

EXPERT REPORT

In the Matter of the 2021 Redistricting Plan
3AN-21-08869 CI

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I. SCOPE OF WORK

For this report, I was retained by the Girdwood Plaintiffs to look at communities of interest and dilution questions relating to the pairing of South Anchorage/Girdwood (PD 9) and Eagle River Valley (PD 10).

II. QUALIFICATIONS

I have a BA 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. I have worked extensively on a variety of consulting projects throughout the State, including previous redistricting cases. I also worked on the constitutional challenge to the Alaska Official English Initiative. I am a retired Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of Alaska Fairbanks. My full qualifications are already in the record in this case.

In the past five years, I have testified in court as an expert witness in the following cases:

State of Alaska v. Conrad Jones, Case No. 4GA-19-00023CR

State of Alaska v. Mark Huntington, Case No. 4GA-19-00012CR

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III. SUMMARY

From my analysis, detailed below, I conclude that, despite other options for contiguity, the ARB appears to have once again:

1) unnecessarily divided Eagle River Valley (PD 10) and Eagle River/Chugiak (PD 24), which comprise a single community of interest; and

2) chosen a technically contiguous pairing that would allow each of the Eagle River house districts to overwhelm the political voice of its paired senate partner.

IV. DISCUSSION

The below discussion is limited to new facts that are at issue in this case but assumes familiarity with and references my prior testimony in this case.

A. Practical Contiguity

In this case, despite other options for contiguity, the ARB chose to pair the Eagle River Valley district with South Anchorage/Girdwood, the farthest district away by road.

In his February 16, 2022 decision in this case prior to the remand, Judge Matthews ruled that whenever a defined area has multiple borders, a pairing with any of its adjacent areas may satisfy the requirement of contiguity if “the boundaries are in fact physically touching.”¹ It is understood that as long as constitutional requirements are satisfied, the board is not obligated to choose any particular pairing. However, later in the decision, Judge Matthews qualified that though the boundaries of two districts may be touching “this itself does not mean that the Board did not create these districts with illegitimate purpose.”²

This leads me to further consider the implications of the requirement that contiguity be satisfied “as near as practicable.” In context, the phrase has two aspects. First, it gives board members needed leeway to create pairings where contiguity is tenuous by nature, *e.g.*, where a piece of populated land is shaped or positioned relative to, for example, a large body of water such that it shares little or no border with other landforms, or where a given choice affects options for other pairings within the larger redistricting puzzle. In these situations, it allows people to make a best effort decision. In this sense, “as near as practicable” applies to the practicability of the decision-making process: it provides flexibility for the board.

Second, implicit in the requirement for contiguity as a pairing criterion is also an assumption that political representation is facilitated by the proximity – as near as practicable – of the populations sharing representation. Surely, contiguity is meant to connect people who need to share in selecting and interacting with each other and their representative. That the lands in which they reside must touch is a precondition meant to facilitate their interaction. The practicability clause in this respect is not a loophole but an exhortation.

¹ In the Matter of the 2021 Redistricting Plan; 3AN-21-08869CI FFCL and Order, p.42.

² In the Matter of the 2021 Redistricting Plan; 3AN-21-08869CI FFCL and Order, p.56.

Consequently, if a pairing presents particularly unnecessary obstacles to the population that a district encompasses, and there are other pairings that do not present such difficulties, and the people who have chosen the pairing also have previously engaged in partisan gerrymandering, it raises the question of “why this pairing, and not that?”

There are, in fact, unusual obstacles to practical contiguity in the pairing of PD 9 and 10. Notably, in all other Anchorage Senate pairings, a constituent can drive, often along more than one route, directly from one half of their Senate district to the other. In contrast, for constituents to get from one half of Promulgated Senate District E (PD 9 and 10) to the other – that is, from Girdwood or South Anchorage to Eagle River Valley – they must travel on the main route of Alaska Highway 1 through or along the boundaries of every other Senate District in Anchorage (F, G, I, J, K, and L) except H.

Every other set of districts is paired through routes established along the comparative lowlands near the coast. This lowland corridor, by virtue of being easier to travel and oriented towards the water, has grown from and been reinforced by transportation networks and settlement patterns. The problem with both the previous pairing and this one is that its boundary sits, instead, at an uninhabited mountain range.

In late 2021 and early 2022, the Municipality of Anchorage underwent its own reapportionment process, resulting in a new map adopted March 23, 2022.³ The Anchorage Assembly held a series of town halls to take public testimony. The record of that process contains extensive fact-based testimony on the need to keep Eagle River together and avoid pairing it with South Anchorage and Girdwood. South Anchorage residents’ public comments with respect to a proposed similarly problematic (municipal) pairing were pointed:

- “Chugach State Park does not create contiguity between populations;”
- “Attempts to fly over the mountains and combine the two areas are obscene;”
- “We have zero connection to Eagle River, geographic or otherwise;”
- “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.”⁴

In the municipal reapportionment context, Anchorage Assembly Member Jamie Allard, who represents Eagle River, similarly remarked: “that if we are connected to Hillside or we’re connected to Girdwood, we would literally have to ride a Dall sheep in

³ Anchorage Assembly, Anchorage Reapportionment Summary Report, *available at* <https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/ReapportionmentCommittee/Documents/2022-0414%20Anchorage%20Reapportionment%20Report.pdf>. Exhibit CH-1.

⁴ 2022-0224 Reapportionment Public Comments Received as of Feb 24 at 3:30 p.m. – available at muni.org. Exhibit CH-2.

order to get to those areas unless we drove approximately from our location almost an hour....”⁵

During the Board proceedings on remand, similar comments were presented. For example, one member of the public remarked: “I’ve lived in Eagle River for 40 years. In 2000 or so we were paired with the Hillside all the way to Hope, and it was a geographical nightmare. We had Con Bunde and Cathy Giessel both try to represent Eagle River, but never really connected with what was important to the community out here.”⁶

The Girdwood Plaintiffs have also made exasperated comments about having to choose between a long drive or a 27-mile hike over Crow Pass to reach Eagle River.⁷

Because school districts are a recognized form of local government that can be taken into consideration⁸ with respect to practical contiguity, the school district boundaries of PD 9 and 10 are also significant in this context. School district boundaries for Eagle River High School and Chugiak High School are contiguous, while the school district boundaries for South Anchorage High School, which serves Girdwood and South Anchorage, are non-contiguous with Eagle River or Chugiak. Chugach State Park, being unpopulated, is not within any school district boundaries, underscoring the grouping of Eagle River and Chugiak districts in isolation from other districts.⁹

B. Population deviation

Population deviation between the two plans (2 and 3b) is minimal. With Plan 2, the average deviation for the five senate districts involved would be -.79%. With Plan 3b, it would be -.72%. The difference of -.07% amounts to 25 voters.

C. Public testimony

Public testimony on Anchorage Municipality reapportionment, including both individual opinions and organizational resolutions (Northeast Community Council; Hillside Home and Landowners Association [HALO]; Rabbit Creek Community Council) centered on the very same factual issues that pertain to the current case: the need to keep Eagle River intact and not include it in a district with South Anchorage and Turnagain Arm communities such as Girdwood. There were about 60 comments in opposition to, and none

⁵ MOA Town Hall, video of proceedings at 1:53, *available at* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s2dqRZjlwnM&t=689s>. ARB2000260.

⁶ ARB2000147

⁷ Affidavits of Waugh.

⁸ In the Matter of the 2021 Redistricting Plan; 3AN-21-08869CI FFCL and Order, p. 95.

⁹ Anchorage School District High School Zone Map (interactive), <https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=1zhPjXFxgEt8vSdgqeZbj9UPuKnA&ll=61.08630203206636%2C-149.70092260807513&z=9>.

in favor of, proposals that would pair parts of South Anchorage with Eagle River¹⁰. The grounds for their opposition included: lack of any meaningful contiguity and attendant difficulties of practical access (both inaccessibility through Chugach State Park and interruption by intervening districts); marked differences between the local issues of Anchorage and Eagle River residents; concern that Eagle River's distinct priorities would overwhelm the priorities of South Anchorage; suspicions of gerrymandering; commonality among areas within urban Anchorage; lack of commonality with Eagle River, perceived as a community distinctly different in its culture and needs for representation; Eagle River's expressed desires to leave the municipality; and non-reciprocal flow between Eagle River area and urban Anchorage, with Anchorage residents having little reason to go to Eagle River.

The testimony presented to the ARB was similar. Despite reflecting differences in opinion about the various proposed plans, the extensive public testimony to the ARB overwhelmingly opposed dividing Eagle River and Eagle River/Chugiak, citing contiguity problems (Chugach Mountains, driving distance and intervening districts) and the need to pair and/or not divide communities of interest.¹¹

Significantly, resolutions against being paired with Eagle River, adopted by both the Anchorage Assembly¹² and the Girdwood Board of Supervisors¹³ and presented to ARB in its remand proceedings, reiterate the themes of and reinforce objections raised in public testimony, including lack of practical contiguity and common interests. The Anchorage Assembly resolution for the ARB refers to the weight of public testimony it received during its reapportionment process and expressly states that it “heard from five community councils and scores of individuals regarding their opposition to grouping Eagle River and South Anchorage on the basis that these are distinctly different regions with few shared communities of interest.”

D. Communities of Interest

The pairing in question also ignores the Eagle River community of interest and the interests of urban Anchorage and Turnagain Arm communities.

The development of common interests depends on the extent to which populations are connected through direct access to each other, share concerns that derive from

¹⁰ 2022-0224 Reapportionment Public Comments Received as of Feb 24 at 330pm - muni.org. Exhibit CH-3.

¹¹ ARB2001094-001226 Apr-2-Apr-9-Verbal-Testimony-Summaries.pdf.

¹² Exhibit 5 to Girdwood Plaintiffs' Complaint. Exhibit CH-4.

¹³ Exhibit 4 to Girdwood Plaintiffs' Complaint. Exhibit CH-5.

relationship to similar places; and orient towards each other through routine patterns of movement and social commonality.¹⁴

Judge Matthews has agreed that Eagle River represents a community of interest¹⁵ and its characteristics as such do not need to be further described. What needs discussion here are the interconnections of urban South Anchorage and Turnagain Arm communities, of which Girdwood is the largest. Whereas Eagle River defines itself largely in distinction to Anchorage, Girdwood defines itself in relation to the city and emphasizes its linkages with South Anchorage.

Girdwood is a longstanding community, having evolved from a camp that supplied placer gold miners in the Turnagain Arm area to a townsite, which was then incorporated as a city in 1961. After the 1964 earthquake and subsidence destroyed its original location, Girdwood relocated a short distance up the valley and absorbed much of the population of Alyeska.¹⁶ During the construction first of the railroad and then of the Seward Highway, Girdwood thrived by building infrastructure that continues to connect the city to other places – including Girdwood.¹⁷ Girdwood's location and natural characteristics are desirable for outdoor recreational activities. These activities and related tourism services grew with the development of the Alyeska Ski Corporation and continue to form the city's economic base.¹⁸ Much of Girdwood's business today comes from residents of urban Anchorage.

Connectedness with Anchorage is thus built into Girdwood's history, character and *raison d'être*. Girdwood exists because Anchorage needs to be connected to other parts of the state, and because people who prefer the urban life want recreation nearby but away from the city. Girdwood residents want to live in a small, close-knit community with a character distinct from Anchorage but to maintain their small-town distinctiveness, they need access to Anchorage's stores, services, amenities, and resources.

Plaintiffs in this case reference and describe a finely-honed, strategic and mutual relationship with urban Anchorage. One stated that his pattern of being back and forth from South Anchorage three or four times a week is not atypical. K-8 education is available in Girdwood, but children need to attend high school and may pursue post-secondary education in Anchorage. South Anchorage High School is the neighborhood school for Girdwood. Parents coordinate resources and carpool to and from Anchorage for their children's extracurricular activities, such as sports training and team participation. Classmates from Anchorage attend birthday parties in Girdwood. Girdwood depends on

¹⁴ In The Matter of the 2021 Redistricting Plan Case No. 3AN-21-08869CI - Affidavit of Chase Hensel, Ph.D.

¹⁵ In the Matter of the 2021 Redistricting Plan; 3AN-21-08869CI FFCL and Order, p.68.

¹⁶ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Girdwood,_Anchorage,_Alaska. Exhibit CH-6.

¹⁷ <http://www.communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/15.html>. Exhibit CH-7.

¹⁸ <http://www.visitgirdwood.com>. Exhibit CH-8.

Anchorage’s medical facilities but provides the training ground for South Anchorage firefighters. South Anchorage and Girdwood emergency services back each other up, and both respond to accidents that may occur near the Mile 100 boundary of their respective service areas.

There is thus a two-directional flow between Girdwood and the city, and Girdwood does not think of itself as a suburb of Anchorage. Plaintiffs variously described the relationship that has developed in terms of “a natural affinity,” “mutual support,” and “a bond [that] goes both ways.” Some people live in Anchorage and commute to work in Girdwood; others live in Girdwood and commute to Anchorage. Residents of both areas recreate in Girdwood and patronize its businesses. As happened recently, a Girdwood constituent might run into their representative while shopping at Fred Meyer in South Anchorage and discuss legislative concerns. By contrast, one Girdwood resident testified to the Board that based on his phone’s location data, in the prior four years, he had been to Eagle River once—but had visited South Anchorage at least weekly, often multiple times a week.¹⁹

Girdwood has a set of interests and local issues that are particular to this place and have developed in the context of this longstanding interrelationship with the city.

As communities of interest, Girdwood and Eagle River are dramatically different. One sees its strengths in terms of connectedness and the other in terms of self-sufficiency. A community that operates as independent and separable, and one that operates as interdependent and inseparable, would find it difficult to coordinate in the solution of problems. Each of these communities – Eagle River and Girdwood – has its own set of shared issues. Whether they choose to address solutions through affirming bonds or other means, however, relates strongly to these measures of self-perceived independence and interdependence, as well as their sense of which issues should be addressed through public funding and which should be addressed by other means, such as volunteerism or private donation. Political leanings are clearly related to such preferences.

E. Voting dilution

Judge Matthews has determined that splitting the Eagle River community of interest into two Senate seats would provide it more representation²⁰. This raises concerns about dilution in pairing PD 9 and PD 10.

The voters in PD 9 have voted largely Republican but voted for the Democratic candidate in the 2014 US House election and for President Biden in the 2020 election. In both cases, had PD 9 been consolidated with PD 10, the combined votes would have

¹⁹ ARB2000894 (testimony of Mike Edgington).

²⁰ In the Matter of the 2021 Redistricting Plan; 3AN-21-08869CI FFCL and Order, p.69.

avored the Republican candidate. As when Eagle River Valley was paired with South Muldoon, Eagle River's strongly Republican vote would overwhelm the Republican-leaning but not always Republican-electing district PD 9 (South Anchorage-Girdwood).

To better understand patterns with respect to non-partisan issues, I looked at voting for municipal bonds. The two Eagle River districts track similarly in relation to bond issues. Correlating with the Eagle River community of interest's sense of independence and its general conservatism, their level of bond support is lower overall than that of either the municipality of Anchorage in total or South Anchorage. In terms of voting for municipal bonds, PD 10 votes 3% more negatively on bond issues than does PD 9, and PD 24 (Eagle River/Chugiak) votes 7.5% more negatively than does PD 9.

V. CONCLUSION

The fundamental task of paired districts is to work together to solve problems. To do this, they need access to each other, some shared common interests, and a degree of compatibility in their sense of self-sufficiency or interdependence. These communities of interest are very far apart, in terms of both spatial distance and their relationships towards urban Anchorage.

The ARB appears to have once again chosen a technically contiguous pairing that would allow each of the Eagle River house districts to overwhelm the political voice of its paired senate partner, despite a continued appearance of illegal political gerrymandering.

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ANCHORAGE REAPPORTIONMENT

SUMMARY REPORT – April 14, 2022

OVERVIEW

In the fall of 2021, the Anchorage Assembly formed the Reapportionment Committee to fulfill its duties to carry out Reapportionment. The committee was charged with reviewing the 2020 US Census data, taking public input, and developing proposed maps for the Anchorage Assembly to consider for adoption to realign the boundaries of the six Assembly Election Districts to ensure fair and equal representation. The committee was represented by one Assembly Member from each district.

A major project goal was an open, transparent and easily accessible process with active participation from community members. To that end, the committee developed a presentation and handouts, and members presented on Reapportionment at community and civic meetings during the winter of 2021-22. A timeline and list of presentations can be found below.

To support Reapportionment, the Assembly contracted with Resource Data to oversee the map creation, map presentation and public comment portal. Resource Data also worked with members of the public who submitted maps to prepare those maps for presentation in an ARC-GIS viewer, found at www.ReapportionANC.org. Resource Data created four maps (maps 2-5) and six maps were submitted by members of the public: Matt Greene (map 1), Anchorage Action (map 6), Robert Hockema (map 7), Alaskans for Fair Redistricting (map 8) and Denmer Wells (maps 9 and 10). After the public Reapportionment Town Halls, several mapmakers revised their maps based on public feedback, leading to Map 6 v2, Map 7 v2 and Map 9 v2. In February, two Assembly Members introduced their own maps: Weddleton (map 11) and Allard and Bronson (map 12). Before submission to the Assembly on February 15, the Weddleton Map 11 underwent a revision and became map 11 v2. At the March 1 Assembly Meeting, the body voted to move Map 11 v2 forward as the final map for consideration with the opportunity for members to make amendments to that map. Five amendments were submitted by members and a final map was adopted on March 23, 2022.

This document contains an overview of the process, as well as feedback gathered from the community through an online public comment portal, community council resolutions, and written and verbal feedback at Town Hall meetings.

TIMELINE AND PUBLIC OUTREACH PROCESS

- The Reapportionment Committee was formed on September 9, 2021 and Assembly members were informed that work was being done on Anchorage Reapportionment. The timeline for Assembly actions was as follows:
 - Sept 9: Formation of Reapportionment Committee
 - Nov 23: Declaration of Malapportionment by Assembly
 - Dec 29: Draft maps released
 - Jan 20: Deadline for submission of third-party maps
 - Jan 26-Feb 5: Town Halls and Constituent Meetings
 - Jan 27: Ten draft maps released to the public for review
 - Jan 28: Committee Meeting: review Town Hall feedback and set metrics for decision-making
 - Feb 4: Deadline for revisions to the original map submissions
 - Feb 9: Committee Meeting: analyze maps and select maps to move forward for consideration
 - Feb 15: Assembly Meeting: introduce proposed plan
 - Feb 24: Assembly Meeting: 1st public hearing
 - Feb 25: Assembly Worksession
 - Mar 1: Assembly Meeting: 2nd public hearing
 - Mar 15: Assembly Meeting: 3rd public hearing
 - Mar 18: Assembly Worksession
 - Mar 23: Assembly Special Meeting to adopt final map and set special election for 12th seat

- The Reapportionment Committee held public meetings on:
 - October 12, 2021
 - October 27, 2021
 - November 10, 2021
 - November 23, 2021
 - December 9, 2021
 - January 6, 2022
 - January 28, 2022
 - February 9, 2022
 - February 14, 2022
 - February 25, 2022

- The Assembly held two worksessions on Reapportionment:
 - February 25, 2022
 - March 18, 2022

- Community stakeholders were engaged through the following presentations, displays, constituent meetings and town halls:
 - Nov 28, 2021: Alaska Black Caucus Community Conversation
 - Dec 15, 2021: Federation of Community Councils
 - Jan 5, 2022: Chugiak-Eagle River Chamber of Commerce
 - Jan 10, 2022: Anchorage Chamber of Commerce
 - Jan 25, 2022: Anchorage Assembly Regular Meeting
 - Jan 26, 2022: Virtual Town Hall
 - Jan 27, 2022: In-Person Town Hall, Loussac Library
 - Feb 3, 2022: In-Person Town Hall, Chugiak-Eagle River
 - Feb 5, 2022: Virtual Constituent Meeting on Reapportionment – District 6, South Anchorage
 - Dec 2021- Feb 2022: various community councils by individual Assembly Members
 - Jan 2022: full-sized map displays were featured at all five locations of Anchorage Public Library and City Hall
- Public comments were collected through the following means:
 - Online comment portal at www.ReapportionANC.org
 - Questions and comments submitted through the Q&A at the public virtual town hall on January 26, 2022
 - Written comments and a Q&A at public town halls on:
 - January 27, 2022 (Loussac Library)
 - February 3, 2022 (Chugiak-Eagle River Town Center)
 - February 5, 2022 (Virtual Town Hall for South Anchorage community councils)
 - Resolutions submitted through community councils and organizations
- Reapportionment was set for three public hearings at Assembly Meetings:
 - February 24, 2022
 - March 1, 2022
 - March 15, 2022

SUMMARY OF TOWN HALLS

By the Numbers

- Number of Attendees: 24 attendees on 1/26; 15 in-person and 14 streaming viewers on 1/27, 10 at Chugiak-Eagle River on 2/3, 40 at South Anchorage virtual event on 2/5 (does not include staff or Assembly Members present) + 162 views of the videos as of 3/31/22
- Represented groups:
 - Alaskans for Fair Redistricting
 - Principles: protect neighborhoods of interest, ensure neighborhoods and communities have fair representation and access to democracy
 - similar socioeconomic groups in the same district
 - Anchorage Action
 - Citizen group collaborating on “logical” delineation of neighborhoods

Map Highlights from Public Submitters

- Map 1 - Matt Greene
 - District 2 absorbs Girdwood; may not be a contiguous fit
- Map 6 - Anchorage Action
 - Fairly similar to existing boundaries
- Map 7 - Robert Hockema
 - JBER is split into two
 - Downtown, Midtown, both move south
- Map 8 - Alaskans for Fair Redistricting
 - 0.13 Deviation
 - Downtown, Fairview, Mountainview maintain relationships with similar socioeconomic communities
 - JBER is part of where residents access services
 - Chugach Mountain District - Hillside and Eagle River
- Map 9 - Denny Wells Map A
 - Testimonials from Loussac Town Hall seemed to favor
- Map 10 - Denny Wells Map B
 - Favored by a long-time resident of Fairview because of natural connection to most frequented businesses and roads
 - Testimonials from Loussac Town Hall seemed to favor

Questions about Process

- How do these maps impact Community Council representations?
 - No direct impact to Community Councils; they have a separate and independent process for determining their boundaries
- What type of data is being used to develop these maps?
 - US Census Data was used

- How can the maps be more accessible?
 - Consider B/W version maps for low visibility readers
- What is the process for selecting one of the next ten maps?
 - Work session committee meeting on 1/28 to make a recommendation to narrow down options, continue the process with future public input.
- How do we define “communities of interest?”
 - For the acquisition of municipal services, what are the communities of interest? What communities are impacted?
 - There can be many meanings to the definition
- Military Land: Does it matter how many people are registered voters? Does it matter if population is considered Alaska Residents?

Notable Quotations

- “We keep hearing about the importance of direct gate access from JBER to Downtown, but that leads to splitting South Anchorage current District 6 into a district with Eagle River. How do people drawing these maps explain to us that direct gate access from JBER to Downtown leads to keeping them in 1 district. Then, that leads to Dearmoun / Hillside and Girdwood being in the same district as Chugiak. **It looks like we have to decide between District 1 including JBER or Girdwood & part of Hillside being in the district with Eagle River** and that is not close road connection nor respecting communities.”
 - This sentiment from the virtual Town Hall was echoed thrice over by public testimony at the Loussac Town Hall
- “I’m in Independence Park. We are Abbott Loop. We shop in the Abbott Town center and are part of the Abbott Loop Community Council. . . My preference so far is for Map 6 because it keeps Abbott Loop pretty much intact. It has Hillside and Girdwood with south Anchorage instead of with Eagle River and it keeps Muldoon compact.”

Neighborhood-Specific Comments and Observations

- *Downtown*
 - Concerns about diluting vote by expanding scope of representation
 - Idea to have downtown district go south to include the areas affected by Seward Highway project
- *Airport Heights, Rogers Park*
 - Concerns about what consideration was given to these neighborhoods almost universally being brought into District 1 (Downtown)
 - Map drawers commented on the math, drawing boundaries based on logical geographical boundaries
- *Muldoon*
 - If Muldoon/East Anchorage is absorbed by Eagle River, their voting power is diluted by the majority of engaged voters in Eagle River

- 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.
- *JBER*
 - There are two distinct bases with distinct chains of command on base.
 - Elmendorf: more Anchorage-feeding
 - Fort Richardson: more Eagle River-feeding
 - Five total gates of access: two from Fort Ridge to Glenn, three to Anchorage Bowl.
 - If a split of the joint base is to be considered, there is value to noting where residents live on base.
 - Connection to Land/Sewer Mobility Project, supports JBER connection to Eagle River and Downtown extension South into Midtown neighborhoods
 - People who work on JBER are represented by their home districts? So how are residents of JBER represented?
 - For map of JBER: https://jber.isportsman.net/files/JBER_Recreation_2019_15x25.pdf
- *South Anchorage*
 - Concerns about pairing Chugiak and Rabbit Creek for purposes of economic similarity, proximity and logical geographic boundaries
 - Comments that driving more than an hour through four districts to reach the far end of the same district doesn't make sense
 - I'm in Independence Park. We are Abbott Loop. We shop in the Abbott Town center and are part of the Abbott Loop Community Council. This is just a comment. Not a question. But we also get together with and do some shopping in South Anchorage.
 - 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.
- *Girdwood*
 - Concerns about extending the above concerns all the way to Girdwood for the same reasons.
- *Sand Lake/Campbell Lake*
 - 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.

Map-Specific Comments

- *Map 1 – Matt Greene*
 - Awful map – keeps Ft. Rich w/ ER/Chugiak. The kids from Ft. Rich go to school in ER/Chugiak – not sure how you would explain them not being in the same community together
 - 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.
 - Taking Campbell Lake Area south of Dimond out of District 3 and adding to district 6 is a bad idea – it fits socio-economically much better with District 3
- *Map 2 – Resource Data*
 - This map makes sense. These communities share much in common. I have lived in Anc since 1981 and lived in 4 of the communities
 - 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.
 - This map is not bad, but south of Dimond needs to stay with district 3 (socio-economical) and deviation for district 2 and district 5 are too big. So this map is a no for me.
- *Map 3 – Resource Data*
 - I don't believe JBER should be included in downtown. I do believe the port should be.
 - 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.
 - As on most of the other maps, the area south of Dimond (Campbell Lake area) needs to stay with District 3. The one thing that I do not like is that District 2 has such a high deviation – twice as much as the deviation of the next district.
- *Map 4 – Resource Data*
 - What do Girdwood and ER/Chugiak have in common – nothing- takes 1.5 hours to drive one to the other.
 - 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.
 - South of Dimond needs to stay with district 3. It fits much more socio-economical to 3 than 6. I also don't like JBER being split up and that odd “fringe” of district 5 sandwiched between 1 and 5. Not very concise.
- *Map 5 – Resource Data*

- 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.
- This map is a solid no. Such discombobulated districts
- *Map 6 – Anchorage Action*
 - My preference so far is for Map 6 because it keeps Abbott Loop pretty much intact. It has Hillside and Girdwood with south Anchorage instead of with Eagle River and it keeps Muldoon compact.
 - Area south of Dimond needs to stay with district 3. Too much deviation.
 - JBER/Eagle River stays together; almost anything over Dimond is south
- *Map 7 – Robert Hockema*
 - A fair, common sense map!
 - This map respects that Elmendorf uses the government hill gate
 - I really like Robert's map #7! I'm a former resident of Muldoon and Airport Heights and I think the commitment to logical geographical barriers makes sense
 - The area south of Dimond needs to stay with district 3 (socio-economically) and deviation is too big
 - Upper Huffman has nothing in common with Chugiak-Eagle River
- *Map 8 – Alaskans for Fair Redistricting*
 - The equal numbers is very appealing. But you cut Airport Heights in two. Seems confusing
 - Constitutional deviations
 - To add all of that south Anchorage area to Eagle River/Chugiak so you can add JBER to district 1 seems arbitrary. Not concise! So a no for me. Deviation might be great, but compactness is not
 - No
 - Kind of funky
- *Map 9 – Denny Wells A*
 - I do not like this map. It is showing a very long commute for Folker neighborhood - We are too far away from Muldoon
- *Map 10 – Denny Wells B*
 - FWIW - As a 70 year resident of Fairview, Map 10 most closely represents the district that i spend most of my time in for commerce, education, entertainment, and services. Thanks!
 - This is a great map but the little area above the McPhee Avenue is kind of randomly put with downtown district. I also like that Campbell Lake area (south of Dimond) remains with District 3.

Summary of Vote Counts at Chugiak-Eagle River Town Hall (not all attendees voted and some attendees voted multiple times):

- *Map 1 – Matt Greene:* 0 support, 2 oppose
- *Map 2 – Resource Data:* 0 support, 1 oppose
- *Map 3 – Resource Data:* 0 support, 1 oppose
- *Map 4 – Resource Data:* 0 support, 1 oppose
- *Map 5 – Resource Data:* 0 support, 1 oppose
- *Map 6 – Anchorage Action:* 2 support, 1 oppose
- *Map 7 – Robert Hockema:* 0 support, 2 oppose
- *Map 8 – Alaskans for Fair Redistricting:* 0 support, 1 oppose
- *Map 9 – Denny Wells A:* 0 support, 1 oppose
- *Map 10 – Denny Wells B:* 5 support, 0 oppose

SUMMARY OF REAPPORTIONMENT MAP DELIBERATIONS

Reapportionment Committee Meeting, January 28, 2022

The committee held a lengthy discussion on the metrics to use for decision-making on which maps to eliminate and which maps to move forward for further review, and developed the following ideas:

Potential metrics for decision-making

- Legal standards must be reviewed first (including Voting Rights Act concerns)
- If the legal thresholds are met for multiple maps, here are some other potential metrics that could be used to narrow down the final maps:

Potential ideas to help make further decisions:

- Eliminate maps above a set deviation. Below 5%? Below 3%?
- Least change possible to existing districts (keeping in mind that 12th member will cause unavoidable substantial change)
- Keep neighborhoods together (individuals from Rogers Park, Airport Heights, Independence Park, Abbott Loop, Sand Lake and Campbell Lake have made specific requests), but recognize they might have to shift to new districts
- Communities of interest – contemplate how MOA provides services to a neighborhood e.g. wells, economic services
- Keep the core of each existing district intact (consider that everyone might have a different idea of what this means)
- Alignment with state precincts/house districts/community councils
- When considering compact/contiguous – include road system connections
- What is most practical, reasonable, realistic?
- Avoid politics of past voting records

Questions to research/consider:

- What is the definition of the legal standard of socio-economically integrated?
- What are the bounds of the deviation?
- How should we view compact and contiguous within constitution and charter requirements?
- What is the definition/law for deviation? 5-10% needs compelling justification. What level of deviation is the committee/Assembly comfortable with?

Reapportionment Committee Meeting, February 9, 2022

After the January 28 committee meeting, the Chair and staff developed the following map rating matrix. Although the matrix was not used to track scores for each map, individual committee members used it to inform their input for the discussion to determine which maps to eliminate

and move forward. At the February 9 meeting, Maps 6, 7, 8 and 10 were moved forward for further consideration.

Anchorage Reapportionment Rating Matrix

| Map | Title | Legal | | | | Discretionary | | | |
|-----|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| | | % Deviation (1 Person 1 Vote) | Compact | Contiguous | Integrated SocioEcon | Similar to previous districts | Keeps Neighbrhds together | Maintains Comms. Of interest | Service Areas |
| 1 | RDI 1 - Matt Greene | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | RDI 2 | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | RDI 3 | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | RDI 4 | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | RDI 5 | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Anchorage Action - v2 | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Robert Hockema - v2 | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | Alaskans for Fair Redist. | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | Denny Wells A - v2 | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | Denny Wells B | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | John Weddleton | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | Jamie Allard 1 - TBA | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | Jamie Allard 2 - TBA | | | | | | | | |

Directions: rank each map on a scale of 0-10 for each category using the scales below (can use the same scores for multiple maps) - higher is better

Scale

- 0= does not meet
- 3= somewhat meets
- 5= acceptable
- 7= very good
- 10= extremely good

Communities of interest: water/sewer types (utility service areas), density, lot sizes, geography, school attendance, commercial districts, district plan boundaries, service areas

Discussion of Maps at Reapportionment Committee Meeting, February 9, 2022

Map 1 – RDI 1-Matt Greene: **Rejected**

- Joining Chugiak-Eagle River with Girdwood is too impractical and joins neighborhoods that have a lot of dissimilarity
- Does have good deviation
- Too much change from previous districts and splits neighborhoods

Map 2 – RDI 2: **Rejected**

- Too much disruption to District 4 (midtown)
- Deviation too high

Map 3 – RDI 3: Rejected

- Breaks up neighborhoods that are grouped together in the Hillside District Plan
- Breaks up College Village from Rogers Park neighborhoods
- Spreads District 5 very far along north-south corridor
- High deviation

Map 4 – RDI 4: Rejected

- District 5 not compact – spreads district too far; continues split of northern part of Muldoon from District 5
- Splits up several neighborhoods, including JBER

Map 5 – RDI 5: Rejected

- District 4 is not compact
- Pulls a big portion of Muldoon into District 2

Map 6 – Anchorage Action-v2: Maybe – committee will come back to it

- Overall, meets the qualifications
- Moves a lot of midtown out of District 4, including Rogers Park
- Spreads District 4 out and has substantial changes from previous district
- Districts 3, 4, 5 each give up sections to District 1, but District 2 doesn't give up anything for District 1 expansion (however, District 2 gives up Muldoon section)

Map 7 – Robert Hockema-v2: Move forward

- Keeps Abbott Loop together
- Keeps College Village and Rogers Park together
- Part of Hillside goes into Chugiak-Eagle River, which is unpopular and not contiguous via the road system
- Splits up Hillside
- Each district gives a little bit up
- Low deviation - good

Map 8 – Alaskans for Fair Redistricting: Maybe – committee will come back to it

- Has a very small deviation – good
- Districts 3, 4, 5 don't give up enough – too much change put on too few districts
- Too much of Hillside grouped with Chugiak-Eagle River – not popular and not contiguous by roads
- Splits JBER from Chugiak-Eagle River, which is not supported by Chugiak-Eagle River residents
- A large impact on District 2

Map 9 – Denny Wells A-v2: Rejected

- Not contiguous

Map 10 – Denny Wells B: Maybe – committee will come back to it

- Splits UMed into two
- District 5 is compact and contiguous

Reapportionment Committee Meeting, February 14, 2022

Two maps were submitted by Assembly Members that were not received in time for consideration at the Feb. 9 meeting. Those maps were discussed at the February 14 meeting, as well as the four maps that were moved forward at the Feb. 9 meeting. From this meeting, maps 6, 7 and 11 were moved forward for the public hearings. Before submission to the Assembly on February 15, the Weddleton Map 11 underwent a revision and became map 11 v2. The committee determined to submit the draft maps as one Assembly Ordinance with S versions for the different maps under consideration. The Allard map was brought forward independently as an additional S version.

Map 11 – John Weddleton and Denny Wells: Maybe – committee will come back to it

- Overall, it meets qualifications
- Splits Forrest Park from Turnagain

Map 12 – Jamie Allard 1 (noted as 11b on the map produced in the meeting): Rejected

- Takes all of Turnagain, which considers itself as “West Anchorage”
- Keeps more of northern part of District 4 intact
- Keeps Abbott Loop area together
- Uses major arterials and geographic features as boundary

Assembly Worksession on Reapportionment and Committee Meeting, February 25, 2022

Following the February 25 worksession, the Reapportionment Committee released a new timeline to extend time for public input on the Reapportionment process and the proposed maps in AO 2022-37, AO 2022-37(S), AO 2022-37(S-1) and AO 2022-37(S-2).

- Map 6 v2 (by Anchorage Action) – AO 2022-37
- Map 7 v2 (by Robert Hockema) – AO 2022-37(S)
- Map 11 v2 (by Weddleton/Wells) – AO 2022-37(S-1)
- Map 12 (by Allard and Bronson) – AO 2022-37(S-2)

Assembly Meeting, March 1, 2022

Following the 2nd public hearing, the Assembly voted to move the Weddleton-Wells Map 11 v2 forward for a third public hearing on March 15 and postponed indefinitely on the remaining maps. A deadline for members to propose amendments to these maps was set for March 7.

Assembly Worksession, March 18, 2022

At this worksession, five amendments to Map 11 v2 AO 2022-37(S-1) were described by their sponsors and the Assembly discussed the amendments.

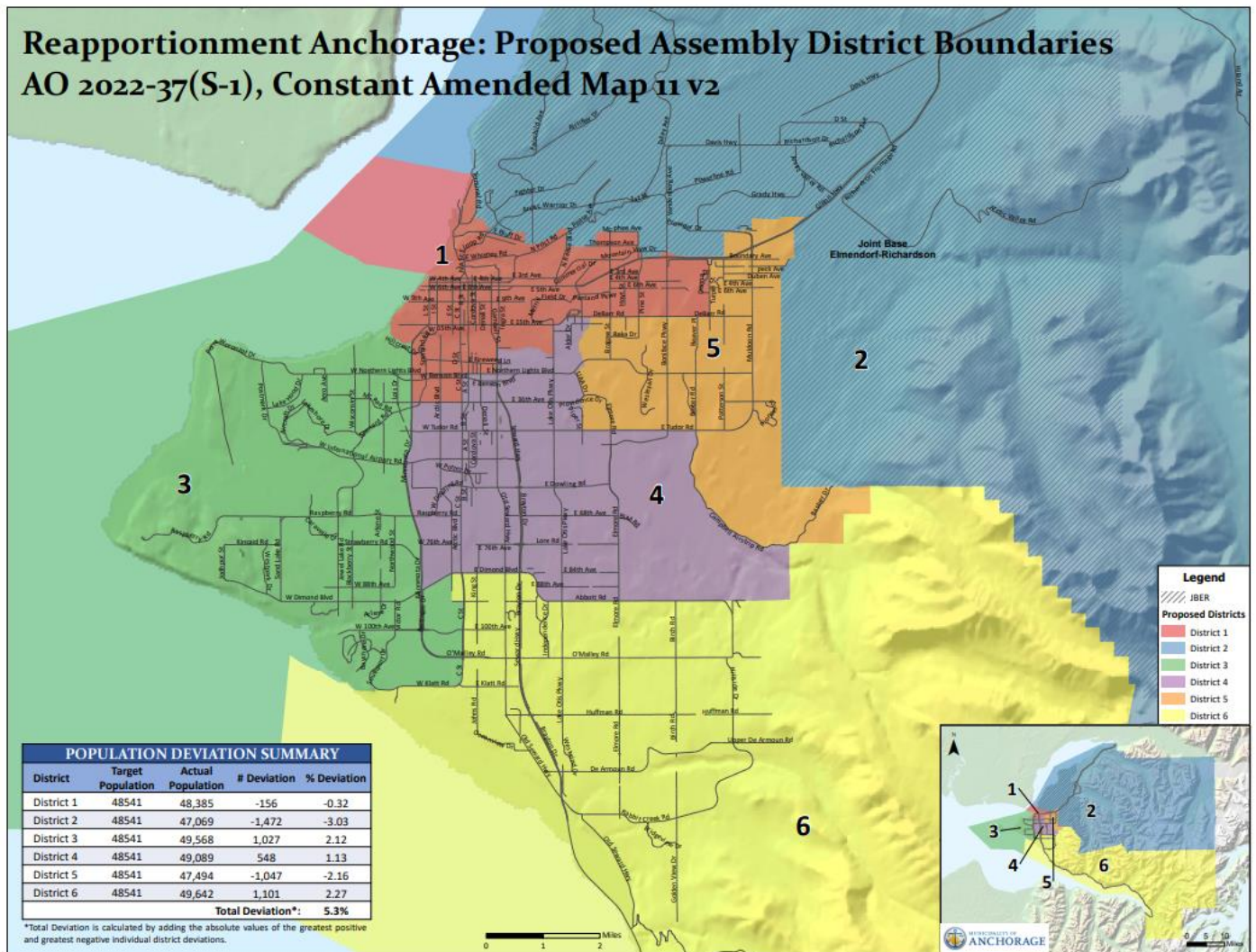
Assembly Meeting, March 23, 2022

Five amendments were discussed and voted on. The map that was adopted was Map 11 v2 AO 2022-37(S-1) Constant Amended Map 11 v2. The amendments proposed at the meeting:

- AO 2022-37(S-1) Constant Amended Map 11 v2 (as amended)
- AO 2022-37(S-1) Constant Amended Map 11 v2
- AO 2022-37(S-1) Kennedy Amended Map 11 v2
- AO 2022-37(S-1) Zaletel Rivera Amended Map 11 v2
- AO 2022-37(S-1) Kennedy Amendment to Zaletel-Rivera Map

Additionally, the Assembly voted to update the names for each district and hold a special election in June to elect the 12th Member.

FINAL APPROVED MAP



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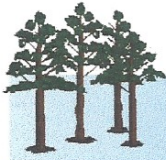
APPENDIX

Part 1

- A. List of Reapportionment Related Legislation
- B. Maps
- C. Legal and Supporting Documents
- D. Promotional materials
- E. Press releases

Part 2

- F. Public Questions from the January 26, 2022 Town Hall Chat
- G. Written Comments on Maps at January 27, 2022 Loussac Library Town Hall
- H. Written comments submitted through www.ReapportionANC.org Portal
- I. Community Council and Organization Resolutions



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

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

RESOLUTION

The Rabbit Creek Community Council:

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

JUSTIFICATION

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

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

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

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

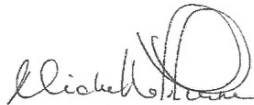
While maintaining a low population deviation between districts is of obvious importance, it is not outlined as a consideration in Section 4.01, and therefore should not be granted more importance than the criteria that are included in Municipal ordinance. Respecting neighborhood continuity is more important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

CONCLUSION

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



Ann Rappoport, Co-chair
Rabbit Creek Community Council



Michelle Turner, Co-chair
Rabbit Creek Community Council

Signed: February 13, 2022

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| 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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| 2/20/2022 | 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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| 2/3/2022 | 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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| 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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| 1/20/2022 | Map 10 Wells B | Denmer Wells | After reviewing my Map A and thinking about the shortcomings of some of the other maps, I made a second map: Denny's Map B: https://distrctr.org/plan/103441 - Even smaller population deviation than Denny's Map A - Compact, mostly following major roads and other natural boundaries, except at the 3-way intersection of Districts 1, 4, and 5, where the boundary follows 36th to Elmore, then across 40th, and finally follows the South Fork of Chester Creek to Boniface. - District 5 includes Russian Jack, as in the current districts. - District 4 is more mid-town and less SW Anchorage. - The District 1/ District 3 boundary is at West Chester rather than the railroad. |
| 1/20/2022 | 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. |
| 1/20/2022 | 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. |
| 1/20/2022 | 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. |

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| 1/20/2022 | 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. |
| 1/20/2022 | 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. |
| 1/20/2022 | 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. |
| 1/20/2022 | Map 9 Wells A | Denmer Wells | For your consideration, I propose the following map (made using the state redistricting board's tool). Let's call it Denny's Map A https://distrctr.org/plan/101570 My proposed map has the following characteristics: - Smaller population deviation from the target than all but the original Map 1 proposal. - It follows major roadways and/or bodies of water for boundaries. No wonky carve-outs. Very compact. - Eagle River is in a district with JBER and Stuckagain Heights. JBER is rational, as it is currently in the Eagle River district, and Eagle River is a bedroom community for JBER. Stuckagain Heights is discontinuous, which is unfortunate, but the demographics and issues there are very similar to the demographics and issues in the neighborhood around the upper reaches of the South Fork of Eagle River. |
| 1/20/2022 | 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. |

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| 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. |
| 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 | Yarrow Silvers | <p>No part of Muldoon, including the North Muldoon finger, which has been disenfranchised for many years, should be paired with Eagle River. Evidence of the disenfranchisement of the North Muldoon finger can be found in their dismal voter turnout rate, which at 11.5% for the 2020 assembly election, was less than half of the turn out of the rest of Muldoon which averaged 24% turnout in that same election. Residents of the Muldoon finger are so sure that their vote doesn't count that they largely don't even bother to vote. This is an untenable situation and this gerrymander must not be allowed to continue, particularly in light of the ongoing litigation involved in the statewide Eagle River/Muldoon pairing.</p> <p>The two areas are not socio-economically integrated at all and do not share similar concerns and anyone that tries to tell you differently is attempting to maintain a previous gerrymander with no concern for the diverse East Anchorage voters whose voices have been, and would continue to be, muffled. East Anchorage is urban with high density housing, city water and sewer, lower on average incomes, a high proportion of title one schools, high racial diversity, and city maintained roads while Eagle River is largely rural, with large lot, low-density housing, well and septic, affluent households, low racial diversity and LRSA. East Anchorage residents rarely go to Eagle River, and it's doubtful that Eagle River residents do much more than drive through Muldoon on their way to town.</p> <p>This leaves you with two options in the current suite of maps being considered to fill in the Eagle River population - Elmendorf/Fort Rich and the Chugach Mountain area. I would look closely at the socioeconomic integration of the two areas and carefully consider factors such as similarity in income, racial diversity, housing density, rural v/s urban etc. as both are of similar distance from Eagle River, with those on Elmendorf utilizing the Government Hill gate driving 16 miles from the gate to get to Eagle River and those on the Hillside driving 21 miles from Hilltop ski area to get to Eagle River.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment, Yarrow Silvers</p> |

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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 | 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"> - 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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) <p>All of the remaining maps have substantial issues including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not contiguous--e.g., Map numbers 1, 7, 9, 10 all pair Eagle River / Chugiak with parts of South Anchorage and/or Stuckagain Heights - Placing all or part of JBER in Districts 1 or 5 (e.g., Map numbers 1, 4, 5, 7, 8) when JBER is best placed within District 2, an area that also has a significant presence of military personnel/families - Not compact--e.g., District 5 in Map #3 extends over an unacceptably large and varied area from the Glenn Highway all the way to Huffman Road <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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| 1/31/2022 | 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 |
| 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 https://districtr.org/plan/107533 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> <p>With my Neighborhood Cohesion map, I stayed with major roadways and waterways as boundaries as much as possible, as with my earlier proposal. I made the districts as compact as possible. Unlike the other maps which extend District 1 either north into JBER or south into Midtown, I paired the existing Downtown district with Turnagain and South Spenard, with the additional boundaries being Minnesota Blvd and International Airport Way.</p> <p>The deviation in this map is 4.42% - higher than my previous maps, but still fairly low, and a reasonable compromise for neighborhood integrity. To put that in perspective, if we were to measure voting power of a member of each district as their proportional share of the votes on the municipal assembly, under this plan, a person residing in districts 2 or 5 has a vote share of 0.0041% of an assembly member's vote, and a person residing in districts 1, 3, 4, or 6 has a vote share of 0.0042% of an assembly member's vote.</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> |

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

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| 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. |
| 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 | After studying the maps presented, Maps 3 and 5 are the most reasonable reapportionment suggestions. |
| 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 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. |
| 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. |

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

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| 2/3/2022 | Eagle River\Hillside | Richard Emanuel | To Whom It May Concern: I am writing to strongly object to Maps 1 and 8, which would put my home and neighborhood, presently in Dist 6, into Dist 2. I live in the mid-Hillside, near Huffman and Birch Roads. I know little about local issues as they affect Eagle River, which represents the heart of Dist. 2. Nor do I believe many residents of Dist. 2 know much about where I live. "Contiguous" means "being in actual contact or sharing a common boundary." My neighborhood is NOT in contact with Eagle River. That is an absurd assertion. If there is a "common boundary" here, it seems to be Chugach State Park. Are there any voters in the Park? Are there voting precincts in the Park? No, there are not. Now, I like Eagle River just fine. But the last time I was there was when I stopped at Jitters once last summer. I have friends in Eagle River who consider it a big deal to drive into "Anchorage," by which they usually mean Muldoon, or maybe the Center for the Performing Arts or the 5th Avenue Mall. They don't shop in South Anchorage, at the Dimond Center or anywhere else. They might visit the Alaska Zoo, but even so, neither the Zoo nor the Dimond Center are in Dist. 2 on either Maps 1 or Map 8. These proposals stretch the concept of "contiguous" well beyond the breaking point. Just because you can color in a section of Chugach State Park as if it were part of Dist. 2 does not establish a meaningful connection between Eagle River and my mid-Hillside neighborhood. Maps 1 and 8 are blatantly bogus reapportionment schemes, drawn for reasons I cannot fathom and without regard to reality. They are absurd. At present, I feel very well represented by the assembly persons for District 6. Please do not put me in District 2. The Hon. Jamie Allard would not well represent me or my family on the Assembly. And the representation works both ways: Believe me, Ms. Allard would not want me as a constituent. Vote NO on Map 1 and Map 8! |
| 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. |
| 2/6/2022 | 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). |
| 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.</p> <p>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> |
| 2/8/2022 | Eagle River\Hillside | John Yeafoli | <p>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.</p> |
| 2/8/2022 | Map 7 Hockema | John Yeafoli | <p>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.</p> |

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| 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 | Yarrow Silvers | <p>BROAD CONSIDERATIONS ·</p> <p>Majority Minority districts – Current maps have two – districts 1 and 5. It is an important VRA consideration to maintain two majority minority districts in the new maps.</p> <p>From the link provided: "In practice, Section 2 essentially requires that at least the same number of minority opportunity districts in a previous redistricting plan must be drawn in a new redistricting plan. There are two exceptions:</p> <p>In areas where minority populations have grown, such as Latino communities in Texas, more minority opportunity districts may be required under Section 2. The Supreme Court has ruled that it is permissible for states and localities to draw such districts to avoid litigation.</p> <p>In areas where minority populations have decreased, it may be impossible to draw a minority opportunity district. In this case, a minority opportunity district may not be required."</p> <p>http://www.publicmapping.org/what-is-redistricting/redistricting-criteria-the-voting-rights-act</p> <p>Smaller deviations more closely follow one person/one vote principles.</p> <p>Maps should give weight to socio-economic considerations, compactness, deviation and contiguity.</p> <p>THE MAPS 1. Matt Greene</p> <p>A Girdwood and Eagle River pairing does not make a lot of sense due to the driving times across the district as a whole. Map does have low deviations, two majority minority districts and pairs similarly rural areas. 2. Muni map 1</p> <p>This map has unacceptable deviations at 7.75%. It also takes out what appears to be about 1/3 of the historical midtown, including University area.</p> <p>3. Muni map 2</p> <p>By moving district 5 down into South Anchorage this map loses the second majority minority district by a wide margin. Midtown and East Anchorage are both changed significantly in character and communities of interest are not respected.</p> <p>4. Muni map 3</p> <p>District 5 is not compact and oddly shaped where it reaches in and grabs a section of midtown. Part of East Anchorage is unacceptably placed in an Eagle River district with which it is not socio-economically integrated. The portion of East Anchorage that is combined with Eagle River includes a large census block with median incomes of just \$21,000 per year. Much of Eagle River is over \$150,000 per year. For more on the socio-economic considerations of combining parts of East Anchorage with Eagle River please see my previous public comment.</p> <p>5. Muni Map 4</p> <p>This is a terrible map. I could write pages why but I think everyone knows it. It is another map that loses the second majority minority district by a large margin.</p> |

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| 2/8/2022 | Unclassified | Yarrow Silvers | <p>BROAD CONSIDERATIONS Majority Minority districts – Current maps have two – districts 1 and 5. It is an important VRA consideration to maintain two majority minority districts in the new maps.</p> <p>From the link provided: “In practice, Section 2 essentially requires that at least the same number of minority opportunity districts in a previous redistricting plan must be drawn in a new redistricting plan. There are two exceptions: 1. In areas where minority populations have grown, such as Latino communities in Texas, more minority opportunity districts may be required under Section 2. The Supreme Court has ruled that it is permissible for states and localities to draw such districts to avoid litigation. 2. In areas where minority populations have decreased, it may be impossible to draw a minority opportunity district. In this case, a minority opportunity district may not be required.” http://www.publicmapping.org/what-is-redistricting/redistricting-criteria-the-voting-rights-act Smaller deviations more closely follow one person/one vote principles. Maps should give weight to socio-economic considerations, compactness, deviation and contiguity.</p> |
| 2/8/2022 | Map One Greene | Yarrow Silvers | <p>Matt Greene</p> <p>A Girdwood and Eagle River pairing does not make a lot of sense due to the driving times across the district as a whole. Map does have low deviations, two majority minority districts and pairs similarly rural areas.</p> |
| 2/8/2022 | Map One Greene | Yarrow Silvers | <p>2. Muni map 1</p> <p>This map has unacceptable deviations at 7.75%. It also takes out what appears to be about 1/3 of the historical midtown, including University area.</p> |
| 2/8/2022 | Map Two | Yarrow Silvers | <p>3. Muni map 2</p> <p>By moving district 5 down into South Anchorage this map loses the second majority minority district by a wide margin. Midtown and East Anchorage are both changed significantly in character and communities of interest are not respected.</p> |

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| 2/8/2022 | Map Three | Yarrow Silvers | <p>4. Muni map 3</p> <p>District 5 is not compact and oddly shaped where it reaches in and grabs a section of midtown. Part of East Anchorage is unacceptably placed in an Eagle River district with which it is not socio-economically integrated. The portion of East Anchorage that is combined with Eagle River includes a large census block with median incomes of just \$21,000 per year. Much of Eagle River is over \$150,000 per year. For more on the socio-economic considerations of combining parts of East Anchorage with Eagle River please see my previous public comment.</p> |
| 2/8/2022 | Map Four | Yarrow Silvers | <p>5. Muni Map 4</p> <p>This is a terrible map. I could write pages why but I think everyone knows it. It is another map that loses the second majority minority district by a large margin.</p> |
| 2/8/2022 | Map 9 Wells A | Yarrow Silvers | <p>9. Denny Wells Map A replacement map found in public comments.</p> <p>This map badly damages West Anchorage, placing the bulk in with downtown and creating what are essentially 2 South Anchorage Districts. One testimony I heard often with respect to statewide redistricting is that Turnagain/Spenard residents did not want to be paired with downtown.</p> |
| 2/8/2022 | Map 10 Wells B | Yarrow Silvers | <p>9. Denny Wells Map B</p> <p>Good deviations and compact shapes. Moves Midtown further south than I would like to see, removing University as well Airport Heights and Rogers Park.</p> |
| 2/8/2022 | Map 6 Anchorage Action | Yarrow Silvers | <p>6. Map 6 Anchorage Action</p> <p>This map was created with community input and with the initial prerequisite that Anchorage not cross into Eagle River. This stipulation is not without drawbacks, the most obvious of these being that going with the status quo completely ignores that JBER is also a part of Anchorage, and that Elmendorf in particular is quite far removed from Eagle River. It is unlikely that the people residing here and utilizing the Government Hill Gate go to Eagle River on any regular basis, nor are they socio-economically integrated with District 2. JBER is urban in nature, diverse and residents have a median household income of \$61,000 annually.</p> <p>We tried to stretch District 1 fairly equally into districts 3, 4, and 5 so as to do the least amount of harm to communities of interest but you will find that it is impossible not to pull parts of these into District 1 with downtown doubling in size. A small section of Spenard is removed from 3, Rogers Park and Airport Heights from 4 (although we were able to keep University area in Midtown) and parts of the NW section of East Anchorage from 5. I would have liked to have kept Independence Park with its traditional district 6, but the density of population there coupled with Midtown and Downtown both being slightly underpopulated made that difficult.</p> <p>Nevertheless, I believe this map is the best of the options that follow the status quo with regards to District 2 and most closely keeps the districts as they have been. In tightening the deviations of this map, we inadvertently dropped district 5 slightly below a majority minority district. To fix this issue as well as tighten the deviations further, I would go back and place Basher/Stuckagain Heights in with South Anchorage.</p> |

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| 2/8/2022 | Map 7 Hockema | Yarrow Silvers | <p>7. Map 7 Robert Hockema</p> <p>In map 7 Robert addressed some of the issues that inherently arise from trying to maintain the status quo of one district while doubling the size of another into the remaining districts. Elmendorf is reunited with the Government Hill community with which it is most socioeconomically integrated while Fort Rich remains with Eagle River. This allows less impacts on districts 3, 4, and 5 but does represent a change for district 6, which has some of its Chugach Mountain areas combined with Eagle River. This is the area of Anchorage that is most socio-economically similar to Eagle River. This also allows for tighter deviations and more socioeconomic integration than there is with the status quo, which pairs diverse, urban, lower income communities on public utilities with rural, large lot, less diverse and more affluent communities largely using well and septic. This map has low deviations and two majority minority districts.</p> <p>I want to discuss one further issue with respect to the higher deviations of the status quo maps. These deviations are mostly the result of Eagle River being significantly underpopulated, which begins to move away from the one person/one vote principle. Underpopulation results in a greater strength of district 2 votes. This unequal voting power is further magnified by being paired with an area where the majority of its residents vote in their home states. JBER had a population of 12,915 as of 2019 census data. In the 2020 assembly election JBER had 515 votes cast. This in combination with the underpopulation of district 2 creates significant disparities in voting power between district 2 voters and voters in Anchorage's other 5 districts. This map addresses this issue by allowing Eagle River to be less underpopulated and by splitting JBER with another district.</p> |
| 2/8/2022 | Map 8 Alaskans for Fair Redistricting | Yarrow Silvers | <p>8. Map 8 AFFR</p> <p>The AFFR map appears to have also recognized and addressed some of the issues discussed above but places all of JBER in with district 1, as well as the areas outside of the JBER gates with high proportions of service members . It achieves remarkable deviations and includes two majority minority districts.</p> |
| 2/8/2022 | Eagle River\Hillside | Katie Nolan | <p>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.</p> |
| 2/8/2022 | Map 6 Anchorage Action | Katie Nolan | <p>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.</p> |

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

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| 2/9/2022 | Eagle River\Hillside | Huffman O'Malley Community Cou HOCC c/o Gretchen Stoddard | The Huffman O'Malley Community Council board met on 2/8/22 and unanimously passed a resolution related to Municipal Reapportionment. The HOCC supports reapportioned districts which keep the lower and upper Hillside together forming a district with boundaries similar to the Hillside District Plan and with road access to support community functions . The signed resolution is attached and has sent by email to the municipal assembly email addresses. Thank you Gretchen Stoddard President, Huffman O'Malley Community Council |
| 2/9/2022 | Eagle River\Hillside | Katie Nolan | The addition of several new potential reapportionment maps has provided a map that meets the Hillside's unique needs. The John Weddleton Map 11 meets the needs of the Anchorage Hillside, most follows the boundaries of the Hillside District Plan, and keeps our distinct neighborhoods together. I urge endorsement of this map. Thank you. |
| 2/12/2022 | Eagle River\Hillside | Peter Johnson | I have been following the reapportionment map proposals and am very concerned about maps that join Eagle River (district 2) with parts of the Anchorage Hillside (district 6). because of the population density of Eagle River and the low density of the Hillside, those from district 6 being placed in district 2 would lose any political voice they now have. Additionally, the Anchorage Hillside is a coherent community with common interests and values. Splitting the hillside into different districts does not make sense and must not be done. Of the maps presented, I support Anchorage Action V2. I am adamantly against the Robert Hockema V2 and the Anchorage for Fair Redistricting maps. Both of those maps will result in beefing up Eagle River's political influence and decrease South Anchorage's political voice. |
| 2/13/2022 | Eagle River\Hillside | Kim Mazzolini | I strongly disagree with the re-apportionment concept of combining Eagle River and the hillside. The very fact that these two communities are on polar opposite sides of multiple issues and the demographics are drastically different are reason enough not to force them into the same voting district. In addition, growth in the anchorage area is in the direction of eagle river which will quickly create an imbalance. The combining of these two districts will also lead to a drastic marginalization of many of these citizens' votes and is not in the best interest of either of these districts. Reapportionment is not to be used as a political tool in an attempt to strengthen a liberal majority. Once again your push to control the Anchorage area voters needs to be called out. Unfortunately this constant conflict the assembly creates with the people of Anchorage is outrageous and needs to stop! |

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| 2/13/2022 | 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> |
| 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"> • 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. <p>JUSTIFICATION</p> <p>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</p> |

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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. |
| 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"> 1. Weddleton map. Boundaries are clear and concise between districts. 2. Anchorage Action v2. Maintains integrity within the hillside. District 4 boundaries between Lake Otis and New Seward create some confusion in an otherwise cohesive area. 3. Hocksma v2. District 4 boundary has the same issue as the Anchorage Action map. Also, a portion of Hillside is placed in district 2. Not optimal for fair representation. <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 our community council intact. Irene and Alex Bortnick |
| 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> |

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| 2/14/2022 | Eagle River\Hillside | Sandra Blomfield | Strong opposition to moving the Upper Hillside to Eagle River. |
| 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! |
| 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.) |

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| 2/16/2022 | Eagle River\Hillside | Claire Steffens | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> |
| 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. |
| 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. |

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| 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. |
| 2/17/2022 | Eagle River\Hillside | Marc June | As a 35 year Hillside resident, I am outraged at Map 7.v.2 which puts my neighborhood in an Eagle River Assembly district. Effectively, this will mean I am unrepresentative as the Hillside has few, if any, local government issues in common with Eagle River. |
| 2/17/2022 | Eagle River\Hillside | Jennie Bostick | I do not support any map that joins South Anchorage/Hillside with Chugiak/Eagle River. Thank you |
| 2/17/2022 | Eagle River\Hillside | Gennifer Moreau | OPPOSE redistricting Glen Alps to be part of Eagle River. |
| 2/18/2022 | Eagle River\Hillside | Shannon Wileman | I have looked at the maps that are for up for consideration for reapportionment. Please do not combine Hillside with Eagle River. Those communities are not contiguous and have vastly different needs. |
| 2/18/2022 | Eagle River\Hillside | Trina Lovdahl | I am opposed to linking Hillside and Eagle River together in the reapportionment maps. Thank you |
| 2/18/2022 | Map 11v2 Weddleton | sage cohen | I strongly support Map 11 Version 2 I strongly opposed Map 12 |

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

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| 2/20/2022 | Map 11v2 Weddleton | Catherine Giessel | <p>Dear Assembly members,</p> <p>I am writing in SUPPORT OF MAP 11v2.</p> <p>I believe it keeps well-identified neighborhoods intact, which is very important.</p> <p>A second choice is MAP 6v2.</p> <p>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 | 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. |
| 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 | <p>To whom it may concern:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my input.</p> <p>Robert Polley</p> |

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

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| 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. |
| 2/21/2022 | Map 7 Hockema | Julie Coulombe | I'm opposed to Map 7. I will echo what many have been saying, do not combine the Hillside with Eagle River. It does not create equal representation for the people on the Hillside. |
| 2/21/2022 | Map 11v2 Weddleton | Gene White | After reviewing the proposed redistricting maps, I highly recommend map #11, revision 2. This seems to be the most compact and makes the most sense. Thank You |
| 2/21/2022 | Map 11v2 Weddleton | Maria Williams | I support the Weddleton map. I was born and raised in Fairview and live in South Fairview. I support this approach because it is bipartisan and aligns with geographical boundaries that reflect current Anchorage demographics |

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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 |
| 2/22/2022 | Map 11v2 Weddleton | Kathy Kuletz | I am a 30 year resident of Government Hill (Downtown). I have reviewed the proposed redistricting maps and I want the assembly to know that I support Map 11 (v2, Weddleton). This map makes the most sense. I reiterate my strong opposition to any gerrymandered map that was previously proposed, which tried to link a portion of the downtown district to Eagle River. Sincerely, Kathy Kuletz |
| 2/22/2022 | Eagle River\Hillside | Kathy Kuletz | 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. |
| 2/22/2022 | 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. |

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| 2/22/2022 | Map 7v2 Hockema | Joy Boston | <p>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.</p> <p>Keep districts contiguous and do not combined Hillside with Eagle River.</p> |
| 2/22/2022 | Map 6v2 Anchorage Action | Joy Boston | 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. |
| 2/22/2022 | Map 11v2 Weddleton | Joy Boston | 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. |
| 2/22/2022 | Map 12 Allard | Joy Boston | 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. |
| 2/22/2022 | Eagle River\Hillside | Joy Boston | Please do not reapportion any part of the Anchorage Hillside area to Eagle River as depicted in map 7 version 2. Keep districts contiguous and do not combined Hillside with Eagle River. |

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| 2/22/2022 | Map 7v2 Hockema | Joseph Connolly | <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</p> <p>-Glen Alps Resident</p> <p>-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 sections of town are not unnecessarily blended.</p> <p>I believe Map 11 v2 will serve Anchorage's needs and communities fairly and equitably. There will be authentic and cohesive representation in each District's elected member of the Assembly.</p> |
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| 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 |
| 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. |
| 2/23/2022 | Map 11v2 Weddleton | D. Matt Duncan | 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. |
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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. |
| 2/24/2022 | Eagle River\Hillside | Dorothy Parks | 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. |
| 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. |
| 2/24/2022 | Map 6v2 Anchorage Action | Jillian Simpson | 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. |
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| 2/24/2022 | Unclassified | Colby Parks | Concerning area 7V.2: To merge my area (Stuck Again Heights) with Eagle River, is a disgraceful attempt to prevent local government. |

Approved

Date: April 12, 2022

Mayoral veto was
overridden on 4-14-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING ANCHORAGE SENATE DISTRICTS REVISION OPTION #2 BEFORE THE ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD THAT PAIRS HOUSE DISTRICT 17 WITH 23, AND HOUSE DISTRICT 22 WITH 24.

WHEREAS, Alaska State Redistricting happens once a decade, concluding with the Alaska Redistricting Board (ARB) adopting a Final Proclamation of Redistricting (Proclamation) affecting communities for a decade; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the Proclamation on November 10, 2021, triggered a Charter provision requiring the Anchorage Assembly to determine whether it was malapportioned and also triggered a Charter amendment passed by voters in 2020 directing the Assembly to add a 12th member. On November 23, 2021, with the passage of [AR 2021-382](#) the Assembly declared itself malapportioned and began the reapportionment process; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly conducted extensive public outreach and recorded substantial public testimony between November 23, 2021 and March 23, 2022, concluding when Anchorage Ordinance AO 2022-37 (S-1), As Amended, was approved containing the new apportionment map; and

WHEREAS, in a legal challenge to the 2021 Redistricting Proclamation the Alaska Superior Court in Case No. 3AN-21-08869CI found that the Alaska Redistricting Board's pairing of House Districts 21 and 22 into Senate District K is unconstitutional and that this pairing must be changed on remand to the ARB; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Supreme Court on March 25, 2022 affirmed the superior court's determination that "the Board's Senate K pairing of house districts constituted an unconstitutional political gerrymander violating equal protection under the Alaska Constitution" and the remand to the ARB to correct it; and

WHEREAS, on remand, the Alaska Redistricting Board adopted proposed revisions to the 2021 Proclamation Plan Anchorage Senate District K (<https://www.akredistrict.org/2022-proposed-revisions/>), and as of April 8, 2022, Options 2 and Option 3B remain for its consideration; and

WHEREAS, Proposed Option 3B joins south Eagle River with South Anchorage, Girdwood, Turnagain Arm including Portage, and even beyond the borders of the Municipality into Whittier in the Chugach Census Block; and

WHEREAS, during the recent Municipality of Anchorage Reapportionment process, residents from Eagle River, South Anchorage and Girdwood spoke out overwhelmingly against proposals that would combine these communities with scores of comments opposing the combination; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Redistricting Board should not contemplate a pairing of House districts like presented in Option 3B, that combines geographically and demographically

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distinct areas and simply shifts the constitutional infirmity into other areas **and provides only second-class contiguity**; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Reapportionment Committee heard from five community councils and scores of individuals regarding their opposition to grouping Eagle River and South Anchorage on the basis that these are distinctly different regions with few shared communities of interest; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Redistricting Board's Proposed Anchorage Senate Districts Option 2 combines House District 23 which is the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, **Government Hill and downtown Anchorage** area with House District 17 **which is the main [covering the]** downtown area; and House District 22, the south Eagle River area, with House District 24, the north Eagle River area; and

WHEREAS, the record demonstrates that a plan is possible which adopts all highly contiguous pairings that maintain communities of interest, keeping neighbors with neighbors, including Government Hill and North Downtown Anchorage with South Downtown Anchorage, Chugiak with Eagle River, and South Anchorage with Southwest Anchorage in Option 2; and

WHEREAS, Option 3B offers pairings with only second-class contiguity that connects Chugiak with Government Hill and Downtown, Eagle River with Girdwood, Portage, and Whittier which all have substantial geographic barriers including the Chugach Front Range Mountains, the federally secured borders of JBER, and in some cases hours of highway time; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly has heard no constitutional arguments that are persuasive in justifying the breaking up of natural contiguous communities of interest that can stand in the face of the overwhelming public testimony it received to the contrary; and

WHEREAS, Option 2 more closely joins neighboring communities of[f] common interest that interact through direct road access to shop, work, and play in their respective areas, in clear compliance with the Superior Court's Constitutional directives to respect natural boundaries where possible in describing boundaries (e.g. drainages and mountain ranges), and the testimony from communities of interest, while maintaining contiguity and compactness in drawing such district lines;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Anchorage Municipal Assembly supports the Alaska Redistricting Board's Proposed Anchorage Senate Districts Option 2 which pairs House Districts 17 and 23 to form one Senate district, and House Districts 22 and 24 to form another Senate district.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 12th day of April, 2022.



ATTEST:

Chair



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Municipality of Anchorage



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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 5th 2022; and

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

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

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

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

Mike Edgington, GBOS Co-Chair

Briana Sullivan, GBOS Co-Chair

Girdwood, Anchorage, Alaska

Girdwood is a resort town within the southern extent of the Municipality of Anchorage in the U.S. state of Alaska. Located near the end of the Turnagain Arm of Cook Inlet, Girdwood lies in a valley in the southwestern Chugach Mountains, surrounded by seven glaciers feeding into a number of creeks, which either converge within the valley or empty directly into the arm. Girdwood is typically accessed by the Seward Highway (Milepost 90), with the main line of the Alaska Railroad paralleling the highway. By road distance, most of the community lies within 35 to 40 miles (56 to 64 km) of Downtown Anchorage. The 2019 American Community Survey estimates a population of 1,742 in the valley.^[1]

Founded as a community to supply miners during the Turnagain Arm gold rushes of the 1890s, Girdwood was mostly a small, quiet place until the middle of the 20th century. Two events drastically altered that. The first was the establishment of Alyeska Resort along the slopes of Mount Alyeska, which became an international destination coincidental with Anchorage's civic promotion of itself as "The Air Crossroads of the World". The second was the 1964 earthquake, which devastated the original townsite located directly along the arm. Following the earthquake, most of the town moved further up the valley to a new townsite, though a few homes remained and a strip mall was later constructed along the Seward Highway. Historically dominated in the years since the resort's opening by seasonally-occupied vacation homes and seasonal activity at the resort, the opening of the Alyeska Prince Hotel during the 1990s has shifted the resort, and hence Girdwood as a whole, more towards year-round activity and a year-round economy. This has led to periodic debates about community growth and affordability of housing for resort workers, many of whom over the years have resorted to camping illegally on public lands.

Girdwood still revolves heavily around seasonal activity, with skiing and snowboarding at Alyeska Resort bringing visitors and their money into the community. Summer activities are also popular, which include hiking, fishing and rafting. The Girdwood Forest Fair, held every July, is the community's most significant visitor attraction apart from resort-related activities. Girdwood is located within the northernmost extent of rain forest on Earth, and also serves as the closest point of access to Chugach National Forest from Anchorage proper.



The valley, as viewed from Mount Alyeska. The Alyeska Highway can be seen at right running across the valley.

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History

Originally called "Glacier City," Girdwood was founded as a supply camp for placer gold miners with claims along the creeks feeding Turnagain Arm. It was renamed for Colonel James Girdwood, a Belfast-born, Scots-Irish entrepreneur and linen merchant who staked the first four gold claims along Crow Creek in 1896.

The town was moved 2.5 miles (4.0 km) up the valley after the devastating Good Friday earthquake of 1964, when the land under the original townsite subsided into Turnagain Arm, putting much of the town below high tide. The nearby settlement of Alyeska was abandoned and most of its inhabitants moved to the new Girdwood townsite as well. The land has not all since been reclaimed, as one can still see inundated cabins in the marshy areas into which the city formerly extended. Significant earthquakes are a relatively common occurrence for Girdwood and the Kenai peninsula. Evidence indicates the area has seen six major quakes in the past 3,300 years.^[2]

Girdwood was incorporated as a city in 1961 and was absorbed into the Municipality of Anchorage in 1975, when the Greater Anchorage Area Borough unified with Anchorage and the borough's smaller cities.

The town has served as a backdrop for at least two films: *The Chechahcos*, a 1924 silent film about the Klondike Gold Rush, and Warren Miller's 1997 *Snowriders II*. Girdwood was the home of Alaska's former senior U.S. Senator Ted Stevens, and Girdwood found itself in the media spotlight when the construction projects on Stevens' home became the subject of a federal investigation. Olympic gold and silver medal-winning skier Tommy Moe also called Girdwood home during his high school years, during which he attended Glacier Creek Academy.

Girdwood was shown on CBS on January 20, 2008, as the finish line for *The Amazing Race 12*.

Geography

Climate



Ted Stevens' house is a fairly typical example of a house in Girdwood.



Alyeska Highway and sign indicating the post-1964 town site

| Climate data for Girdwood (Alyeska Ski Resort), 1981–2010 normals | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Month | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Year |
| Record high °F (°C) | 56 (13) | 57 (14) | 56 (13) | 72 (22) | 82 (28) | 85 (29) | 84 (29) | 85 (29) | 73 (23) | 64 (18) | 62 (17) | 53 (12) | 85 (29) |
| Average high °F (°C) | 27.4 (−2.6) | 30.1 (−1.1) | 35.8 (2.1) | 44.2 (6.8) | 54.3 (12.4) | 62.2 (16.8) | 65.1 (18.4) | 63.2 (17.3) | 55.1 (12.8) | 42.6 (5.9) | 31.4 (−0.3) | 29.4 (−1.4) | 45.1 (7.3) |
| Average low °F (°C) | 16.6 (−8.6) | 17.8 (−7.9) | 20.0 (−6.7) | 27.8 (−2.3) | 36.2 (2.3) | 43.7 (6.5) | 48.7 (9.3) | 46.7 (8.2) | 39.8 (4.3) | 30.0 (−1.1) | 20.8 (−6.2) | 18.9 (−7.3) | 30.6 (−0.8) |
| Record low °F (°C) | −35 (−37) | −38 (−39) | −24 (−31) | −15 (−26) | 1 (−17) | 29 (−2) | 34 (1) | 31 (−1) | 19 (−7) | −6 (−21) | −21 (−29) | −36 (−38) | −38 (−39) |
| Average precipitation inches (mm) | 8.23 (209) | 6.10 (155) | 5.45 (138) | 5.50 (140) | 3.35 (85) | 2.32 (59) | 2.60 (66) | 4.77 (121) | 7.80 (198) | 7.74 (197) | 7.56 (192) | 9.27 (235) | 70.69 (1,795) |
| Average snowfall inches (cm) | 35.8 (91) | 31.7 (81) | 36.1 (92) | 11.1 (28) | 1.1 (2.8) | 0 (0) | 0 (0) | 0 (0) | 0 (0) | 10.1 (26) | 35.0 (89) | 57.1 (145) | 218 (554.8) |
| Average precipitation days (≥ 0.01 in) | 19.6 | 16.6 | 15.9 | 15.4 | 13.6 | 11.2 | 13.6 | 16.0 | 18.5 | 18.8 | 17.8 | 21.4 | 198.4 |
| Average snowy days (≥ 0.1 in) | 12.0 | 9.7 | 9.7 | 4.5 | 0.4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.5 | 9.8 | 13.9 | 63.5 |
| Source: NOAA ^[3] | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Demographics

Girdwood first appeared on the 1950 U.S. Census as an unincorporated village. It formally incorporated as a city in 1961 and merged into Anchorage in 1975.

| Census | Pop. | %± |
|--------|------|--------|
| 1950 | 79 | — |
| 1960 | 63 | -20.3% |
| 1970 | 144 | 128.6% |

U.S. Decennial Census^[4]

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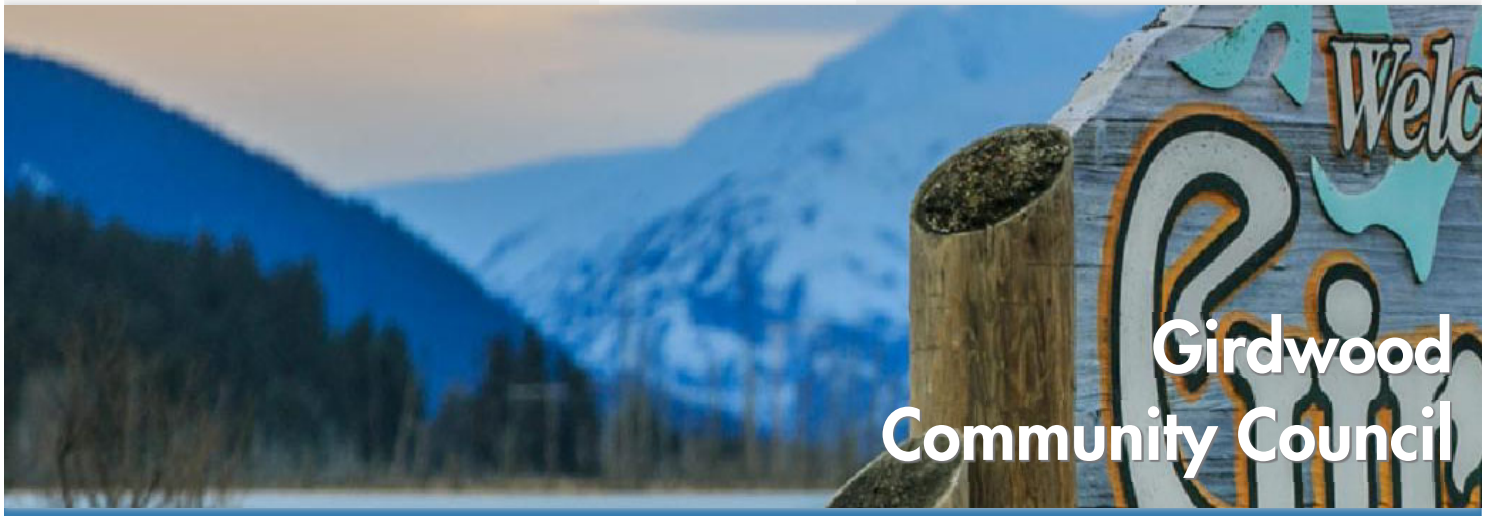
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 - [Official Girdwood Visitor information \(https://www.girdwoodchamber.com\)](https://www.girdwoodchamber.com)
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From Glacier City to Girdwood

Girdwood, originally named Glacier City, was founded as a gold mining town at the turn of the century with several gold claims being staked on Crow Creek and the Virgin and California Creek drainages. As the number of miners increased, a supply camp arose that also supplied a trail stop on the route between Seward and Ship Creek which is now Anchorage. James Girdwood was an Irish immigrant and linen merchant with four gold claims on Crow Creek. He later became the namesake for our mountain community.

Though founded as a mining town, the development of Girdwood was spurred by railroad construction begun by the Federal Government in 1915. The little town boomed with new businesses. Mining in the upper Crow Creek area continued into the late 1930's when mine closures by a World War II presidential order made Girdwood a near ghost town. In 1949, Girdwood again flourished as construction began on the Seward Highway connecting the seaport of Seward to Anchorage. In 1954, eleven local men formed the Alyeska Ski Corporation along with the beginnings of the hard-earned dream of a first-class ski resort. In 1960, the first chair lift and a day lodge was built. Francoise de Gunzburg, a Frenchman and a member of the Rothschild Banking family managed to secure a used chair lift from France that was dismantled, shipped to Alaska and rebuilt at Alyeska.

Tragedy struck on Good Friday in 1964. An earthquake with the magnitude of 9.2 dropped the coastal edges along the Turnagain Arm 8 to 10 feet! As a result, the town site of Girdwood moved 2 1/2 miles up the valley to the present location. In 1967, the resort was sold to Alaska Airlines. Chris von Imhof, then the Director of Tourism for the State of Alaska, was hired to run the resort. The Nugget Inn, the original hotel, was built and a second chair lift was constructed on the upper mountain.

In October 1980, Seibu Corporation purchased Alyeska Resort and invested heavily in its development, including new chair lifts and a 60 passenger aerial tramway. Furthermore, Seibu built The Alyeska Prince Hotel, a luxurious 300 + room

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hotel, which opened in August of 1994. Late in 2006, the ski area and hotel were sold to John Byrne III. Under his ownership, ski lifts have been replaced, increasing lift capacity and improving efficiency; furnishings and amenities within the Hotel Alyeska have also been updated. In addition, new elements have been added such as development of downhill biking trails.

Present day Girdwood consists of a diverse population of outdoor enthusiasts, local businesses, services and Anchorage commuters. The town has an exemplary public school for kids from kindergarten through 8th grade, modern playground facilities at the Little Bears Park, numerous developed and rustic hiking and biking trails transecting the valley. Girdwood has much to offer the Alaskan visitor all year-round. Complete with a grocery store, library, post office, a variety of B&B's and shops, restaurants and bars, Girdwood can supply any need any time of the year.

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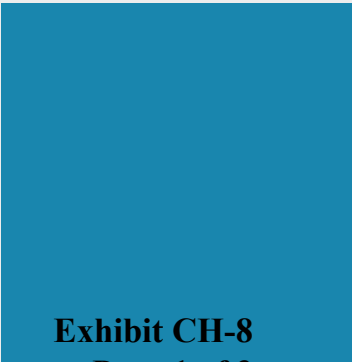
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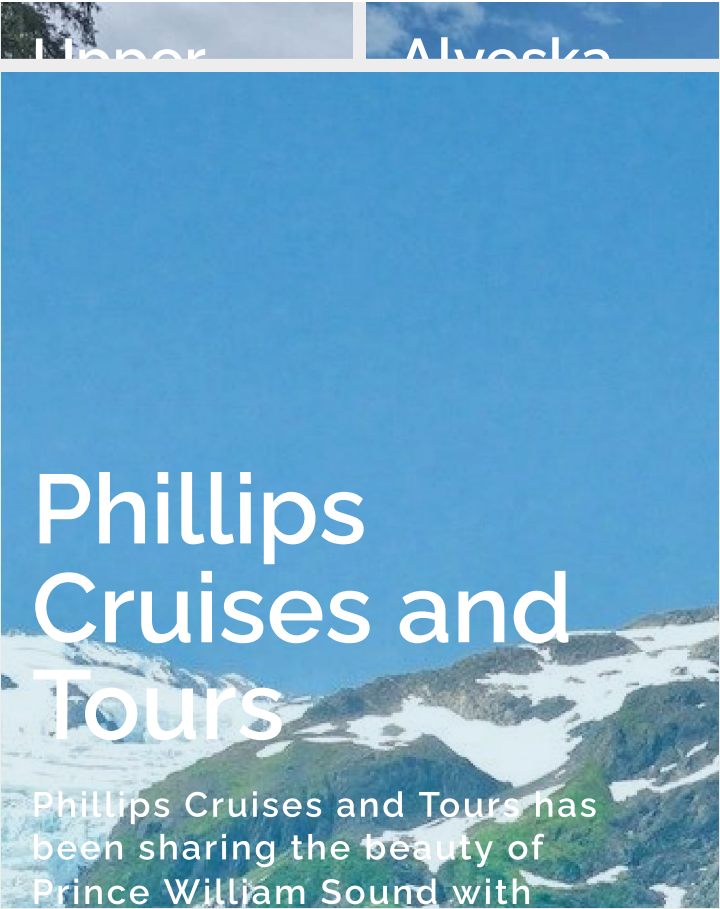




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Where Alaska Comes To Play

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