



November 15, 2021

The Honorable Andy Billig
Washington State Senate
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The Honorable Laurie Jinkins
Washington State House of Representatives
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The Honorable John Braun
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The Honorable J.T. Wilcox
Washington State House of Representatives
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Dear Majority and Minority Leaders:

It is with great satisfaction and pride that the Washington State Redistricting Commission submits the final 2021 Washington State Redistricting Plan. The Commission adopted this plan for new legislative and congressional districts on November 15, 2021.

As Commissioners, we have memorialized approval of the final plan in the attached resolution and include with this transmission the shapefiles of the districts and written legal description of each district. The 2021 redistricting plan was drawn in accordance with Article II, § 43 of the State Constitution and RCW 44.05.090.

It has been a pleasure to serve on the 2021 Commission and an honor to take part in this truly bipartisan process on behalf of the people of Washington State.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sarah Augustine, Chair

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Brady Piñero Walkinshaw (Nov 16, 2021 00:11 PST)

Brady Piñero Walkinshaw, Commissioner

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April Sims (Nov 16, 2021 00:01 PST)

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RESOLUTION OF REDISTRICTING
CONGRESSIONAL and LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, Article II, section 43 of the Washington Constitution and RCW 44.05 require that a commission be established in January of each year ending in one to provide for the redistricting of state legislative and congressional districts as soon as possible following the federal decennial census, but no later than November 15 of each year ending in one; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau conducted a census of those residing in the United States as of April 1, 2020 and reported the results of the census to the state of Washington on August 12, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Redistricting Commission was duly constituted in January 2021, and undertook its constitutional and statutory responsibilities for preparing a redistricting plan for the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Redistricting Commission held numerous public hearings throughout the state and solicited public comment and third party plans in accordance with its rules, Chapter 417-06 WAC; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Redistricting Commission has adopted a Final Plan and Resolution of the Redistricting Commission on this date November 15, 2021, in conformity with the constitutional requirement that it do so as soon as possible following the federal decennial census, but no later than November 15 of each year ending in one.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

FIRST, it is the intent of the Commission to redistrict the congressional and legislative districts of the state of Washington in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the United States and the state of Washington; and

SECOND, the definitions set forth in RCW 44.05.020 apply throughout this plan, unless the context requires otherwise; and

THIRD, in every case the population of the congressional and legislative districts described by this plan has been ascertained on the basis of the total number of persons found inhabiting such areas as of April 1, 2020, in accordance with the 2020 federal decennial census data received pursuant to P.L. 94-171, and adjusted for individuals residing in state adult correctional facilities or juvenile justice facilities, and persons committed to receive involuntary behavioral health treatment as required under RCW 44.05.140; and

FOURTH, pursuant to the most recent certificate of entitlement from the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives as required by 2 U.S.C. Section 2a, the territory of the state shall be divided into ten congressional districts. The congressional districts described by this plan shall be those recorded as

FINAL_CD_111521.pdf, maintained in electronic files designated as FINAL_CD_111521.zip, which are public records of the Commission. As soon as practicable after approval and submission of this plan to the Legislature, the Commission shall publish FINAL_CD_111521.zip; and

FIFTH, the legislative districts described by this plan shall be those recorded as FINAL_LD_111521.pdf, maintained in electronic files designated as FINAL_LD_111521.zip, which are public records of the Commission. As soon as practicable after approval and submission of this plan to the Legislature, the Commission shall publish FINAL_LD_111521.zip; and

SIXTH, the Commission recognizes that existing state law shall continue to govern such matters as the terms and dates of election for members of the state Senate to be elected from each district, the status of "hold-over" senators, and the elections to fill vacancies, when required. Districts referred to in existing law and designated by number shall refer to districts of the same number described in this plan, beginning with the next elections in 2022; and

SEVENTH, this Commission intends that this plan supersede the district boundaries established by chapter 29A.76B RCW and chapter 44.07E RCW for congressional and legislative districts, respectively; and

EIGHTH, if any provision of this plan or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the plan or its application to other persons or circumstances is not affected; and

NINTH, for purposes of this plan, districts shall be described in terms of:

- 1) Official U.S. Census Bureau tracts, block groups, or blocks established by the U.S. Census Bureau in the 2020 federal decennial census or specifically delineated portions thereof;
- 2) Local political subdivisions, such as counties, municipalities, school districts, voting precincts, or other political subdivisions as they existed on January 1, 2020;
- 3) Any durable and significant natural or artificial boundaries or monuments including but not limited to rivers, streams, or lakes as they existed on January 1, 2020; and
- 4) Roads, streets, or highways as they existed on January 1, 2020.

DATED this fifteenth day of November 2021 in Olympia, Washington.

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Sarah Augustine, Chair

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Brady Piñero Walkinshaw, Commissioner

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April Sims, Commissioner

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Joe Fain, Commissioner

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