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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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WILLIAM M. HICKS; RALPH BOYEA;
MADGE SCHAEFER; MICHAELA
IKEUCHI; KIMEONA KANE; MAKI
MORINOUE; ROBERTA MAYOR;
DEBORAH WARD; JENNIFER LIENHART-
TSUJI; LARRY S. VERAY; and PHILIP
BARNES,

Petitioners,

vs.

THE 2021 HAWAII REAPPORTIONMENT
COMMISSION AND ITS MEMBERS; THE
STATE OF HAWAII OFFICE OF
ELECTIONS; and SCOTT NAGO, in his
official capacity as Chief Elections Officer,
State of Hawai'i,

Respondents.

DECLARATION OF RALPH BOYEA

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1. Except as otherwise explicitly provided, the following statements are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.
2. My name is Ralph Boyea and I have been a registered voter in the State of Hawai'i since around 1976.
3. I was also the Hawai'i Division Chief of the Hawai'i Government Employees Association when I retired.

4. I have lived in Hawai'i since 1974 and on a two-acre lot in Puna on the Island of Hawai'i for over 45 years.

5. I first got involved in the 2021 reapportionment process when I learned that my rural community of large lots with no municipal sewage system, paved roads, postal service, or high-speed internet would be part of a single house district together with parts of urban Hilo. Subsequently, I submitted written and oral testimony to the Reapportionment Commission, including several proposed redistricting maps for the Island of Hawai'i.

6. I prepared these maps to show to the Reapportionment Commission that the submergence of rural areas into urban and suburban areas was not necessary.


7. On January 19, 2022, I submitted a map for the house districts on the Island of Hawai'i to the Reapportionment Commission for consideration. Attached as Appendix F is a true and correct copy of this map, which is also available on the State of Hawai'i Office of Elections website at https://elections.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/v1231HawaiiHouseBoyea_0119_compare.pdf.

8. To create the January 19, 2022, Island of Hawai'i house plan, I used as a starting point the map for the senate districts on the Island of Hawai'i that the technical committee permitted interactive group presented to the Reapportionment Commission at its January 13, 2022, meeting. I then utilized the proposed senate districts, which presumably had been vetted by the technical committee permitted interactive group, to create house districts by dividing the senate districts roughly in half in terms of their population while trying to keep alike communities together.

9. As I testified on numerous occasions to the Reapportionment Commission, I am concerned about the 2021 Final Legislative Reapportionment Plan's unexplained and arbitrary deviations from the constitutional criteria in Article IV, Section 6 of the Hawai'i Constitution.

I declare under penalty of law that the foregoing is true and accurate.

DATED: Kea'au, Hawai'i, February 22, 2022


Ralph Boyea