314)	71.3% (±1.7%)	22.0% (±1.5%)	6.3% (±1.1%)	0.4% (±0.3%)	\$78,632 (±\$3,439)	8.9% (±1.3%)	31.4 (±1.2)	
HD 12	15,025 (±773)	68.5% (±2.3%)	61.9% (±2.6%)	8.2% (±1.9%)	9,295 (±690)	70.4% (±2.5%)	22.1% (±2.2%)	7.5% (±1.9%)	0.0% (±0.1%)	\$90,516 (±\$6,519)	6.2% (±1.6%)	34.8 (±1.7)	
SD F	29,995 (±759)	66.7% (±1.4%)	60.5% (±1.7%)	7.8% (±1.2%)	18,136 (±730)	70.8% (±1.5%)	22.1% (±1.3%)	6.9% (±1.1%)	0.2% (±0.1%)	\$84,022 (±\$3,314)	7.6% (±1.1%)	33.2 (±1.1)	
HD 13	13,889 (±725)	77.4% (±2.4%)	47.7% (±3.3%)	5.9% (±2.1%)	6,619 (±594)	65.6% (±5.1%)	29.1% (±4.6%)	5.3% (±2.6%)	0.0% (±0.3%)	\$75,000 (±\$8,599)	6.3% (±3.3%)	17.6 (±1.5)	
HD 14	14,374 (±688)	69.0% (±3.1%)	61.0% (±3.2%)	6.0% (±1.7%)	8,775 (±651)	68.8% (±4.4%)	27.5% (±4.1%)	3.6% (±1.4%)	0.2% (±0.3%)	\$113,617 (±\$6,200)	2.9% (±1.8%)	27.1 (±1.3)	
SD G	28,071 (±877)	73.6% (±1.9%)	54.8% (±2.2%)	6.0% (±1.4%)	15,394 (±798)	67.4% (±3.4%)	28.2% (±3.1%)	4.3% (±1.4%)	0.1% (±0.2%)	\$94,497 (±\$5,160)	4.5% (±1.9%)	22.1 (±1.1)	
HD 15	12,966 (±840)	78.4% (±3.0%)	57.9% (±3.6%)	7.0% (±2.4%)	7,508 (±739)	66.1% (±4.9%)	28.3% (±4.7%)	5.6% (±2.0%)	0.0% (±0.2%)	\$67,966 (±\$5,228)	10.8% (±3.9%)	19.3 (±2.4)	
HD 16	14,023 (±953)	72.9% (±3.0%)	66.9% (±3.2%)	5.8% (±1.6%)	9,381 (±798)	71.0% (±3.2%)	23.7% (±2.9%)	5.4% (±1.5%)	0.0% (±0.2%)	\$80,872 (±\$6,206)	8.7% (±3.6%)	18.6 (±1.6)	
SD H	27,181 (±1,114)	75.0% (±1.9%)	62.1% (±2.4%)	6.3% (±1.5%)	16,889 (±943)	68.8% (±3.1%)	25.8% (±2.9%)	5.5% (±1.2%)	0.0% (±0.1%)	\$72,165 (±\$2,931)	9.7% (±2.7%)	18.9 (±1.5)	
HD 17	14,798 (±763)	72.0% (±2.5%)	64.3% (±2.5%)	9.0% (±2.0%)	9,521 (±565)	75.1% (±3.7%)	20.7% (±3.5%)	4.2% (±1.5%)	0.0% (±0.2%)	\$67,060 (±\$2,868)	10.3% (±3.1%)	16 (±2.2)	
HD 18	14,512 (±853)	72.8% (±3.0%)	66.4% (±3.3%)	8.1% (±2.3%)	9,636 (±705)	76.9% (±3.3%)	18.1% (±3.3%)	5.0% (±1.6%)	0.0% (±0.2%)	\$54,310 (±\$6,400)	13.1% (±4.0%)	15.2 (±1.1)	
SD I	29,310 (±1,110)	72.4% (±1.9%)	65.4% (±1.9%)	8.5% (±1.5%)	19,157 (±801)	76.0% (±2.3%)	19.4% (±2.1%)	4.6% (±1.2%)	0.0% (±0.1%)	\$62,101 (±\$3,228)	11.7% (±2.4%)	15.6 (±1.2)	
HD 19	12,005 (±863)	70.5% (±3.5%)	63.5% (±3.8%)	8.9% (±2.9%)	7,625 (±746)	72.1% (±4.0%)	18.8% (±3.4%)	9.1% (±2.7%)	0.0% (±0.2%)	\$56,118 (±\$5,504)	21.4% (±4.5%)	21.4 (±2.9)	
HD 20	14,525 (±754)	64.9% (±2.8%)	59.7% (±3.1%)	5.8% (±2.0%)	8,667 (±548)	73.1% (±3.4%)	19.9% (±3.2%)	6.6% (±1.7%)	0.4% (±0.5%)	\$58,166 (±\$6,189)	16.1% (±3.5%)	17.1 (±1.5)	
SD J	26,530 (±1,048)	67.4% (±2.2%)	61.4% (±2.3%)	7.3% (±1.8%)	16,292 (±838)	72.7% (±2.8%)	19.4% (±2.5%)	7.8% (±1.7%)	0.2% (±0.3%)	\$56,871 (±\$4,099)	18.7% (±3.1%)	19 (±1.6)	
HD 21	14,469 (±519)	75.4% (±2.5%)	71.1% (±2.7%)	5.1% (±1.4%)	10,294 (±525)	73.3% (±2.8%)	21.6% (±2.5%)	5.1% (±1.7%)	0.0% (±0.2%)	\$84,629 (±\$5,007)	8.4% (±3.1%)	17.5 (±1.4)	
HD 22	13,542 (±807)	75.7% (±3.3%)	71.3% (±3.3%)	5.1% (±1.7%)	9,659 (±658)	73.7% (±4.5%)	19.5% (±4.2%)	6.1% (±2.0%)	0.8% (±0.6%)	\$86,875 (±\$11,987)	4.9% (±1.5%)	20.1 (±1.9)	
SD K	28,011 (±1,003)	75.6% (±2.0%)	71.2% (±2.3%)	5.1% (±1.1%)	19,953 (±792)	73.5% (±2.2%)	20.6% (±2.2%)	5.6% (±1.3%)	0.4% (±0.3%)	\$85,263 (±\$4,660)	6.7% (±1.9%)	18.8 (±1.3)	

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District	Employment Status				Class of Worker					Median income, household	Percent below poverty	Commute, avg minutes
	Population 16 and over	Labor force participation	Employment to pop. ratio	Unemployment rate	Employed civilians	Private sector workers	Government workers	Self-employed	Unpaid fam workers			
Alaska	571,453 (±613)	70.1% (±0.4%)	62.0% (±0.4%)	7.7% (±0.2%)	354,045 (±1,983)	68.3% (±0.6%)	25.2% (±0.5%)	6.3% (±0.2%)	0.2% (±0.1%)	\$76,114 (±\$979)	10.2% (±0.4%)	18.8 (±0.3)
HD 23	14,368 (±835)	75.6% (±2.3%)	71.2% (±2.7%)	4.8% (±1.6%)	10,234 (±698)	82.5% (±2.5%)	12.8% (±2.3%)	4.7% (±1.4%)	0.0% (±0.2%)	\$75,139 (±\$7,552)	6.1% (±2.6%)	16.2 (±1.2)
HD 24	14,373 (±836)	73.0% (±3.0%)	68.6% (±3.0%)	5.4% (±1.6%)	9,859 (±713)	76.0% (±3.5%)	19.7% (±3.3%)	4.4% (±1.2%)	0.0% (±0.2%)	\$114,336 (±\$9,316)	4.9% (±2.0%)	16.9 (±1.2)
SD L	28,741 (±984)	74.3% (±1.9%)	69.9% (±2.0%)	5.1% (±1.1%)	20,093 (±778)	79.3% (±2.3%)	16.2% (±2.1%)	4.5% (±1.0%)	0.0% (±0.1%)	\$91,664 (±\$5,027)	5.5% (±1.5%)	16.5 (±0.8)
HD 25	14,309 (±779)	77.3% (±2.7%)	73.0% (±2.7%)	4.9% (±1.7%)	10,446 (±570)	74.0% (±3.5%)	23.6% (±3.4%)	2.3% (±1.3%)	0.0% (±0.2%)	\$106,334 (±\$10,031)	4.9% (±1.7%)	16.5 (±1.1)
HD 26	14,417 (±670)	75.8% (±3.2%)	70.8% (±3.5%)	4.8% (±1.6%)	10,202 (±639)	72.9% (±3.7%)	19.5% (±3.5%)	7.6% (±2.1%)	0.0% (±0.2%)	\$97,434 (±\$12,204)	7.0% (±3.1%)	18.3 (±1.4)
SD M	28,726 (±897)	76.6% (±1.9%)	71.9% (±2.1%)	4.9% (±1.1%)	20,648 (±853)	73.5% (±2.7%)	21.6% (±2.4%)	5.0% (±1.4%)	0.0% (±0.1%)	\$102,901 (±\$7,896)	6.0% (±1.9%)	17.4 (±0.9)
HD 27	14,850 (±855)	73.2% (±2.8%)	69.2% (±3.0%)	3.4% (±1.3%)	10,275 (±734)	73.9% (±3.2%)	20.3% (±3.1%)	5.6% (±1.8%)	0.3% (±0.3%)	\$90,216 (±\$8,122)	5.5% (±1.9%)	19.7 (±1.8)
HD 28	14,485 (±637)	73.7% (±2.4%)	71.2% (±2.4%)	3.1% (±1.1%)	10,312 (±636)	72.3% (±3.0%)	19.1% (±2.6%)	8.4% (±1.6%)	0.2% (±0.2%)	\$154,261 (±\$8,017)	2.6% (±1.0%)	21.6 (±1.5)
SD N	29,335 (±1,095)	73.4% (±2.0%)	70.2% (±2.0%)	3.3% (±0.9%)	20,587 (±1,028)	73.1% (±1.9%)	19.7% (±1.9%)	7.0% (±1.2%)	0.2% (±0.2%)	\$113,700 (±\$6,191)	4.0% (±1.0%)	20.6 (±1.2)
HD 29	14,987 (±492)	54.7% (±2.6%)	50.2% (±2.9%)	8.3% (±1.9%)	7,524 (±443)	72.9% (±3.8%)	18.8% (±3.2%)	8.1% (±2.2%)	0.3% (±0.4%)	\$71,917 (±\$8,941)	13.0% (±3.0%)	20.3 (±2.4)
HD 30	14,968 (±559)	66.3% (±2.8%)	60.8% (±2.9%)	8.1% (±2.0%)	9,103 (±543)	73.6% (±3.5%)	18.4% (±2.9%)	7.1% (±2.0%)	0.9% (±0.9%)	\$66,923 (±\$5,790)	9.6% (±2.7%)	19.3 (±2.2)
SD O	29,955 (±665)	60.5% (±1.9%)	55.5% (±2.0%)	8.2% (±1.3%)	16,627 (±691)	73.3% (±2.5%)	18.6% (±2.0%)	7.5% (±1.5%)	0.6% (±0.5%)	\$68,258 (±\$5,040)	11.2% (±2.0%)	19.8 (±1.5)
HD 31	15,066 (±641)	60.7% (±2.4%)	54.8% (±2.4%)	8.9% (±2.2%)	8,260 (±508)	66.7% (±2.7%)	18.3% (±2.5%)	13.7% (±1.6%)	1.3% (±0.8%)	\$62,013 (±\$2,796)	9.7% (±1.9%)	21.3 (±2.1)
HD 32	14,931 (±336)	75.8% (±2.4%)	68.3% (±2.6%)	5.4% (±1.5%)	10,194 (±466)	60.8% (±3.7%)	28.7% (±3.0%)	10.0% (±2.2%)	0.5% (±0.3%)	\$78,925 (±\$10,167)	9.2% (±1.8%)	10.1 (±0.9)
SD P	29,987 (±690)	68.2% (±1.9%)	61.5% (±1.8%)	7.0% (±1.2%)	18,454 (±712)	63.4% (±2.3%)	24.0% (±1.7%)	11.7% (±1.4%)	0.9% (±0.5%)	\$68,961 (±\$3,152)	9.5% (±1.3%)	14.9 (±1.1)
HD 33	14,875 (±369)	70.6% (±2.3%)	66.9% (±2.4%)	4.0% (±1.0%)	9,956 (±408)	56.3% (±3.1%)	34.0% (±2.7%)	9.5% (±1.8%)	0.2% (±0.2%)	\$75,526 (±\$2,862)	11.4% (±2.3%)	12.8 (±0.6)
HD 34	14,663 (±356)	75.7% (±2.6%)	70.7% (±2.7%)	5.6% (±1.6%)	10,370 (±486)	53.4% (±3.5%)	39.1% (±3.9%)	7.5% (±1.6%)	0.1% (±0.1%)	\$98,650 (±\$7,342)	3.3% (±1.1%)	16.5 (±1.1)
SD Q	29,538 (±189)	73.1% (±1.6%)	68.8% (±1.7%)	4.9% (±0.9%)	20,326 (±484)	54.8% (±2.2%)	36.6% (±2.4%)	8.5% (±1.2%)	0.2% (±0.1%)	\$87,532 (±\$3,440)	7.3% (±1.2%)	14.7 (±0.6)
HD 35	14,788 (±177)	67.9% (±1.4%)	62.5% (±1.6%)	7.2% (±1.0%)	9,238 (±252)	60.0% (±2.0%)	29.1% (±1.9%)	10.8% (±1.3%)	0.1% (±0.1%)	\$63,469 (±\$1,322)	11.0% (±1.2%)	11.2 (±0.9)
HD 36	14,501 (±130)	66.3% (±1.4%)	60.0% (±1.7%)	8.0% (±1.3%)	8,703 (±252)	61.2% (±2.0%)	29.4% (±2.0%)	8.6% (±1.1%)	0.7% (±0.4%)	\$63,831 (±\$4,045)	11.4% (±1.2%)	13 (±0.6)
SD R	29,289 (±163)	67.1% (±1.0%)	61.3% (±1.2%)	7.6% (±0.8%)	17,941 (±354)	60.6% (±1.5%)	29.2% (±1.6%)	9.8% (±0.8%)	0.4% (±0.2%)	\$63,533 (±\$1,562)	11.2% (±0.7%)	12.1 (±0.6)
HD 37	14,040 (±294)	75.6% (±1.2%)	70.4% (±1.3%)	6.0% (±0.6%)	9,884 (±295)	67.1% (±2.2%)	27.5% (±1.9%)	5.4% (±0.7%)	0.1% (±0.1%)	\$64,539 (±\$2,446)	13.8% (±0.9%)	7.3 (±0.3)
HD 38	12,550 (±97)	61.4% (±1.4%)	49.4% (±1.7%)	19.5% (±1.9%)	6,198 (±213)	51.4% (±3.1%)	46.9% (±3.1%)	1.7% (±0.7%)	0.0% (±0.3%)	\$53,149 (±\$2,594)	27.2% (±1.9%)	7.4 (±0.4)
SD S	26,590 (±302)	68.9% (±0.9%)	60.5% (±1.1%)	11.7% (±0.9%)	16,082 (±371)	61.1% (±1.9%)	35.0% (±1.7%)	3.9% (±0.5%)	0.0% (±0.1%)	\$59,020 (±\$1,969)	20.6% (±1.1%)	7.3 (±0.2)
HD 39	12,786 (±100)	61.8% (±1.0%)	48.2% (±1.1%)	21.5% (±1.2%)	6,160 (±147)	46.6% (±2.2%)	49.5% (±2.0%)	3.8% (±0.7%)	0.1% (±0.2%)	\$45,946 (±\$1,841)	30.6% (±1.3%)	6.8 (±0.5)
HD 40	13,231 (±168)	72.9% (±1.3%)	62.8% (±1.7%)	13.3% (±1.4%)	8,308 (±250)	64.5% (±4.4%)	34.3% (±4.3%)	1.1% (±0.4%)	0.0% (±0.1%)	\$67,593 (±\$5,113)	17.1% (±1.6%)	6.2 (±0.4)
SD T	26,017 (±187)	67.4% (±0.8%)	55.6% (±0.9%)	17.0% (±0.9%)	14,468 (±278)	56.9% (±2.8%)	40.8% (±2.7%)	2.3% (±0.4%)	0.1% (±0.1%)	\$54,318 (±\$1,915)	24.0% (±1.0%)	6.5 (±0.3)

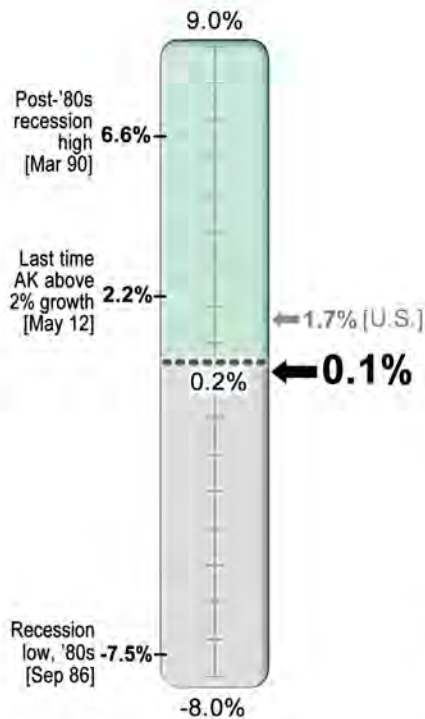
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

# Gauging Alaska's Economy



## Job Growth

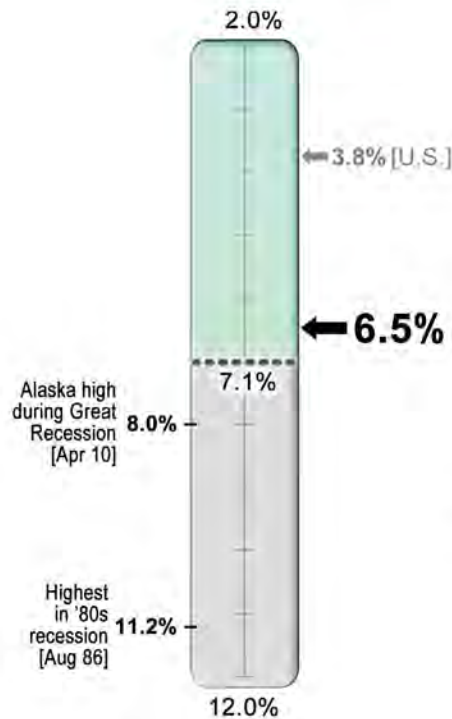
February 2019  
Over-the-year percent change



- The state has registered over-the-year job gains for two consecutive months after losing jobs for the prior 39 months.
- The gains are small but could signal the end of the state's recession.
- U.S. job growth remains strong and has been positive since 2010, with the strongest growth in 2015.

## Unemployment Rate

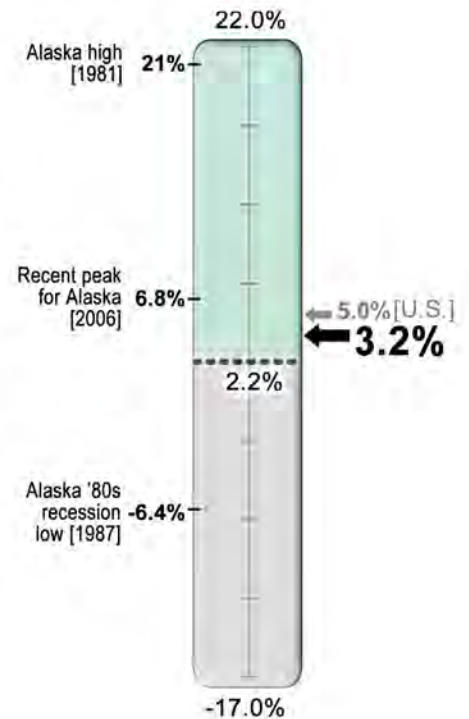
February 2019  
Seasonally adjusted



- Alaska's rate has been level at 6.5 percent for the last seven months.
- Unemployment rates are complicated economic measures and generally less telling than job or wage growth as indicators of broad economic health.

## Wage Growth

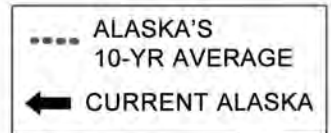
3rd Quarter 2018  
Over-the-year percent change



- Wages have been up for four consecutive quarters after being down the prior seven.
- Wage growth accelerated from first quarter 2018 to second quarter, which hints at a strengthening economy.

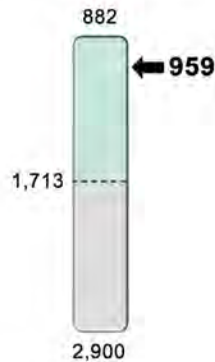


# Gauging Alaska's Economy



## Initial Claims

Unemployment, week ending March 16, 2019†

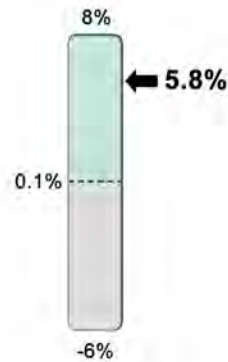


➤ For a variety of reasons, initial claims are well below the 10-year average despite job losses.

† Four-week moving average ending with the specified week

## GDP Growth

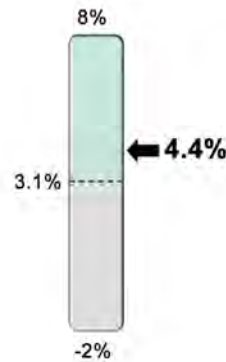
3rd Quarter 2018  
Over-the-year percent change



➤ Gross domestic product is the value of the goods and services a state produces. Alaska's GDP has grown for the last eight quarters after declining for 15 out of the prior 16.

## Personal Income Growth

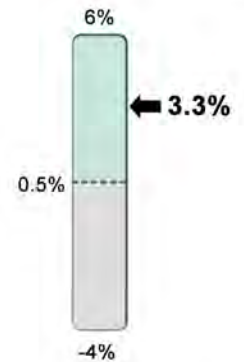
4th Quarter 2018  
Over-the-year percent change



➤ Personal income includes wages as well as transfer payments (such as Social Security, Medicaid, and the PFD) and investment income. Growth has resumed and is now well above the 10-year average.

## Change in Home Prices

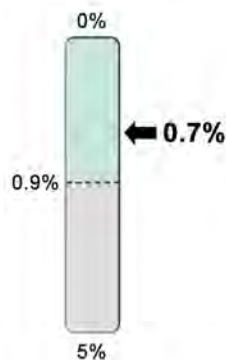
3rd Quarter 2018  
Over-the-year percent change



➤ Home prices include only those for which a commercial loan is used. This indicator tends to be volatile from quarter to quarter.

## Foreclosure Rate

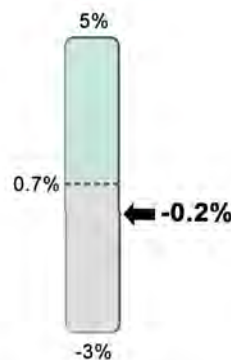
3rd Quarter 2018



➤ Foreclosure rates remain very low, highlighting how different the current recession is from the '80s recession when foreclosure rates exceeded 10 percent.

## Population Growth

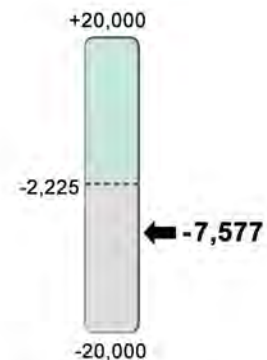
2017 to 2018



➤ The state's population has remained mostly stable during the state's recession, although 2018 was the second year of small population declines since 1988.

## Net Migration

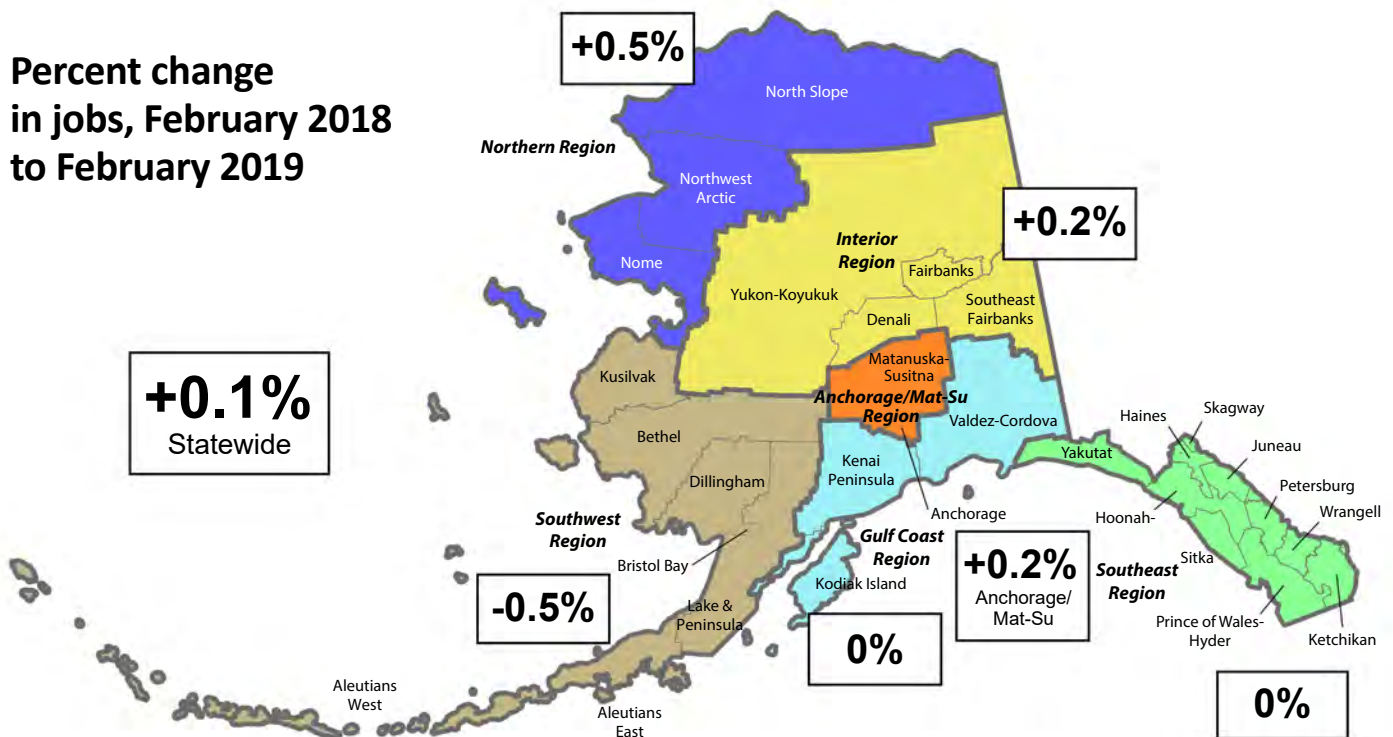
2017 to 2018



➤ The state had net migration losses for the sixth consecutive year in 2018, although natural increase (births minus deaths) offset those losses until 2017 and 2018.

# Employment by Region

Percent change  
in jobs, February 2018  
to February 2019



## Unemployment Rates

Seasonally adjusted

	Prelim. 02/19	Revised 01/19	Revised 02/18
United States	3.8	4.0	4.1
Alaska	6.5	6.5	6.7

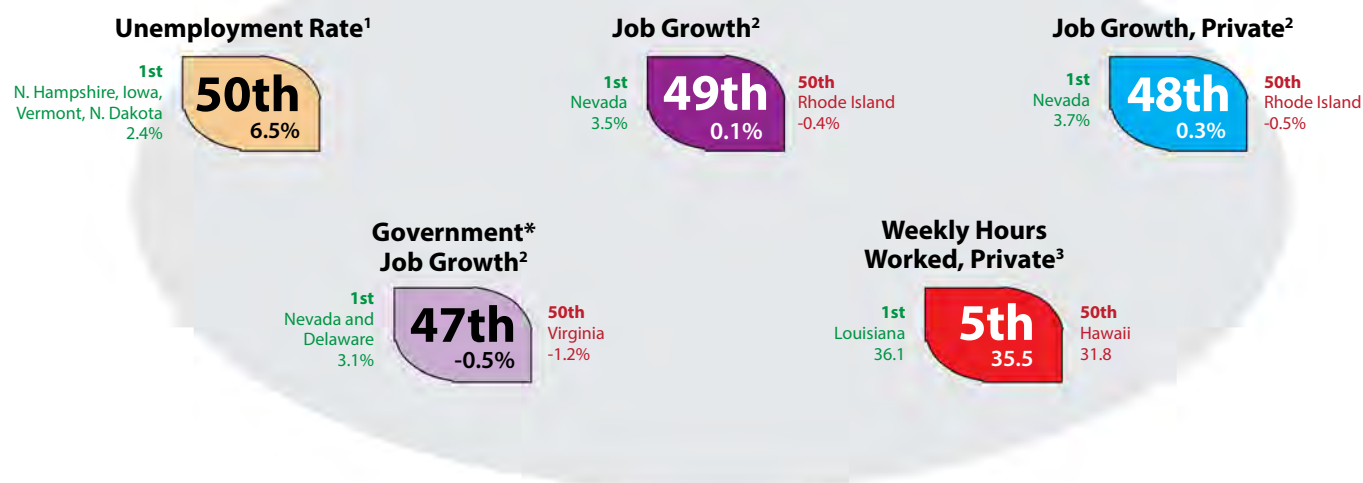
Not seasonally adjusted

	Prelim. 02/19	Revised 01/19	Revised 02/18
United States	4.1	4.4	4.4
Alaska	7.5	7.4	7.6

Regional, not seasonally adjusted

	Prelim. 02/19	Revised 01/19	Revised 02/18		Prelim. 02/19	Revised 01/19	Revised 02/18		Prelim. 02/19	Revised 01/19	Revised 02/18
<b>Interior Region</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>Southwest Region</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>Southeast Region</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>7.7</b>
Denali Borough	20.1	21.2	17.5	Aleutians East Borough	2.0	4.2	2.0	Haines Borough	15.3	15.5	15.6
Fairbanks N Star Borough	6.7	6.7	6.7	Aleutians West Census Area	2.6	3.5	2.4	Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	21.2	20.8	20.3
Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	11.9	11.2	11.9	Bethel Census Area	14.6	13.5	13.6	Juneau, City and Borough	5.7	5.6	5.0
Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	18.7	17.2	18.4	Bristol Bay Borough	17.8	16.3	16.2	Ketchikan Gateway Borough	8.4	8.3	7.6
<b>Northern Region</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>11.6</b>	Dillingham Census Area	9.7	9.5	9.8	Petersburg Borough	11.6	14.2	11.2
Nome Census Area	12.9	12.1	12.8	Kusilvak Census Area	22.2	20.6	21.0	Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area	15.9	13.6	14.6
North Slope Borough	6.8	6.5	7.1	Lake and Peninsula Borough	15.7	13.1	14.5	Sitka, City and Borough	5.1	5.6	4.9
Northwest Arctic Borough	15.5	13.7	15.6	<b>Gulf Coast Region</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>9.1</b>	Skagway, Municipality	23.6	22.2	23.5
<b>Anchorage/Mat-Su Region</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>6.9</b>	Kenai Peninsula Borough	9.1	9.0	9.7	Wrangell, City and Borough	10.8	10.5	9.5
Anchorage, Municipality	5.8	5.7	6.2	Kodiak Island Borough	5.2	9.4	5.3	Yakutat, City and Borough	12.4	10.7	11.3
Mat-Su Borough	8.5	8.4	9.1	Valdez-Cordova Census Area	11.4	11.3	11.3				

# How Alaska Ranks



\*Federal, state, and local

<sup>1</sup>February seasonally adjusted unemployment rates

<sup>2</sup>February employment, over-the-year percent change

<sup>3</sup>February hours and earnings

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section

## Other Economic Indicators

	Current		Year ago	Change
<b>Urban Alaska Consumer Price Index</b> (CPI-U, base yr 1982=100)	227.992	2nd half 2018	219.131	+4.0%
<b>Commodity prices</b>				
Crude oil, Alaska North Slope,* per barrel	\$65.02	Feb 2019	\$66.20	-1.78%
Natural gas, residential, per thousand cubic feet	\$10.18	Dec 2018	\$10.66	-4.50%
Gold, per oz. COMEX	\$1,326.30	3/26/2019	\$1,360.90	-2.54%
Silver, per oz. COMEX	\$15.47	3/26/2019	\$16.68	-7.25%
Copper, per lb. COMEX	\$2.86	3/26/2019	\$2.97	-3.70%
Zinc, per MT	\$2,832.00	3/25/2019	\$3,260.50	-13.14%
Lead, per lb.	\$0.92	3/26/2019	\$1.09	-15.60%
<b>Bankruptcies</b>				
Business	130	Q3 2018	97	+34.0%
Personal	3	Q3 2018	7	-57.1%
	127	Q3 2018	90	+41.1%
<b>Unemployment insurance claims</b>				
Initial filings	4,320	Feb 2019	4,852	-10.96%
Continued filings	40,737	Feb 2019	49,608	-17.88%
Claimant count	10,836	Feb 2019	13,142	-17.55%

\*Department of Revenue es. mate

Sources for pages 14 through 17 include Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis; Kitco; U.S. Census Bureau; COMEX; Bloomberg; Infomine; Alaska Department of Revenue; and U.S. Courts, 9th Circuit

# ALASKA'S VOTING DISTRICTS

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adults at 65 percent, while the western Alaska district is the only one where over 50 percent of adults have never married. This is partly because western Alaska is young overall, with a median age far below that of the state as a whole.

## Types of workers and other economic statistics by district

Exhibit 9 on pages 16 and 17 gives economic and labor market statistics by district. The survey is for five years (2013 to 2017) and conducted by the Census Bureau, so these statewide numbers do not match some of the other data we produce. The American Community Survey is the only source for this type of economic data at the legislative district level.

### *Participation in the labor force*

The various employment status statistics highlight the difference between much of urban and rural Alaska. Labor force participation, which is the percentage of the population 16 and older working or looking for work,<sup>1</sup> is highest in military-dense areas such as HDs 2 and 15. The lowest labor force participation rate is on the Kenai Peninsula, in HD 29, at 55 percent. This district has a high median age so likely has more retirees.

### *Employment-to-population ratio*

The employment-to-population ratio is slightly different in that it's a measure of the civilian working age (16 to 64) labor force divided by the total population at those same ages. In this case, the heavily noncivilian military bases give HDs 2 and 13 the lowest rates, along with HDs 38 and 39 in western Alaska. The highest employment-to-population ratios are in Anchorage. HD 25 on the Anchorage hillside ranks highest at 73 percent, followed by HDs 22 and 23 in west Anchorage. Alaska's largest city also has the only three Senate districts with ratios above 70 percent.

### *Unemployment rates*

Western and rural Alaska have the highest unemployment rates. HD 39 has the highest rate at 22 percent, followed by HDs 38 and 40. The rural exception is HD 37 in Bristol Bay and the Aleutians, which at 6 percent falls below the statewide rate. The lowest unemployment rate in Alaska is just over 3 percent in the Anchorage

hillside in HDs 27 and 28, followed by HD 33 in Southeast which encompasses downtown Juneau and Douglas plus Haines and Skagway.

### *Types of workers and income*

By type of worker, the majority of all House and Senate districts' working civilians are in the private sector except HD 39 in western Alaska. The highest is HD 23 in west Anchorage. HDs 38 and 39 in western Alaska have the highest share of government workers (federal, state, or local) as a percentage of their workforce, at around 50 percent and 47 percent, respectively. Besides western Alaska, the highest percentage of government workers is in HD 34 in Juneau's Mendenhall Valley. HD 31 on the Kenai Peninsula has the highest percentage of self-employed workers, at 14 percent.

In Alaska, the difference between the House district with the highest median household income and the lowest is nearly \$110,000. HD 28 on the Anchorage hillside is above \$154,000, while households in HD 39 have a median around \$46,000. Four House and two Senate districts, all in Anchorage and Eagle River, have median household incomes above \$100,000.

The percentage of the population below the poverty level by legislative district is mostly the inverse of median household income. The poverty threshold for an individual varies by family size and number of children, but while the level is adjusted for inflation, the dollar amount does not vary by geographic location, either within Alaska or nationally. Because federal poverty levels don't take area costs of living into account, they tend to be less reliable in Alaska.

The highest percentages of people below the federal poverty level are mainly in western Alaska in HDs 39 and 38, at around 31 and 27 percent. Anchorage has some high poverty levels as well, at over 21 percent in HD 19 in the Anchorage bowl. The lowest level of poverty is 2.6 percent in HD 28, which includes parts of the Anchorage hillside, Turnagain Arm, and Girdwood.

### *Average daily commutes*

One last telling comparison among districts is how long it takes residents to get to work, on average. The longest daily commutes are in Mat-Su districts, where many residents work in Anchorage. HD 8's is the longest at 40 minutes. Four others are over half an hour, something not found anywhere else in the state. The shortest daily commutes are in western Alaska, where all four House districts and their parent Senate districts have average commutes under 10 minutes.

<sup>1</sup>The American Community Survey's labor force participation rate includes military.

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# SAFETY MINUTE

## How to mitigate common hazards brought on by spring thaw

As Alaskans' activity increases during the spring, injuries and fatalities can ramp up as well. Many people hit the road for recreational or family activities, begin or continue DIY projects, or de-winterize summer tools and toys. Stay safe during this brief season by learning to recognize and mitigate the most common Alaska spring hazards.

### Roads

Motorcycles, bicyclists, and pedestrians increase in number and are often difficult to see. Remember to keep your eyes moving while driving and get the big picture at intersections. Many roads dry up quickly but corners, bridges, and overpasses can be coated with black ice, especially in shaded areas. Slow down and avoid braking or accelerating when turning corners or crossing bridges and overpasses.

### River/lake ice

Ice thickness isn't uniform. The frozen surface may be three feet thick in some places and one inch thick just a step away. During breakup, ice is thickest in the center of lakes and ponds. Although edges may appear stable, edge ice likely can't support even a single person. Ice is strongest where it's clear and weakest where it's cloudy or full of large bubbles. Snow cover insulates ice, making it thinner. Check with the National Weather Service for current ice thickness measurements before venturing onto a frozen water body. The best prevention is to avoid ice covered rivers, lakes, and ponds during the spring thaw.

### Wildlife

Big animals such as moose often pass through populated areas and roads, and spring increases their presence. When encountering moose, keep your distance, never feed

them or other wildlife, keep pets on a leash, and respect mothers with young. In bear country, be noisy when hiking. Give bears space and if carrying a firearm for protection, know how to use it confidently and safely.

### Hazardous debris

Snow melt reveals a variety of debris and some of it can be hazardous. Watch for broken glass and sharp objects. Used hypodermic needles are often discarded on roadsides and in parking lots. If you find needles, never attempt to break or recap them. Pick them up carefully while wearing gloves, and don't allow children to dispose of them. Place needles in a puncture-proof, lidded container. Take the container to a local medical clinic or fire station.

### Gas and electric tools

Tune up and adjust power tools and equipment properly, and always wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Confirm all safety guards are installed and functioning properly. Read or review owner's manuals to operate the tool or equipment safely and as designed. When operating power tools and equipment, keep children and others at a safe distance. Bystanders can be injured by flying debris or through the operator's loss of control.

The Department of Labor and Workforce Development's Occupational Safety and Health Section provides free safety consultations for employers. AKOSH consultants visit the workplace to evaluate hazards and recommend corrective measures. To request a consultation, call (800) 656-4972 or visit <http://labor.alaska.gov/lss/oshhome.htm>.

Safety Minute is written by the Labor Standards and Safety Division of the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

# EMPLOYER RESOURCES

## New Section 503 landing page a resource center for federal contractors

The Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs protects workers, promotes diversity, and enforces the law. OFCCP holds federal government contractors and subcontractors responsible for complying with the legal requirement to take affirmative action and not discriminate on the basis of a protected class, including disability.

OFCCP promotes equitable workplaces and recognizes that this is a team effort, which is why they're committed to strengthening partnerships with federal contractors they assist.

OFCCP has launched a new Section 503 Focused Review Landing Page. The landing page is a resource center for federal contractors that provides information and assistance for implementing best practices and increasing employment of people with disabilities. Contractors can access disability inclusion best practices, documents explaining what to expect during a focused review, and OF-

CCP contact information.

In Alaska, once federal contractors have self-identified on the state job bank or ALEXsys, or to Alaska Job Center staff, they will receive focused help finding applicants, including those with disabilities who meet minimum qualifications. Through their many partnerships, job center staff seek out applicants who fit the employer's affirmative action goals. ALEXsys provides a federal contractor checkbox to help job center staff identify and know how to best assist the employer with recruitment.

If you are a federal contractor, contact your local Alaska Job Center Business Connection staff for assistance with all your employment needs.

Employer Resources is written by the Employment and Training Services Division of the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD 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**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD 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.

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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!



## **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

Financial Security Professional  
Alaska Team Leader

[REDACTED]

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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. Stuck again. 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**

**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

## **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: 

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, 9:34 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.**

## **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: 

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: 

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: 

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:

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: 

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, 9:49 am

First Name: **Laura**

Last Name: **Bonner**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

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 connected by the highway and should be in the same district as the Eagle River area district. Keep Eagle River with Eagle River area, East Anchorage with East Anchorage, Anchorage Hillside and Girdwood with South Anchorage, and Anchorage downtown with Anchorage downtown. This is the fairest mapping for the residents of those areas.**

# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE

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 don'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. It's no wonder that people in Anchorage don'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 members 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



## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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 have 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.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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 to consider how the narrow populations of the district in the two corners mentioned are in any way associated with the Chugiak-Eagle River community.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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.**

## **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:

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**

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

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## **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**

**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]

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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.


## **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: 

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: 

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:



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**

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 Anchorage's 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.

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 7, 2022, 11:33 am

First Name: **Kelley**

Last Name: **Russell**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

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.**

## **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:

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:

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:

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: 

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, 12:19 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.**



## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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.**

## **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:

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:

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, 12:38 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.**

## **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:

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:

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: 

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, 12:57 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.**



## **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: 

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, 1:25 pm

First Name: **Adam**

Last Name: **Hays**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

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.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

**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

## **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

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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 conversation:

"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 receive. 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.

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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.



## **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: 

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**

**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

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 7, 2022, 2:31 pm

First Name: **Jennifer**

Last Name: **Meyer**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

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, they are still trying to cheat. Please support fair redistricting.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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. I'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**

# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE

**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]

## **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:

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, 3:47 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.**

## **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: 

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, 4:53 pm

First Name: **Jan Carolyn**

Last Name: **Hardy**

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: The 2021 Board Proclamation for Anchorage was ratified on November 10, 2021. There has been a public hearing publicly presented with public input and testimony. This Board has the opportunity to be the first Redistricting Board in over 20 years to have a map that is viable for a full 10 years.**

**The Board did a good job with the overall house map and senate pairings in Southeast, Rural, Interior, and MatSu. Further delays would result in some candidates running three elections in a row. We have seen the chaos that creates both for the candidates and the voters. Some voters did not exercise the franchise because they did not know in which district they resided. This is unfair to the candidates and the voter.**

**We have a new system of voting: Rank Choice Voting. To complicate the matter further we will have special election to replace him. This is unprecedented. The voter needs time to reorient themselves to their new senate and house district. If questions surrounding our new Anchorage Municipality have not been resolved immediately the result could be voter disenfranchisement and failure of the system to protect one voter, one vote.**

**The Alaska Supreme Court has upheld the unconstitutional political gerrymander of Senate Seat K (Eagle River/East Anchorage) and remanded the pairing back to the Alaska Redistricting Board. Please act swiftly to adopt a map with final senate pairings. There is no time to waste.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 7, 2022, 5:22 pm

First Name: **Kay**

Last Name: **Brown**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

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.**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

**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



## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

**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

## **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, 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 "touch" 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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## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

**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]

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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

## **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: 

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, 9:24 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 River'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 River'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



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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 lots, 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.

## **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: 

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:

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, 10:00 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.**

## **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:



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**

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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**David Bronson, Mayor**

**GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

*Mike Edgington and Briana Sullivan, Co-Chairs  
Jennifer Wingard, Amanda Sassi, Guy Wade*

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

Mike Edgington, GBOS Co-Chair

Briana Sullivan, GBOS Co-Chair



# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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.**

# **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, 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.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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.**



# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 8, 2022, 10:13 am

First Name: **Cheryl**

Last Name: **Lovegreen**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

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.**

# **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, 11:42 am

First Name: **Gretchen**

Last Name: **Stoddard**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Is there a time for testimony without questions?**

Public Comment: **Hi**

**Will there be a time for testimony that is more traditional.... Like you can talk up to 3 minutes and it does not involve all the questions from the board? This is kind of intense to listen to. Thank you for all your work.**

# **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:



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, 12:15 pm

First Name: **Gerald**

Last Name: **Fox**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

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: 

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, "Drainage and other geographic features shall be used in describing boundaries whenever possible." 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.**

# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

## WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 8, 2022, 12:29 pm

First Name: **Doug**

Last Name: **Robbins**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **self**

Email or Phone Contact:

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 "Street Owners and Maintenance Providers"

[https://muniorg.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=5cb0fa58740e4fdca9e209644110edfc&fbclid=IwAR1wSzZfD4B4bKvHXh3FhJizXADx-loY2p7u31kwb\\_0JugVzeOGzsynNpqyU](https://muniorg.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=5cb0fa58740e4fdca9e209644110edfc&fbclid=IwAR1wSzZfD4B4bKvHXh3FhJizXADx-loY2p7u31kwb_0JugVzeOGzsynNpqyU)

Eagle River/Chugiak Parks & Recreation

[https://www.muni.org/Departments/ERparks/Pages/default.aspx?fbclid=IwAR0Vrms9tEcQXJYNCBrvFkjB\\_Zdzm8xqAMPmpvSkN4CiQF8oIRcOk2eii4](https://www.muni.org/Departments/ERparks/Pages/default.aspx?fbclid=IwAR0Vrms9tEcQXJYNCBrvFkjB_Zdzm8xqAMPmpvSkN4CiQF8oIRcOk2eii4)

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Anchorage Park, Greenbelt and Recreation Facility Plan – Volume II: Chugiak-Eagle River-Eklutna 1985 (link not available)

Chugiak Eagle River Chamber of Commerce. [www.cer.org/](http://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\\_zyKjl2d2iRkB78A](https://onboard.muni.org/board/3916?fbclid=IwAR2DDSE-slShy1NOcUVe3xyl84oFcbORKeJxw7yrlzU_zyKjl2d2iRkB78A)

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\\_5oji6EIAGMZbnzg](https://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Projects/t21/Documents/Chapter%2010.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0EM_ViOvOxXukZenhKhNDaxPK69GRcEGyXu3Akmf3_5oji6EIAGMZbnzg)

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: –Chugiak-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.–

<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 – the large non-residential areas of JBER are within house districts 22 & 24

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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\\_SJu1KNqDc9Hz3bsorGrscIs5WVTrsqjTQ1rHKW7cvjMXow](https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/21ca44fb-dded-4339-aba2-01cda3eaf790/downloads/1cbb2h8fm_62812.pdf?ver=1649190153804&fbclid=IwAR34owxhGZFs_SJu1KNqDc9Hz3bsorGrscIs5WVTrsqjTQ1rHKW7cvjMXow)

Hillside Wastewater Management Plan 1982

[https://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Publications/Documents/HWMP-CompleteDocument\\_1982.pdf](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.](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 – 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](https://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Publications/Pages/CBD_CompPlan_Final07.aspx)

Anchorage Downtown Partnership

<https://anchagedowntown.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>

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 8, 2022, 12:39 pm

First Name: **Doug**

Last Name: **Robbins**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **self**

Email or Phone Contact:

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.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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.**



# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 8, 2022, 12:45 pm

First Name: **Sally**

Last Name: **Gates**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

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.**

# **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**

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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 State 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: 

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: 

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 9, 2022, 5:51 am

First Name: **Shannon**

Last Name: **Keegan**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:



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.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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 hamstringing 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 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

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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.<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup>

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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<sup>1</sup> [https://dhss.alaska.gov/News/Documents/press/2020/FAQs\\_03272020-SOA-COVID-19-Health-Mandate-011-012.pdf](https://dhss.alaska.gov/News/Documents/press/2020/FAQs_03272020-SOA-COVID-19-Health-Mandate-011-012.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/5421>.

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and ‘by’ the local community including those with local information to share that may be of interest to those in the community.”<sup>3</sup>

The area has a newspaper, the Alaska Star.<sup>4</sup> 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.<sup>5</sup>

The Chugiak-Eagle River Professionals Group refers multiple times to the distinctiveness of the community and its common interests.<sup>6</sup> 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.<sup>7</sup> 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.”<sup>8</sup>

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.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/407722959839121>.

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.alaskastar.com/>.

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.instagram.com/starnewspaper>.

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.cer.org/government-structures-and-local-public-servic>.

<sup>7</sup> [https://issuu.com/61degrees/docs/2021\\_eagle\\_river\\_official\\_bear\\_paw\\_guide](https://issuu.com/61degrees/docs/2021_eagle_river_official_bear_paw_guide).

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/BearPawFestival/>.

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.cer.org/government-structures-and-local-public-servic>.

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The language of EagleExit also appeals to shared history and to the sense of an enduring and distinct community that shares common needs in place:<sup>10</sup>

*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 EagleExit'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.<sup>11</sup>

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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<sup>10</sup> <https://eagleexit.com/about/>.

<sup>11</sup> <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

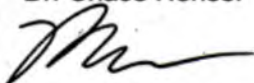
Dr. Phyllis Morrow

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Sincerely,



Dr. Chase Hensel



Dr. Phyllis Morrow

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# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

**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



**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,

1 residents from Eagle River, South Anchorage and Girdwood spoke out  
2 overwhelmingly against proposals that would combine these communities with  
3 scores of comments opposing the combination; and  
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5 **WHEREAS**, the Alaska Redistricting Board should not contemplate a pairing of  
6 House districts like presented in Option 3B, that combine geographically and  
7 demographically distinct areas and simply shifts the constitutional infirmity into other  
8 areas; and  
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10 **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage Reapportionment Committee heard from five  
11 community councils and scores of individuals regarding their opposition to grouping  
12 Eagle River and South Anchorage on the basis that these are distinctly different  
13 regions with few shared communities of interest; and  
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15 **WHEREAS**, the Alaska Redistricting Board's Proposed Anchorage Senate Districts  
16 Option 2 combines House District 23 which is the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson  
17 area with House District 17 covering the downtown area; and House District 22, the  
18 south Eagle River area, with House District 24, the north Eagle River area; and  
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20 **WHEREAS**, Option 2 more closely joins neighboring communities off common  
21 interest that interact through direct road access to shop, work, and play in their  
22 respective areas, in clear compliance with the Superior Court's Constitutional  
23 directives to respect natural boundaries where possible in describing boundaries  
24 (e.g. drainages and mountain ranges), and the testimony from communities of  
25 interest, while maintaining contiguity and compactness in drawing such district lines;  
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27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Anchorage Municipal Assembly  
28 supports the Alaska Redistricting Board's Proposed Anchorage Senate Districts  
29 Option 2 which pairs House Districts 17 and 23 to form one Senate district, and  
30 House Districts 22 and 24 to form another Senate district.  
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32 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
33 of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.  
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Municipal Clerk

# **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, 11:01 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, 11:08 am

First Name: **Stephen**

Last Name: **Romanelli**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:



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:



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, 11:16 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**

# **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:



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**

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[REDACTED]


# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 9, 2022, 11:31 am

First Name: **Louis**

Last Name: **Theiss**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

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, 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 conscious 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 WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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:

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**

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**

First Name: **Karen**

Last Name: **Carson**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:



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:



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, 12:47 pm

First Name: **Ryan**

Last Name: **Peterson**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: **99517**

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

Public Comment: **I support option 2**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD 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.**

# **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: **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.**

# **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:



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, 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).**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD 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 thorough 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 bridges 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

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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 better 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.

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

**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**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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**



# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 9, 2022, 2:01 pm

First Name: **Jennifer**

Last Name: **Van der Slice**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

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.**

# **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, 2:14 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 each other'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 relevant 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.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 9, 2022, 2:16 pm

First Name: **Cindy**

Last Name: **Spanyers**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **none**

Email or Phone Contact: 

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.**

# **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: 

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: 

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, 3:52 pm

First Name: **Jan Carolyn**

Last Name: **Hardy**

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: **The 2021 Board Proclamation for Anchorage was ratified on November 10, 2021. There has been a public hearing publicly presented with public input and testimony. This Board has the opportunity to be the first Redistricting Board in over 20 years to have a map that is viable for a full 10 years.**

**The Board did a good job with the overall house map and senate pairings in Southeast, Rural, Interior, and MatSu. Further delays would result in some candidates running three elections in a row. We have seen the chaos that creates both for the candidates and the voters. Some voters did not exercise the franchise because they did not know in which district they resided. This is unfair to the candidates and the voter.**

**We have a new system of voting: Rank Choice Voting. To complicate the matter further we will have special election to replace him. This is unprecedented. The voter needs time to reorient themselves to their new senate and house district. If questions surrounding our new Anchorage Municipality have not been resolved immediately the result could be voter disenfranchisement and failure of the system to protect one voter, one vote.**

**The Alaska Supreme Court has upheld the unconstitutional political gerrymander of Senate Seat K (Eagle River/East Anchorage) and remanded the pairing back to the Alaska Redistricting Board. Please act swiftly to adopt a map with final senate pairings. There is no time to waste.**



# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 9, 2022, 3:58 pm

First Name: **Alex**

Last Name: **Bortnick**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

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**

# **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:



Your ZIP Code: **99507**

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

Public Comment: **I support map 3b**

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD 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.

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 9, 2022, 5:04 pm

First Name: **Sarah**

Last Name: **Paulus**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

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."



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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 Reinholds; 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>

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 9, 2022, 8:38 pm

First Name: **Elizabeth**

Last Name: **Beavers**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:



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**

**ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD  
WEBSITE RESPONSE**

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

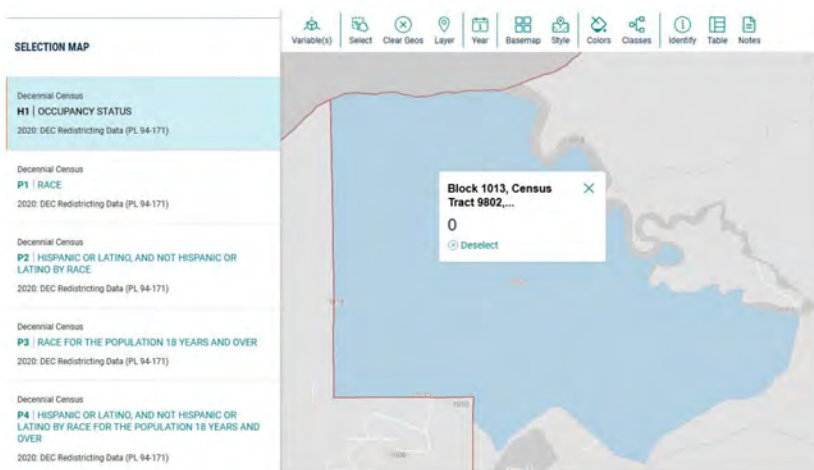
In conversation with a community member at public testimony yesterday, Board Member Marcum stated “There’s only one Eagle River House seat, the other seat is Chugiak, Peters Creek, and JBER.” This is factually inaccurate. District 24 has 7,586 residents of the Eagle River and Eagle River Valley community 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 anonymization 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 Tract 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](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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

**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]



# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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 implicit 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**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

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.**

# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE

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, 10:04 am

First Name: **Jeff**

Last Name: **Allen**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Basher Community (Stuckagain Heights)**

Email or Phone Contact: 

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, 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 Redistricting**

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:



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: 

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: 

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: 

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: 

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**

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**

# 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): **Redistricting**

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: 

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, 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.**



# **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: 

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

ADP RESOLUTION 2021-3



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.

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PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Downtown Partnership, Ltd. Board of Directors this 18th day of November 2021.

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

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*Gretchen W. Fauske*  
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**Board President**  
Gretchen W. Fauske

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*Laile Fairbairn*  
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**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: 

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**

Date: April 12, 2022, 9:29 pm

First Name: **Brett**

Last Name: **Barringer**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:



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.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

**Rep. Matt Claman** [Rep.Matt.Claman@akleg.gov](mailto: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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*Serving District 21: Sand Lake, Spenard, and Turnagain*

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.<sup>1</sup>
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.<sup>2</sup>
3. Option 2 satisfies the socio-economic integration requirement.<sup>3</sup>
4. Option 2 satisfies the compactness requirement.<sup>4</sup>
5. Option 2 takes into consideration "local government boundaries."<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *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).

<sup>2</sup> *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).

<sup>3</sup> Alaska Constitution Art. 6, § 6.

<sup>4</sup> Alaska Constitution Art. 6, § 6.

<sup>5</sup> 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.”<sup>6</sup> 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,”<sup>7</sup> 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.<sup>8</sup>
2. Option 3B fails to satisfy the compactness requirement.<sup>9</sup>
3. Option 3B divides the Eagle River community of interest in violation of the equal protection provisions of the Alaska Constitution.<sup>10</sup>
4. Option 3B fails to take into consideration “local government boundaries.”<sup>11</sup>

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 is 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 districts 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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<sup>6</sup> *In the Matter of the 2021 Redistricting Cases*, Supreme Court No. S-18332, p. 6 (Alaska 25 Mar. 2022).

<sup>7</sup> Alaska Constitution Art. 6, § 6.

<sup>8</sup> Alaska Constitution Art. 6, § 6.

<sup>9</sup> *Hickel v. Southeast Conference*, 846 P.2d 38, 62 (Alaska 1992).

<sup>10</sup> *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).

<sup>11</sup> 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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Matt W. Claman', written in a cursive style.

Matthew W. Claman

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 12, 2022, 11:35 pm

First Name: **Eric**

Last Name: **McCallum**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **none**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99515**

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

Public Comment: **The rational fix is obvious, pair Eagle River with Eagle River, Gov Hill/JBER with Downtown and Hillside with Hillside. Any plan must follow the direction of the court closely, only changing the affected districts and those touching them. Otherwise the court could send Map 3 back to the board yet again.**

**Eagle River is a separate community. It deserves its own senator. This is evidenced by the fact that they are currently moving forward on plans to secede from the municipality. Current Sens. Roger Holland and Lora Reinbold both oppose Map 3 saying it is unworkable for numerous reasons. Additionally there was overwhelming public testimony against pairing parts of South Anchorage and Eagle River during Anchorage Municipal reapportionment.**

**Thank you for providing an opportunity to share my thinking.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 13, 2022, 1:30 am

First Name: **Mike**

Last Name: **Edgington**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99587**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Adopt Senate pairing map 2**

Public Comment: **I have heard the argument that Chugiak/Eagle River "loses representation" under map 2 since they "currently have 2 senators", and those 2 senators would be preserved under 3B. This is misleading.**

**It is true that the 2013 proclamation map does split Chugiak/Eagle River across 3 House districts, 12, 13 & 14.**

**2013's HD13 & 14 cover Eagle River (with some of JBER) but HD12 has most of its population in Mat-Su and only a few thousand in the Chugiak/Birchwood/Peters Creek neighborhoods. So 2013's HD12, part of Senate seat F, should rightly be considered a Mat-Su Senate district since ~80% of Senate seat F's population resides in Mat-Su.**

**The 2021 proclamation does a better job associating House districts with communities. Chugiak/Eagle River has almost the perfect population for exactly two House districts and one Senate pair and the House map does in fact draw 2 House districts for Chugiak/Eagle River: the new HD22 & HD24.**

**Map 2 neatly pairs those two House districts into a Senate seat, whereas Map 3B pairs disparate House districts to artificially create 2 Senate seats for Chugiak/Eagle River.**

**I urge you to support the Senate pairings of Map 2 and avoid unnecessary additional legal challenges.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 13, 2022, 10:35 am

First Name: **Ric**

Last Name: **Davidge**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Alaska Roundtable**

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: **98002**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **I support the adoption the proposed Map 3B.**

Public Comment: **I have watched this closely and believe that 3B is the correct choice consistent with the law.**



# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

First Name: **Burton**

Last Name: **Bomhoff**

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 B-3**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

**Constant, Christopher** [christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov](mailto:christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov)

Wed 4/13/2022 12:38 AM

To the Alaska Redistricting Board:

On behalf of Assembly leadership, attached is a copy of AR 2022-112(S) 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.

The Assembly adopted this resolution with a vote of 8 yes votes and 2 no votes and is the official testimony of the Municipality on this question. I would note it is somewhat amended from the version previously submitted.

I am submitting without the signature as the clerk will not have time until morning to get the signed version. Once it is available, a signed copy will be provided.

It is worth noting that this item is adopted, but it is possible that the Mayor exercises his Charter granted right to veto within the next 7 days. The Assembly would have 21 days thereafter to convene to override.

I anticipate Chair LaFrance will be attending the hearing on April 13 to deliver remarks on passage and approval of this item.

**Christopher Constant**

Anchorage Municipal Assembly, District 1

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
AR No. 2022-112(S)**

**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.**

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**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 combines geographically and demographically

1 distinct areas and simply shifts the constitutional infirmity into other areas **and provides**  
2 **only second-class contiguity**; and  
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4 **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage Reapportionment Committee heard from five community  
5 councils and scores of individuals regarding their opposition to grouping Eagle River  
6 and South Anchorage on the basis that these are distinctly different regions with few  
7 shared communities of interest; and  
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9 **WHEREAS**, the Alaska Redistricting Board's Proposed Anchorage Senate Districts  
10 Option 2 combines House District 23 which is the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson,  
11 **Government Hill and downtown Anchorage** area with House District 17 **which is the**  
12 **main [covering the]** downtown area; and House District 22, the south Eagle River area,  
13 with House District 24, the north Eagle River area; and  
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15 **WHEREAS, the record demonstrates that a plan is possible which adopts all**  
16 **highly contiguous pairings that maintain communities of interest, keeping**  
17 **neighbors with neighbors, including Government Hill and North Downtown**  
18 **Anchorage with South Downtown Anchorage, Chugiak with Eagle River, and**  
19 **South Anchorage with Southwest Anchorage in Option 2; and**  
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21 **WHEREAS, Option 3B offers pairings with only second-class contiguity that**  
22 **connects Chugiak with Government Hill and Downtown, Eagle River with**  
23 **Girdwood, Portage, and Whittier which all have substantial geographic barriers**  
24 **including the Chugach Front Range Mountains, the federally secured borders of**  
25 **JBER, and in some cases hours of highway time; and**  
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27 **WHEREAS, the Assembly has heard no constitutional arguments that are**  
28 **persuasive in justifying the breaking up of natural contiguous communities of**  
29 **interest that can stand in the face of the overwhelming public testimony it**  
30 **received to the contrary; and**  
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32 **WHEREAS**, Option 2 more closely joins neighboring communities of[f] common interest  
33 that interact through direct road access to shop, work, and play in their respective areas,  
34 in clear compliance with the Superior Court's Constitutional directives to respect natural  
35 boundaries where possible in describing boundaries (e.g. drainages and mountain  
36 ranges), and the testimony from communities of interest, while maintaining contiguity  
37 and compactness in drawing such district lines;  
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39 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Anchorage Municipal Assembly  
40 supports the Alaska Redistricting Board's Proposed Anchorage Senate Districts Option  
41 2 which pairs House Districts 17 and 23 to form one Senate district, and House Districts  
42 22 and 24 to form another Senate district.  
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44 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 12th day of April, 2022.  
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49 ATTEST:

  
Chair

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53 Municipal Clerk

# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 13, 2022, 12:04 pm

First Name: **Steven**

Last Name: **Aufrecht**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99508

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): How to evaluate and use public testimony in the Board's decision making process

Public Comment: In the Board's brief to the Supreme Court, Matt Singer wrote:

“The trial court places quantity of testimony over quality. This provides incentive for political parties, partisans, and interest groups to pack public hearings and file volumes of pre-written testimony.”

Actually, the judge's ruling was a lot more subtle than that. He explained his decision and reasoning in detail from page 131 - 143 of his ruling. He concludes the discussion thus:

"If the Board adopts a final plan contrary to the preponderance of public testimony, it must state on the record legitimate reasons for its decision." (p. 143)

It's encouraging to know that the Board, through its attorney, believes that politics should not be involved in this process and is worried about "special interest groups who mobilize partisans to attend hearings and hijack the process."

Singer also wrote:

--There is no legal standard for determining the "clear weight of public comment." If only one person testifies on a topic, is that the weight of public testimony that trumps the judgment of the five Board members?

While there may not be a legal standard, there is a well developed field of qualitative research analysis to help review testimony in a more meaningful way than just counting those for and against. And just like any other expert testimony, it is accepted by the court. Matt Singer himself has said he himself has hired the East Anchorage plaintiff's expert witness Dr. Chase Hensel to be an expert witness. He does qualitative research. Here's a brief description:

--Data collected in qualitative research are usually in narrative rather than numerical form, such as the transcript of an unstructured, in-depth interview. Analysis of qualitative data organizes, summarizes and interprets these nonnumerical observations." (From National Library of Medicine)

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Evaluating public testimony doesn't need to be a complicated social science dissertation. We can use simple principles of qualitative research to get something reasonably useful for the Board.

I'd like to offer the Board a professional way to evaluate the large amount of public testimony it has received.

How Should The Board Evaluate The Data?

A first step is to go through the testimony and identify the concepts/ideas/ points made and codify them. This doesn't have to be as complicated as it sounds. Having heard most of the oral testimony and having looked at much of the written testimony I'd say we can divide the testimony into

For Option 2  
For Option 3B  
Other Issues

Here, "Other" would include comments that don't choose an option or that discuss other redistricting issues than the Senate seat K pairing. Yes, that sounds a little like what attorney Matt Singer was warning about, but this is just the first step. While we will divide the comments into those three categories, we won't stop there. Then we'll go through them to see the extent to which they add information to the discussion that is relevant to the decision.

The Board's attorney warned it would turn into a simple partisan drive to drum up testimony. He obviously doesn't think that's a good idea and neither do I. The Board shouldn't just make a pile for Option 2 and one for Option 3B, count how many in each pile, and then say that equals the preponderance of public testimony. I'd like to offer a way to think about the comments.

Here's basic idea. Attorney Singer pointed out the dangers of quantifying public opinion. This is not a vote, it's information gathering. The Board is responsible for creating a plan that meets all the constitutional and other legal requirements. Then, as the judge wrote: "it must state on the record legitimate reasons for its decision."

The purpose of public testimony is

To raise issues - often local ones - that the Board overlooked to add to their decision making  
To provide preferences that can be taken into consideration once the Board has some clear, constitutional plans.  
To avoid making politically partisan decisions by creating districts that are less constitutional but favor one particular political party.

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## Process for evaluating comments

First we divide the comments based on topics. In some cases there will be several topics in one comment. We can put those into a "multi topic" pile and then go through them later. Second, divide the comments in each group based not on content, but how the content is conveyed. For example:

Opinion - unsupported - basically "a vote"

Opinion - Supported

by Feeling

by Facts

by Concepts/Principles

Legal

Other

by argument that combines principles and supporting facts that logically show how an option is fact based.

Other factors that could be considered

Does it add new data?

Does it raise issues and data that have not been discussed before?

Does it add new data that supports or counters previous testimony?

Is it accurate?

This is pretty much a technical job. Sure, different objective people might categorize comments slightly differently, but the point is to organize that data for the decision makers. If there are questions, Board members can help decide.

Third, is to review the information to see how it affects the decisions the Board is going to make. When you put all the data together does it change assumptions that Board members made about a community or about whether a constitutional requirement is met?

Then the Board can make its decision based on the constitutional requirements supported by facts.

If the Board has two or more options that appear equally good or at least equally constitutional, then the Board can assess whether there is an obvious public preference for one option over others.

But remember, that the Board took feedback about Cantwell and then broke some basic redistricting rules - breaking borough boundaries and compactness - to accommodate the suggestion. The Court overturned that decision.

## Final Notes

One of the criticisms of the Board from the courts was that they made decisions based on personal preferences. It was pointed out that the Board members are not professional redistricting experts. They don't have special technical, professional training in this field.

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Merely stating personal preferences is not enough. They need to test the validity of those preferences. Do the facts support them? For example: Is there a unique military connection between districts? Personal perception needs to be tested against hard numbers about where military live, their age, income, ethnicity, etc.

For most districts meeting constitutional requirements that don't upset the communities was not much of an issue. For a few it was and the Board was challenged. And if the Board doesn't do it right this time the Court likely will reject their decision again.

What about "the preponderance of public opinion" that Judge Matthews mentioned? The judge wrote that a Board member's personal preference does not override a preponderance of public opinion.

So this process reviews that public opinion, tests the assertions and the facts presented, then writes up the reasoning for making the decision the Board makes. It's not a popularity contest. It's not a vote. It's not an invitation for political parties to get their supporters to simply say they support one plan or another without any reasons given. The point is for the Board to make a more informed and defensible decision and document how they did it, so the court can review it.

Thank you for all the work you've put into this and I'm hoping your decisions in the next couple of days will be approved by the court and that further litigation will not arise.



# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 13, 2022, 12:39 pm

First Name: **Emma**

Last Name: **Hill**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

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

Public Comment: **The Board should 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. The senate pairings proposed by Melanie Bahnke. 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**

**Adopt Bahnke pairings: These 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 (keeping Muldoon w/ Muldoon, West Anc. w/ West Anc, Eagle River w/ Eagle River etc.).**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

First Name: **Amy**

Last Name: **Demboski**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Municipality of Anchorage Municipal Manager**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99519**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Veto of Anchorage Assembly Resolution RE: Redistricting Maps**

Public Comment: **4/12/22 The Anchorage Assembly passed AR 2022-112(S) relating to AK Redistricting. Today, 4/13/22, Mayor Bronson delivered the below veto of AR 2022-112(S)**

**"Date: April 13, 2022**

**To: Anchorage Assembly**

**From: Mayor Dave Bronson**

**Subject: Veto of AR 2022-112(S)**

**Pursuant to Section 2.30.100 of the Anchorage Municipal Code (AMC) and Section 5.02 of the Municipal Charter (Charter), I hereby veto AR 2022-112(S), passed at the Assembly's regular meeting of April 12, 2022.**

**I have reviewed the resolution and heard the arguments presented for and against the resolution. It is apparent that Anchorage Senate District Revision Option #2 (Option #2) before the Alaska Redistricting Board unlawfully reduces the representation of Chugiak-Eagle River in the Alaska Legislature's State Senate. For this reason, this veto should not be overridden.**

**The Chugiak-Eagle River area has, for several decades, been represented by two senators in the State Senate and, at least, three representatives in the State House. Option #2 significantly reduces the historical level of representation for the Chugiak-Eagle River area. Chugiak-Eagle River has already lost one representative in the Alaska House of Representatives in the recent redistricting efforts. Further reduction in representation in the Alaska Legislature would leave Chugiak-Eagle River underrepresented in the state capital.**

**Anchorage Senate District Revision Option #3B (Option #3B) allows for a demographically accurate representation of the Chugiak-Eagle River area. That map**

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**maintains the split of Eagle River, pairing the district with the South Anchorage/Girdwood district. The Eagle River and South Anchorage map is preferable because both communities face similar issues, like road service areas, fire dangers, and bears.**

**For the reasons stated above, I hereby veto AR 2022-112(S). I encourage the Assembly to review these concerns and ask that they adopt a resolution encouraging the Alaska Redistricting Board to adopt Option #3B. "**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 13, 2022, 12:41 pm

First Name: **Steven**

Last Name: **Todd**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99567**

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

Public Comment: I am a resident of Chugiak-Eagle River in the Peters Creek neighborhood, 99567. I am also a veteran of the U.S. Military. As a proud citizen of this country, and resident of Alaska, I'm sure to vote. But I'm not deeply involved in the political processes. I've never held office in any political party. I was prohibited from doing so while I was on active duty. Now that I'm a veteran, I could, but it's not how I choose to use my free time. I guess you could say I'm just a normal voter. However, I felt compelled to call today to testify because I was made aware of something which greatly disturbs me. I saw that proposal #2 is being considered which would link together the JBER military base with the neighborhoods in downtown Anchorage for a state Senate seat.

I cannot think of any combination which would be more disrespectful to us as veterans. Active duty operations are 24/7 while in state, being sent TDY out of state for training, and long deployments overseas, makes it tough for military members to get ballots mailed in on time. But we do our best, because it is yet another way that we serve our communities, state and country.

Downtown Anchorage is a world away from JBER. Downtown is comprised of mostly white collar workers with very high incomes worried about which restaurant to dine out. JBER is middle to low income families clipping coupons to buy groceries at the commissary, or even sometimes taking out payday loans in order to fill the gas tank. There is just no justification for combining these distinct and separate communities. In my twenty plus years living in Eagle River and Chugiak, the majority of my neighbors have been active duty and veterans.

I see there is another better alternative senate plan, 3B, which is based upon logic. I am one of thousands of veterans and military members who live in Eagle River-Chugiak, Peters Creek is the only reasonable pairing for JBER is with my district, #24. This is simply pairing the military in district 23 with the military in district 24. Choosing to separate us by sticking us with a district that is widely different than us would be a great disservice.

I urge you to reject the disjointed proposal, #2, and instead support the alternative plan, #3B. Thank you.

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

**John Brun** <[REDACTED]>

Wed 4/13/2022 12:45 PM

Hello,

As someone who grew up in Eagle River and has lived in south Anchorage, combining these two communities is another obvious gerrymander by the board. Map option 2, while not perfect, is the best and most just option of the two. While I am aware that this opinion will fall on John Binkley's and Bethany Marcum's deaf ears, I hope that Budd Simpson will not be persuaded by the illogical arguments that Mr. Binkley & Mrs. Marcum come up with.

The arguments against 3B are many and obvious, and the only reason to vote for it is blatantly political (i.e, Eagle River is accustomed to having more representation).

Please vote for fairness, I plead with you to select option 2.

Thank You,

John

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 13, 2022, 12:45 pm

First Name: **keenan**

Last Name: **plate**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99508**

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

Public Comment: **I am writing to urge the redistricting board to adopt the Bahnke senate pairings as soon as possible and keep the East Anchorage district separate from Eagle River. They are very different communities with different needs and it would be unfair to the residents in both areas to combine their districts into one seat.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 13, 2022, 12:53 pm

First Name: **Roger**

Last Name: **Holland**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

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

Public Comment: **Plan 2 is the logical, reasonable, and fair plan. Pairing 9 and 10 in south Anchorage is such a common sense and legal solution.**

**I imagine Plan 3B would also be challenged and fail. The "contiguous border" between 9 and 22 might as well be the Berlin Wall because there is no crossing and no connection there. You have to pass through or touch 11 districts to travel between the two districts. Even the 2010 pairing of D-27 and D-28 was seen as in need of improvement, but 3B is a step in the wrong direction.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 13, 2022, 12:59 pm

First Name: **Gene**

Last Name: **White**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:



Your ZIP Code: **99501**

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

Public Comment: **Please keep our representation in small compact areas. I live close to downtown Anchorage. All of downtown and Government Hill are a very small area and it makes only sense to keep it together in one district. Thank you.**



# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE

KC Casort <[REDACTED]>

Wed 4/13/2022 1:32 PM

Hello,

I had planned to testify at today's redistricting meeting, but the LIO told me when I called in that public testimony had been cancelled. So, here are my comments:

My name is Kasey Casort, I'm a lifelong Alaskan, and I'm testifying today on behalf of myself in support of board option 2.

It's so important to me that our elections are fair at every step in the process. I've been a voter registrar since I was 18, and I used to work for a non-partisan civic education organization because I believe that fair, transparent elections and democratic processes are essential to our state's future and the wellbeing of all Alaskans.

I've been following redistricting since the beginning of this process, and I know the remaining decisions are not where I live in the Interior, but it still feels important to call in because anyone who has spent any time in Anchorage knows that one of these maps is splitting up communities that everybody knows live, work, and recreate together.

We've all seen the headlines about so-called "Eagle Exit," so it seems obvious that Eagle River would not want to be represented in a district that goes across the mountains to include part of Anchorage. You don't have to spend much time in Anchorage or Eagle River to know that the people in Eagle River have more in common with their neighbors in Eagle River than they do with South Anchorage. And I know you have heard that from public testimony already.

Most important of all, though, is the fact that the court has directed you all to fix the unconstitutional parts of your original map. My understanding is that changing these districts is outside that purview and seems likely to lead to MORE lawsuits, which I would be frustrated to see more state money wasted on since I know you have the opportunity to wrap this up constitutionally by adopting board map 2.

It's important to me, to our Alaska constitution, and to the future of our state that the redistricting committee adopts the best possible map. That is why I am asking the committee to adopt board map 2, which is the least overtly partisan and most sensible map.

Best,  
**Kasey Casort**

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**Kimberly Hunt** [REDACTED]

Wed 4/13/2022 2:15 PM

Here is written testimony to support the phone calls I made to redistricting meetings:

I support Option 2 because residents of Eagle River, Hillside, and Downtown live, work and recreate together, so they should be represented together.

The court has found that both Eagle River and Muldoon are separate communities in terms of interest; these distinct communities are respected in option 2.

Option 2 is the only option on the table that complies with the court decisions.

There has been no specific reason as to why Eagle River should be split as a community of interest, so I oppose Option 3B, the Reudrich/Marcumn plan.

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 13, 2022, 3:18 pm

First Name: **Yarrow**

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): **JBER**

Public Comment: **In light of today's discussion I would like to put the following on record:**

**I have read through the testimony files and listened to the testimony.**

**Not one single JBER resident that I can see has testified and asked to be placed with Eagle River.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 13, 2022, 3:36 pm

First Name: **Daniel**

Last Name: **Casner**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

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

Public Comment: **The Board should 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. The senate pairings proposed by Melanie Bahnke are attached to this email, and an additional explanation of these main points are below. 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**

**Adopt Bahnke pairings: These 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 (keeping Muldoon w/ Muldoon, West Anc. w/ West Anc, Eagle River w/ Eagle River etc.).**

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Wesley Furlong [REDACTED]

Wed 4/13/2022 3:56 PM

Dear Commission,

I urge the Commission to adopt "Option 2" for the Anchorage Senate Districts pairings, as set forth here (<https://www.akredistrict.org/2022-proposed-revisions/>). I oppose the adoption of "Option 3B."

I am a resident of East Anchorage, and reside in House District 21 and Senate District K. I was deeply opposed to original Senate District the Commission adopted for Senate District K, which paired East Anchorage/South Muldoon with Eagle River. While geographically connected, it would have been impossible for residents of either House District 21 or 22 to travel between the two Districts without traveling through at least two other House Districts or by hiking over the Chugach Mountains (which would require trespassing on JBER and through a live fire training ground). Furthermore, East Anchorage/South Muldoon and Eagle River are distinct communities that do not share close socio-economic ties. Moreover, the manner in which the Commission adopted this pairing was suspect, leading the District Court and the Supreme Court to correctly determine that this pairing was an unlawful political gerrymander, leading us to this process.

Option 2 best reflects the Commission's obligations under the State and United States Constitutions, the Voting Rights Act, and the District Court and Supreme Court's opinions and orders. Pairing North Muldoon and South Muldoon (HD 20 and 21) makes sense, as both districts share close social, economic, and political ties. Pairing all of Eagle River, Chugiak, and Eklutna (HD 22 and 24) likewise makes sense. These communities share close social, economic, and political ties. HD 20 and 21 already comprise the same Anchorage Assembly district, just as HD 22 and 24 comprise the same Anchorage Assembly district.

Finally, I am opposed to the Commission adopting Option 3B. While Option 3B maintains the HD 20 and 21 pairing, it pairs Upper Hillside (HD 9) with Eagle River (HD 22). In order to facilitate this pairing, Option 3B pairs Fort Richardson (HD 23) with Eagle River (HD 24). The Upper Hillside-Eagle River (HD 9 and 22) pairing is unacceptable and is most likely an unlawful political gerrymander for the same reasons the original Senate District K pairing (HD 21 and 22) was an unlawful gerrymander. Like with the unlawful Senate District K pairing, while HD 9 and HD 22 are technically geographically contiguous, unless a resident of either district scales the Chugach Mountains, they are not meaningfully contiguous. Residents cannot travel between the districts without having to travel through a minimum of five other districts (while the ability to easily travel between house districts in the same senate pairing should not be the per se standard, as that would make it impossible to ever pair rural house districts, when pairing urban districts or districts on the road system, the inability of residents of these districts to actually travel between the two districts without leaving the senate district should be weighed in considering whether the pairing was reasonable). Moreover, Upper Hillside and Eagle River are district communities and do not

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share social, economic, or political ties. To be sure, both communities are within the Municipality of Anchorage, but anyone who has spent more than five minutes in the Bowl knows that Eagle River and Hillside are vastly distinct communities. The logic employed by the Commission in this pairing could justify pairing Chugiak and Eklutna with Girdwood, which would be absurd (much like the Commission's pairing of Whittier with the Greater Mat-Su).

Eagle River/Chugiak/Eklutna are represented by two House Districts. No one seriously doubts the close social, economic, and political ties between these communities, indeed public testimony from Eagle River residents during the last round overwhelmingly opposed the (now unlawful) HD 21 and 22 pairing (as did residents of South Anchorage/Muldoon). The proposed HD 9 and 22 pairing is no better. The undeniably close ties of HD 22 and 24 all but require the Commission to pair these districts together in a Senate district. Considering the close ties of these communities, the Commission would need to provide a well-reasoned explanation for why HD 22 and 24 should not be paired together. During the last round, the Commission was unable to provide such an explanation, instead stating only that the unlawful pairing was designed to increase Eagle River's/Chugiak's/Eklutna's representation, a reason found to be an unlawful political gerrymander.

Option 3B's pairing of HD 9 and 22 (as well as HD 23 and 24) suffer the same fatal flaws as the original map that was held unlawful. Balanced against HD 22's and 24's close ties, it is manifestly unreasonable for the Commission to pair Upper Hillside (HD 9) with Eagle River (HD 22). Moreover, Option 3B would disproportionately increase Eagle River's/Chugiak's/Eklutna's representation in the Senate. Based on the 2020 Census, the Commission correctly determined that Eagle River, Chugiak, and Eklutna made enough residents for only two House Districts. Since Senate Districts are comprised of two House Districts, and considering the close ties of these communities, Eagle River, Chugiak, and Eklutna should naturally be represented by a single Senate seat. The District Court and Supreme Court correctly found that the Commission's stated goal of increasing Eagle River's, Chugiak's, and Eklutna's representation by splitting these communities between two Senate districts was an unlawful political gerrymander. While Option 3B fixes this unlawful defect with regard to the HD 21 and 22 pairing, it suffers the same fundamental flaw by pairing the two Eagle River/Chugiak/Eklutna districts with the Fort Richardson and Upper Hillside districts, thereby disproportionately increasing Eagle River's/Chugiak's/Eklutna's Senate representation. Weighed against the close ties between HD 22 and 24, the only plausible explanation for the Commission pairing HD 9 and 22 and HD 23 and 24 is to increase Eagle River's/Chugiak's/Eklutna's representation in the Senate, a goal the Courts have already found to be as an unlawful political gerrymander.

In conclusion, I strongly urge the Commission to adopt Option 2 and I am deeply opposed to Option 3B. I thank the Commission (it's staff and members) for its continued hard work on this critically important endeavor, and for considering these comments.

Respectfully,

**Wesley James Furlong**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 13, 2022, 3:57 pm

First Name: **Ed**

Last Name: **Boudreau**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistrict of Eagle River District 23**

Public Comment: **I could not believe what I read about combining District 23 with 17. The first thing that came to mind was the purposeful attempt in the nullification the military families voices, both active duty and especially Vets like myself. It is well known that the vast majority of the military families live in Eagle and Chugiak and not in S. Anchorage and our voices differ in so many ways then S. Anchorage. Who will be our voice? Will these elected officials even come out to our area to be heard? I do not believe they would. I further believe the creators of map 2 are clearly trying to manipulate the regions for political influence and I am wholly against it. Therefore I call upon the board to support map 3b as this is the fairest way that all parties will be heard as it should be.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

**b farris** [REDACTED]

Wed 4/13/2022 4:03 PM

I am writing in support of Option 2 and I strongly oppose Option 3B (Reudrich / Marcum plan).

The residents of Eagle River work live and recreate in Eagle River, they should be represented together and option 2 is the only version that accomplishes this.

Option 2 is the only option on the table that complies with the court decisions.

Option 2 respects the socio-economic integration of Eagle River; the court has found that both Eagle River and Muldoon are separate communities of interest; these distinct communities are respected in option 2.

Option 2 is the only option that logically keeps Eagle River paired with Eagle River and does not split up Eagle River unnecessarily.

There has been no specific reason as to why Eagle River should be split as a community of interest.

Option 3 breaks existing communities of interest and contains illogical pairings that do not represent where residents of East Anchorage and Eagle River live, work and play.

By splitting Eagle River, option 3 does not comply with the supreme & superior court ruling given that the court decision mandates a fix for both east anchorage, this means the board must pair eagle river with eagle river and muldoon with muldoon.

Thank you.

**Barbara Gingell**



# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 13, 2022, 4:08 pm

First Name: **Andrew**

Last Name: **Brennan**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

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

Public Comment: **Please do not paid South Anchorage and Eagle River into the same senate district. We are two entirely different communities with separate interests. We do not go to the same store, schools, etc. We have separate issues and concerns that cannot be represented by the same senator.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 13, 2022, 4:53 pm

First Name: **Cindy**

Last Name: **Lelake**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Extreme disappointment and a ray of hope**

Public Comment: **Iâ€™m disappointed by the Redistricting Boardâ€™s final decision to adopt map option 3B. Iâ€™m also disappointed in myself for my sincere belief, before today, that another decision was possible. However, I am encouraged that this time the two dissenters were allowed their own signature page without extended and acrimonious debate. Progress is possible, even if it comes in baby steps.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 13, 2022, 5:39 pm

First Name: **Kevin**

Last Name: **Banks**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Please adopt Board Option 2 and help ensure fair representation to everyone in Alaska**

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

**Anchorage neighborhoods should share political representation with the same communities where they live,. Board Option 2 maintains the integrity of Anchorage communities and keeps together the downtown communities, the Hillside communities, and the Eagle River communities.**

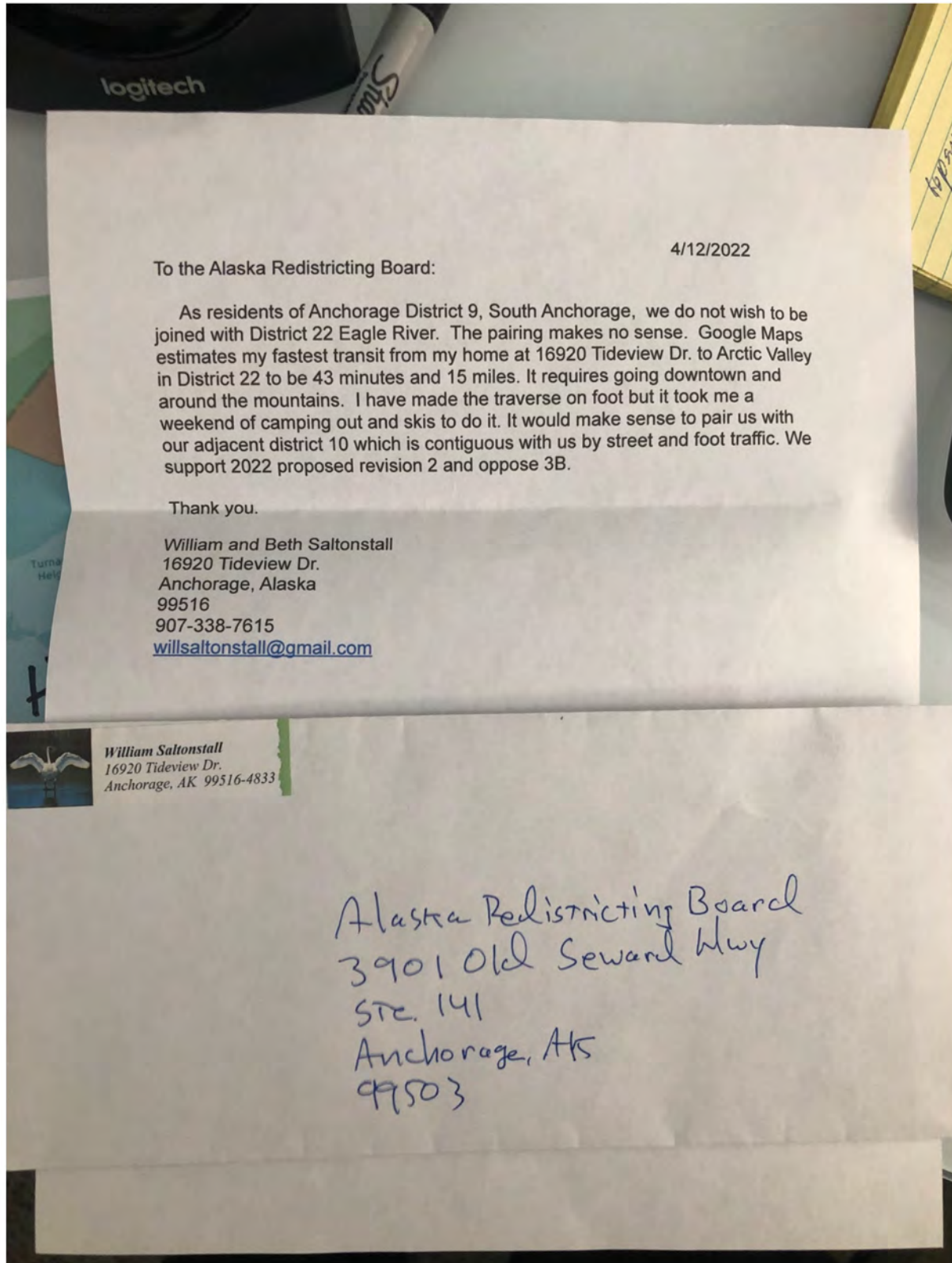
**I oppose Board Option 3B, which splits up the community in a way that doesnâ€™t make sense to Anchorage. It is the same deceit voted by the Board that failed to pass muster with the Supreme Court.**

**Sincerely,**

**Kevin Banks**

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# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE**

Date: April 13, 2022, 9:16 pm

First Name: **Katherine**

Last Name: **McDonald**

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): **4/9/2022 ARB Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Michelle has lived in Anchorage for almost three decades in various locations: JBER, South Muldoon, Abbott, and now in proposed District 9 in Hillside. Michelle reviewed a timeline of her public comments and occurrences during the redistricting process:**

**1) September 18, 2021: Noted the importance of providing Senate district pairings early for public comment, then drew and submitted maps for Anchorage**

**2) November 7, 2021: Proposed Senate pairings, not including Eagle River districts because they are considered to be separate communities**

**3) November 8, 2021: Board discussion was quoted on Senate pairings that gave a sense that District 9 (now named District 11) would be paired with District 15; Michelle testified and applauded the board for proposing to pair District 9 with an O'Malley district.**

**November 9, 2021: The board emerged from the executive session to put a vote on the record with no justification given for Senate pairings for Anchorage; the pairings did not include the consensus of District 9 (now named District 11). Districts 9 and 10 were paired and unaligned with the unanimous public testimony from the day prior**

**April 5, 2022: Michelle submitted written testimony and ranked her support of the proposed maps placing Option 1 first because it pairs Districts 9 and 11. After becoming further educated, Michelle realized that Option 1, although aligned with the constitution, did not comply with the court's ruling. Michelle applauded the board for removing the option for consideration. In the same written testimony, Michelle supported Option 2, too.**

**During the April 9, 2022, ARB meeting, Michelle testified in support of Option 2. While some board members may state that the contiguity is all that matters, if that is the case, Michelle asked how the courts could have found the pairing of Districts 22 and**

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**21 to be illegal as they also touch through the Chugach Mountains.**

**Intent can be shown legally in ignoring the charge of the court remand and in the spirit of ignoring the will of the citizens whose testimonies include socioeconomic linkages in communities.**

**Michelle attempted to put herself in the board's shoes and noted that she would think the court reprimanded her actions based on intent. She would be concerned that her actions, especially in pairing Eagle River over a non-populated mountain range, would appear to be political gerrymandering to the court. Michelle would also be concerned that selecting District 9 with the Eagle River district could look like political gerrymandering.**

**The JBER and Chugiak-Eagle River pairings were presented in all four of Member Marcum's maps; this was also the case for the Hillside and O'Malley districts. Michelle asked what is so compelling about the Eagle River and JBER pairings that the board must maintain it at all costs? The board gives little consternation in breaking the verbal consensus expressed at the board meeting on November 8, 2021, to pair the O'Malley and Hillside districts. To attempt political gerrymandering again, the board must resort to the "Rank 3" Option 3-B to once again fragment Eagle River.**



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## MAP GALLERY

### 2021 Final Redistricting Map

At a public hearing on November 5th, 2021 the Board adopted a final redistricting map which will be expressed in metes and bounds in a Proclamation of Redistricting due Nov 20, 2021. [See Final Map >](#)

### Past Proposed Plans

At a public hearing on September 20th, 2021 the Board adopted Proposed Plan v.3 and v.4 which replaced the previously adopted Plans v.1 and v.2 and maps from four third-party drafters. [See Past Proposed Plans >](#)

### Proposed Plans Interactive

Use the Multi-Plan Interactive to compare the six adopted proposed plans. Toggle on and off each plan to compare districts. *Note: open sidebar on left to toggle visibility.* [Launch Multi-Plan Interactive >](#)

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## 2022 APRIL PROCLAMATION

During a public hearing on April 13, 2022 the Alaska Redistricting Board adopted a Proclamation of Redistricting removing Cantwell from District 36, addressing errors with Senate District K, and making other necessary adjustments.



### Additional Resources

■ [2021 Proclamation >](#)

- [Jump to Map Gallery >](#)
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2022 April Proclamation Population Tabulation				
DISTRICT	All Persons	Target	Dev.	Difference
1	17,921	18,335	-2.26%	-414
2	18,048	18,335	-1.56%	-287
3	18,195	18,335	-0.76%	-140
4	18,122	18,335	-1.16%	-213
5	18,707	18,335	2.03%	372
6	18,434	18,335	0.54%	99
7	18,465	18,335	0.71%	130
8	18,471	18,335	0.74%	136
9	18,284	18,335	-0.28%	-51
10	18,205	18,335	-0.71%	-130
11	18,103	18,335	-1.26%	-232
12	18,217	18,335	-0.64%	-118
13	18,523	18,335	1.03%	188
14	18,185	18,335	-0.82%	-150
15	18,168	18,335	-0.91%	-167
16	18,182	18,335	-0.83%	-153
17	18,213	18,335	-0.66%	-122
18	18,239	18,335	-0.52%	-96
19	18,203	18,335	-0.72%	-132
20	18,243	18,335	-0.50%	-92
21	18,414	18,335	0.43%	79
22	18,285	18,335	-0.27%	-50
23	18,023	18,335	-1.70%	-312
24	18,032	18,335	-1.65%	-303
25	18,822	18,335	2.66%	487
26	18,807	18,335	2.58%	472
27	18,799	18,335	2.53%	464
28	18,793	18,335	2.50%	458
29	18,780	18,335	2.43%	445
30	18,736	18,335	2.19%	401
31	18,294	18,335	-0.22%	-41
32	18,522	18,335	1.02%	187
33	18,500	18,335	0.90%	165
34	18,382	18,335	0.26%	47
35	18,367	18,335	0.18%	32
36	18,351	18,335	0.09%	16
37	18,226	18,335	-0.59%	-109
38	17,853	18,335	-2.63%	-482
39	17,453	18,335	-4.81%	-882
40	18,824	18,335	2.67%	489

Plan Dev.

7.48%



## 2022 PROPOSED REVISIONS

UPDATE: The Board adopted a revised proclamation plan [on April 13, 2022 >](#)

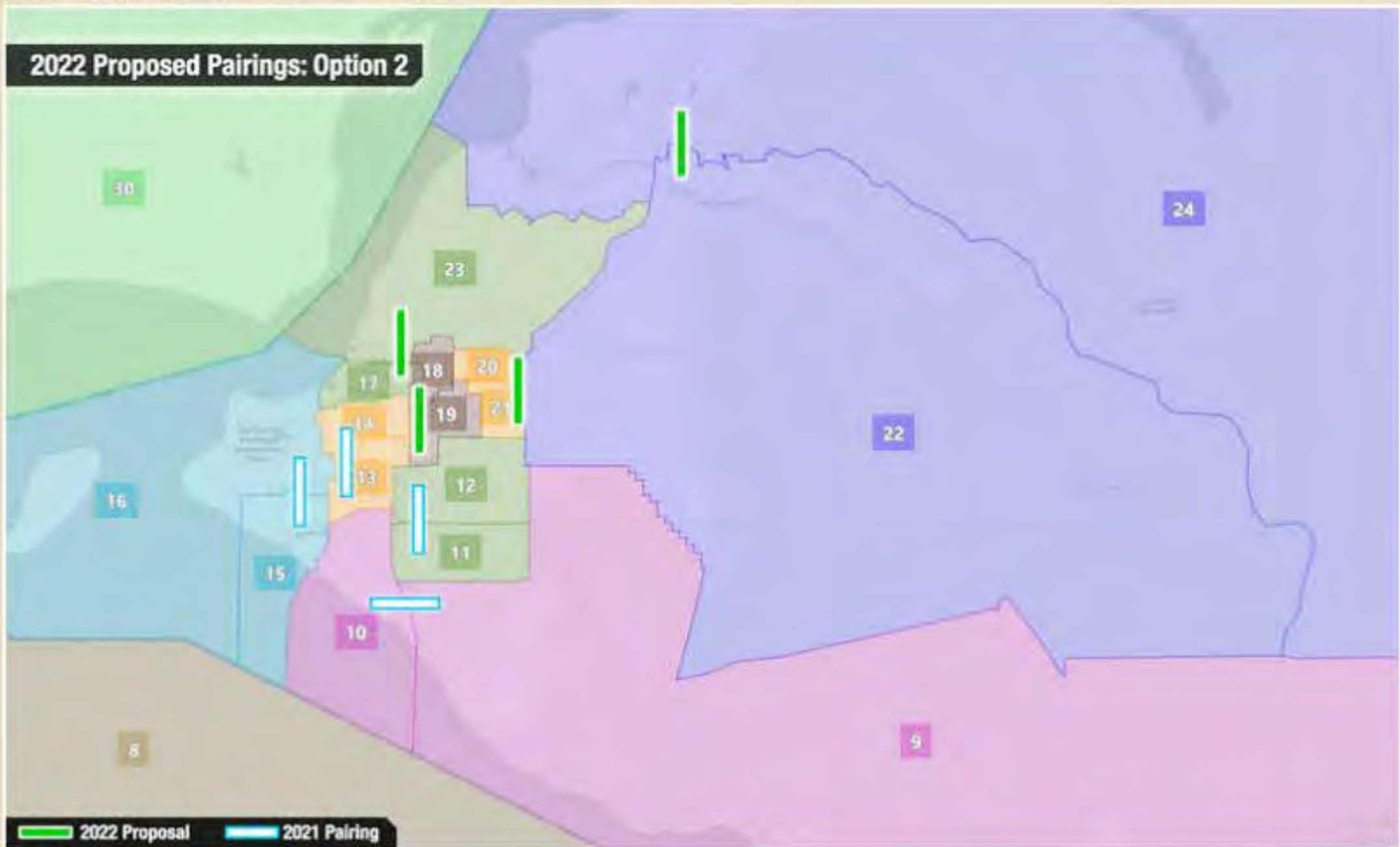
Additional Resources  
[2021 Proclamation Plan >](#)

During public hearings on April 4, 5 and 6, 2022 the Board unanimously adopted two proposed Senate district revisions to the [2021 Proclamation Plan](#) which will be the subject of public feedback and discussion at [future meetings](#).

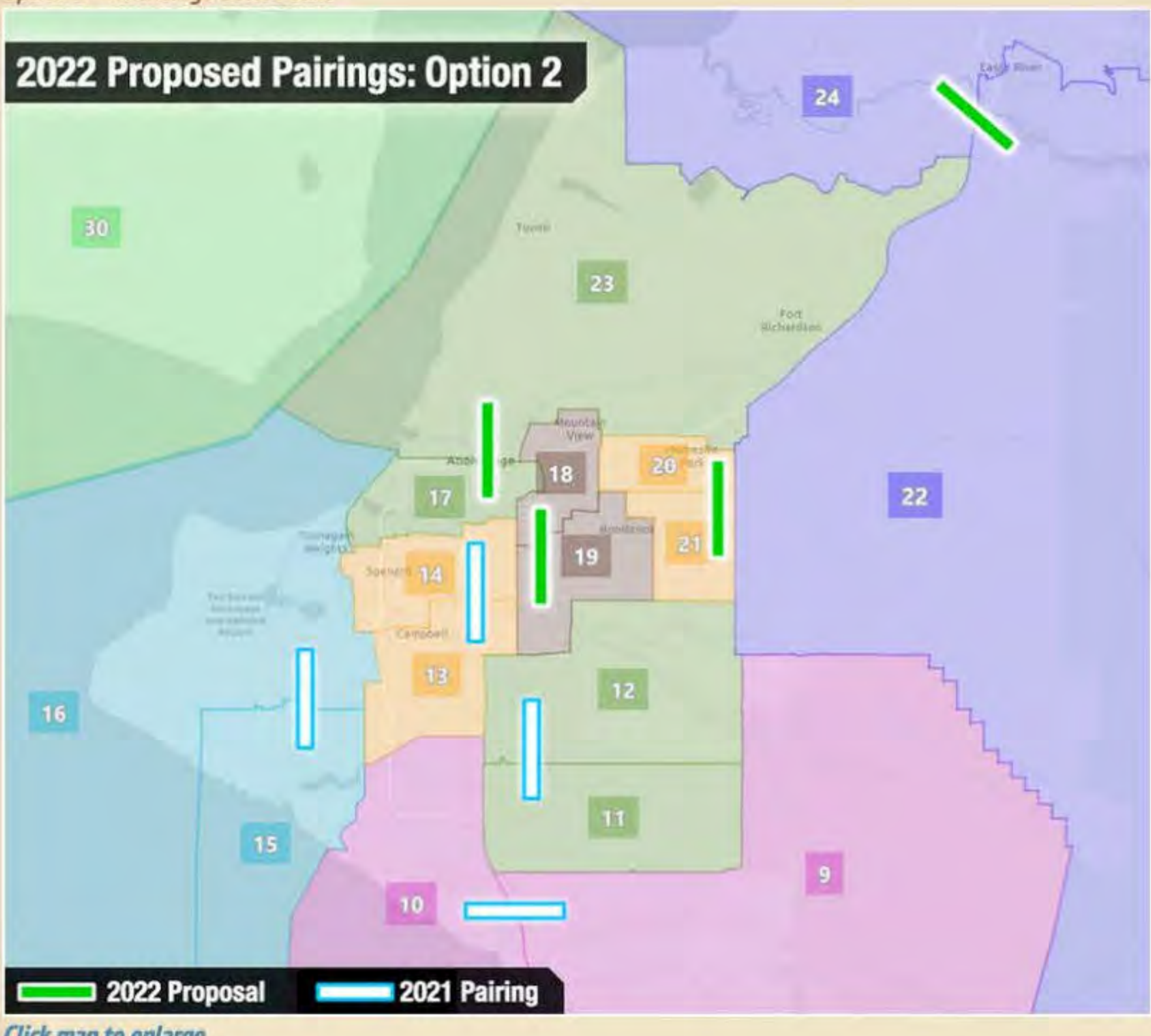
### Anchorage Senate District K Options

The following two proposed Anchorage Senate maps – Option 2 and Option 3B – were unanimously adopted as proposed plans for public review and discussion during hearings on April 5 & 6, 2022. Option #1, which was previously adopted for discussion, was removed from consideration by unanimous consent during a public hearing on April 6, 2022.

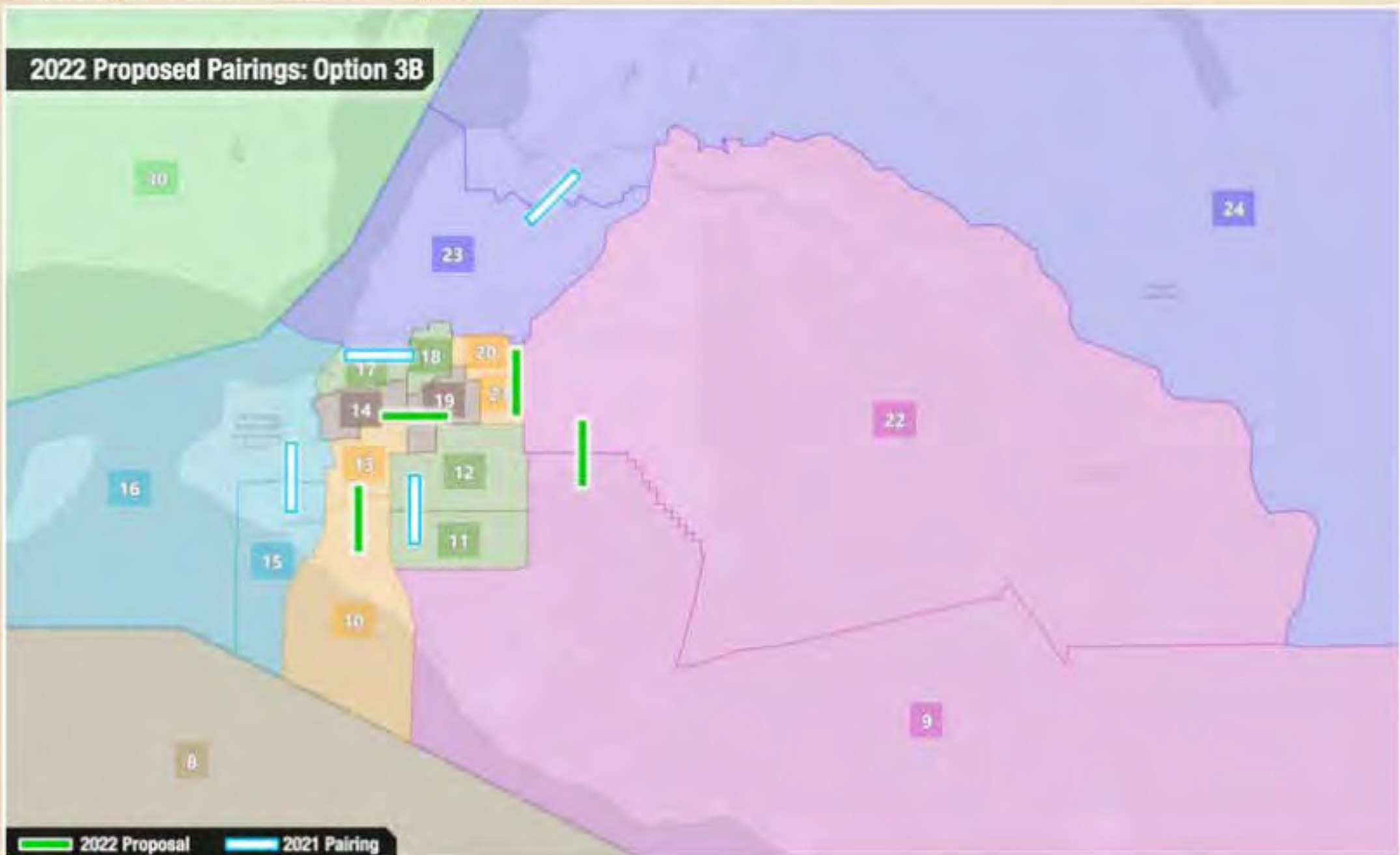
#### Anchorage Senate Districts – Option 2



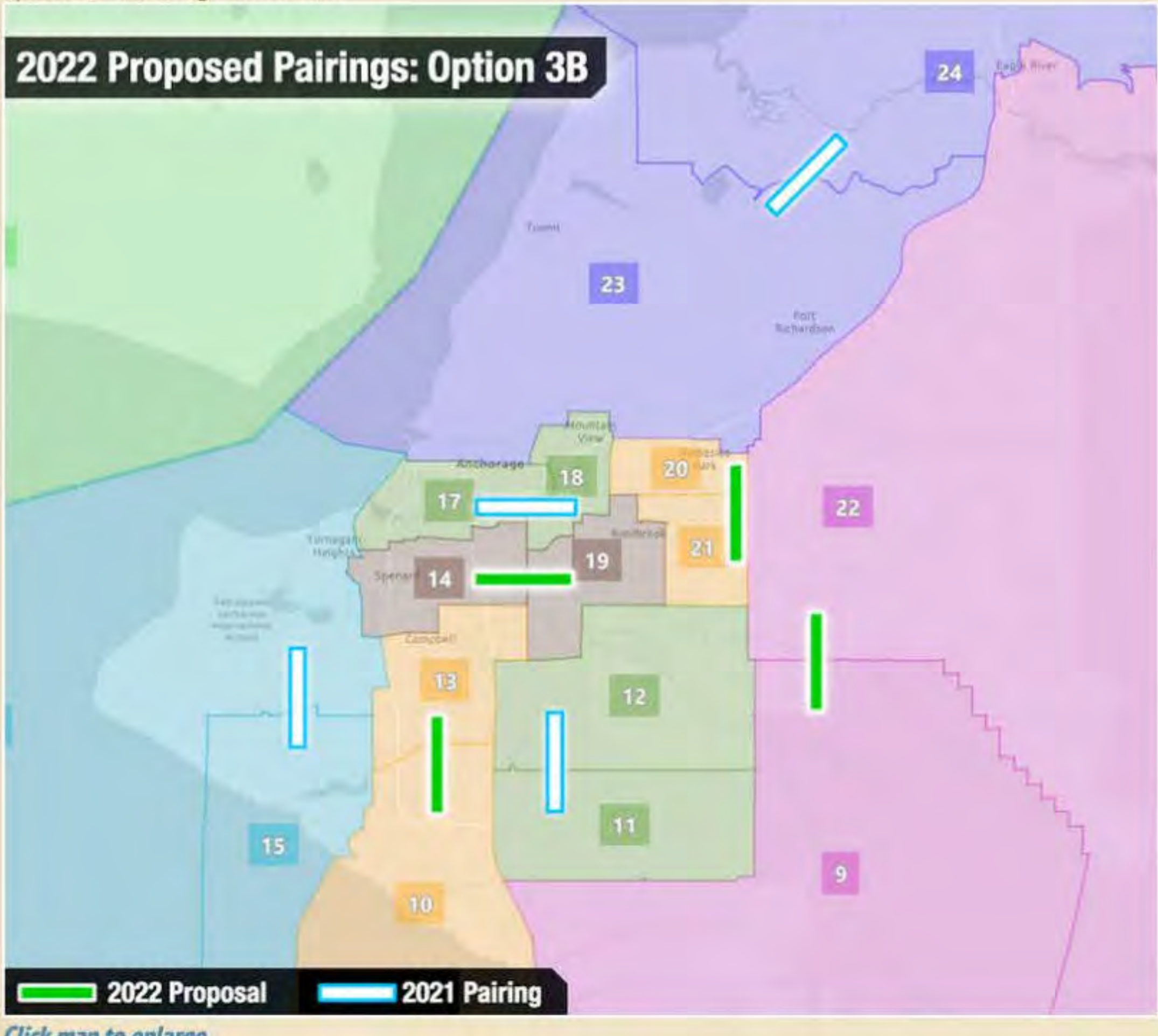
#### Option 2 – Anchorage Bowl Detail



#### Anchorage Senate Districts – Option 3B

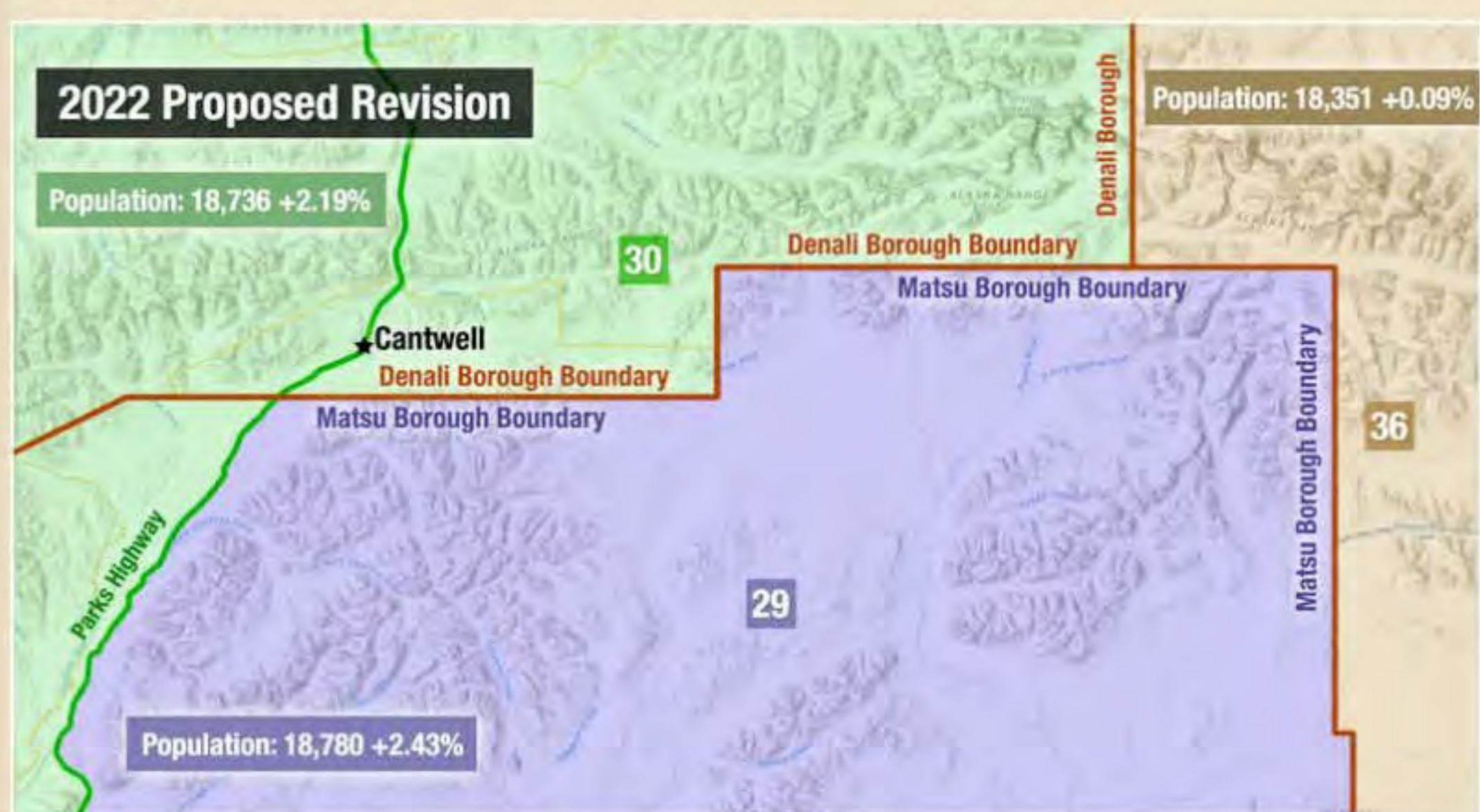
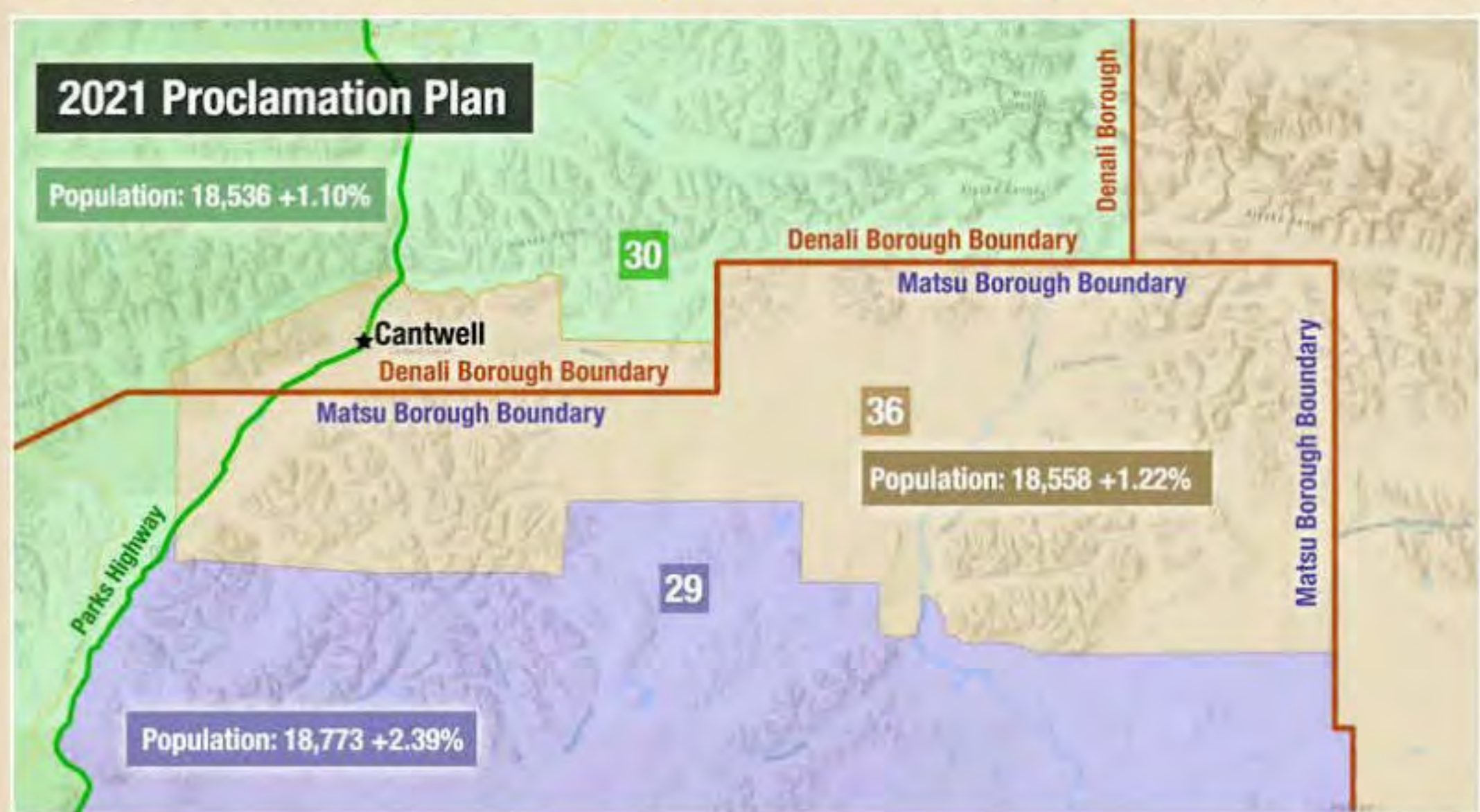


#### Option 3B - Anchorage Bowl Detail



### Cantwell Revision

These graphics illustrate the original 2021 Cantwell assignment to District 36. The second graphic illustrates the revisions to Districts 29, 30 and 36 adopted by unanimous consent of the Board during a public hearing on April 6, 2022. This changes was made in response to the [Alaska Supreme Court order of March 25, 2022](#). [Click map images to enlarge](#)





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The Board meeting previously scheduled for Thursday, April 14 has been cancelled. [See Public Notice >](#)

### [Board Meeting Scheduled for Apr 13](#)

The Board will meet via Zoom on Wed, April 13 at 1pm. The public may listen via Zoom, teleconference or in-person at the Anchorage LIO, 1500 West Benson Blvd, Anchorage. [See Public Notice >](#)

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The Alaska Supreme Court Affirms 39 of 40 House Districts and 19 of 20 Senate Districts while remanding the Board to re-work the boundary of House District 36 and Senate District K. [Litigation Details >](#)

## Superior Court Decision

Superior Court Judge Thomas Matthews published his decision on the five legal challenges to the 2021 Proclamation Plan. [Litigation Details >](#)

## Redistricting Proclamation Adopted

During a public hearing on Nov 10, 2021 the Alaska Redistricting Board adopted a Final Proclamation of Redistricting defining new legislative districts for the coming decade. [Proclamation Resources >](#)

## Senate Assignment Table

During a public hearing on Nov 9, 2021 the Board adopted senate seat pairings, set senate constituency truncation cutoff and assigned a new table of Senate election terms. [See Assignment Table >](#)

## 2021 Final Redistricting Map

During a public hearing on November 5, 2021 the Board adopted a 2021 Final Redistricting Map. [Jump to Map Gallery >](#)

## Board Approves Proposed Plans

On Sept 20 the Alaska Redistricting Board adopted six proposed redistricting plans which will be the basis of public meetings across Alaska. [Full Story >](#)

## Public Map-Drawing Tool Launches

The Board is pleased to highlight our web-based redistricting tool which allows anyone with a browser and connectivity to try their hand at drawing new legislative districts. The system uses a paint-brush method to color in each district with 1 of 40 colors. [Give it a try >](#)

## First look at 2020 Census Data

Reports are posted on 2020 Census data. Compare 2010 to 2020 precinct populations statewide and see how the current house district populations compare to the new ideal district size of 18,335. [Learn more >](#)

## Alaska Redistricting Board Announces Next Steps

Today the Alaska Redistricting Board received legacy-formatted PL 94-171 Redistricting data electronically from the United States Census Bureau. [Full Story >](#)

## Redistricting Data coming Aug 12

The Census announced on Aug 5th that legacy-formatted redistricting data will now be published Thursday, August 12, four days earlier than the previously announced August 16 target date. [Census Info >](#)

## Board Retains Voting Rights Act Expertise

The Board has executed a contract with seasoned Voting Rights Act consultant Bruce Adelson who will be assisted by Dr. Jonathon Katz and Dr. Douglas Johnson. In the 2011 cycle, Mr. Adelson provided VRA expertise to the Alaska Division of Elections. [See Full RFI >](#)

## Census Releases Statewide Population

Alaska's resident population as of April 1, 2020 was 733,391 which means the target population for each of Alaska's 40 House districts will be 18,335 for the coming redistricting cycle. [More U.S. Census Info >](#)

## Census Redistricting Data Update

On April 1, the U.S. Census notified the Board that Redistricting data will be available the 3rd week of August in a "legacy format", weeks earlier than the previous Sept 30 deadline. [See U.S. Census Info >](#)

## Redistricting Board Adopts Policies

In public meetings on Dec. 29 and Jan. 26 the Board unanimously adopted a revised procurement code and suite of open meetings, records, compensation and travel policies. [See Board Policy Page >](#)

## Alaska Redistricting Board Retains Key Staff

Today the Alaska Redistricting Board is pleased to announce the hiring of Peter Torkelson as Executive Director and TJ Presley as Deputy Director. [Full Story >](#)

## Additional Resources

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