Date: April 22, 2022, 6:34 pm

First Name: Rachel

Last Name: Boudreau

Group Affiliation, if applicable: Northeast Community Council

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99504

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): NECC Stance on Redistricting

Public Comment: 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 (picture not able to be copied onto this public comment).

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

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

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 districts including Eagle River and/or South Anchorage that are not socioeconomically similar and have very different legislative interests;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the NECC respectfully asks the Alaska Redistricting Board to

- 1. Protect our neighborhoods and maintain our neighborhood ties by including the entire NECC boundaries within one Senate District;
- 2. Include the portion of JBER that uses the Muldoon Rd. gate and includes Tikahtnu Commons and Bartlett High School within our District.

Votes for: 12 Votes Against: 3 Abstain: 4

Date: May 17, 2022, 4:11 pm

First Name: Nicole

Last Name: Borromeo

Group Affiliation, if applicable: ARB

Email or Phone Contact:

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

Public Comment: A few other points for the record:

- 1. Litigation committee was stood up in December of last year to handle the first round of litigation, related to the five original law suits.
- 2. That matter was disposed of in March of this year, with the Alaska Supreme Court's decision.
- 3. When the case is remanded to the Board, I gave everyone written notice that I was not abiding by the Litigation Committee anymore because the work on remand was different.
- 4. No one on the Board responded to my message(s). Only Matt replied, stating the Litigation Committee was still in effect. Last I checked, Matt wasn't a duly appointed member of the Board (he wants to act like one, and that text read between Budd and his wife Paulette implies that Matt has been involved in behind the door decision making with the three-member majority).
- 5. It's an inherent conflict of interest and a dereliction of duties for John and Budd to serve on the Litigation Committee to the exclusion of others. They have been found to have engaged in unconstitutional political gerrymandering three times now, together with Bethany.
- 6. Procedurally speaking, we should have stood up a new Litigation Committee for this new round of litigation.
- 7. It seems appropriate that Matt and his firm should represent the Board pro bono in this next appeal or that the three-member majority should personally pay for it. I thought Republicans are supposed to be fiscally conservative? This is a waste of state resources. We are now over \$1 million in debt to the Schwabe law firm because of senseless litigation.

- 8. I removed Matt and Lee, and Peter as well, from the thread in case anyone tries to claim that attorney client privilege applies to it. This is a procedural matter.
- 9. Until I'm removed from this Board, I have just as much say as the four of you on how it conducts business. I would like to meet ASAP.

/nb

Sent from my iPhone

On May 17, 2022, at 3:57 PM, Nicole Borromeo nicole.borromeo@akredistrict.org wrote:

Matt,

I'd like to remind you that your obligation is to the full Board, not just the Litigation Committee. There should have been a Board meeting about this. How dare you file this without giving us any prior notice?

While you and the Litigation Committee, consisting of John and Budd – who by the way were found to have engaged in partisan gerrymandering for a third time early this morning (!), may like to do things behind closed doors, I don't. As such, I'm copying the testimony portal so this message becomes a matter of public record.

I'd also like to renew my request for a fourth time (!!!!) for conflict counsel. You have demonstrated time a d tone again that you don't represent the Alaska Redistricting Board. The only interest you care about is that of the three-member majority, and their only interest is continuing to engage in unconstitutional partisan gerrymandering to give Eagle River more representation.

John, you were elected to chair the board. Call a meeting.

/nb

Date: May 18, 2022, 2:25 pm

First Name: Nicole

Last Name: Borromeo

Group Affiliation, if applicable: ARB

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99999

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

Public Comment: All,

With technology, I believe we can accommodate Bethany's out of state work schedule. I favor proceeding as soon as possible. I don't want to wait until next week. It makes no sense. It appears that Bethany was quite flexible calling and texting John and Budd when she was out of state on medical in April. I raise this for record purposes only. In the event she can't meet, we only need three for quorum.

I also support Melanie's request to put a Litigation Committee's decision to appeal the May 16 ruling on the agenda. This is something as you know from my previous emails that I've been against since the start of the second round of litigation: meaning, the Litigation Committee usurping Board governance, with Matt's help.

Don't forget my other agenda item, which is conflict counsel for me and Melanie. She has also expressed a desire for this in another email thread. I have raise this three times so far, four being today.

I look forward to meeting later today, tomorrow, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday.

In closing, I'm glad to see John and Bethany finally responding to my emails. It is a welcome change.

THANKS!

/nb

Date: May 18, 2022, 2:29 pm
First Name: Nicole
Last Name: Borromeo
Group Affiliation, if applicable: ARB
Email or Phone Contact:
Your ZIP Code: 99999
Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Litigation/Appeals
Public Comment: Melanie ,
Thank you so much for circulating this. Peter, thank you also for the pin site to the place in the recording.
It's crystal clear to me that the litigation committee has been acting well beyond the scope of its limited appointment powers.
It looks like we'll have lots to talk about our next meeting.
Best,
Nicole

Date: May 18, 2022, 2:40 pm

First Name: Melanie

Last Name: Bahnke

Group Affiliation, if applicable: Ak Redistricting Board

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99762

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

Public Comment: Given that the board did not authorize an appeal regarding the latest superior court ruling, the notice of intent to appeal / appeal must be withdrawn until sanctioned by the board at a public meeting.

Date: May 18, 2022, 7:48 pm

First Name: Nicole

Last Name: Borromeo

Group Affiliation, if applicable: ARB

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99999

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

Public Comment: Matt,

What are you doing filing appeals without the Board's permission? We didn't authorize this.

I suggest you stop all action until the Board meets.

Nicole

Date: May 19, 2022, 2:14 pm

First Name: Nicole

Last Name: Borromeo

Group Affiliation, if applicable: ARB

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99999

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

Public Comment: All,

We need to meet ASAP. Pushing this off until Memorial Day weekend unnecessary.

Please fulfill your fiduciary duties,

Nicole

Date: May 21, 2022, 10:16 am

First Name: Nicole

Last Name: Borromeo

Group Affiliation, if applicable: ARB

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99999

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

Public Comment: Litigation Committee Members,

The Alaska Supreme Court just issued an order giving the parties until 3:00PM today to respond to whether or not the brief filed by me and Melanie yesterday should be allowed.

I hope that this will be brought to the Board's attention for discussion and action immediately.

Best,

Nicole

Date: May 21, 2022, 12:47 pm

First Name: Melanie

Last Name: Bahnke

Group Affiliation, if applicable: ARB

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99999

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Meeting/Public Testimony

Public Comment: I drove into town to access email after texting with Peter who says we are having a meeting tomorrow at 3, but only via teleconference and that we have no way to allow public comment because he can't get anyone at LIO to staff it on a Sunday. It is unacceptable to have a meeting at the midnight hour without public comment on the agenda and no way for the public to observe other than calling into a phone line. This is not a hotdog stand operation. We spent about \$1 million in legal fees but we can't get an LIO staffer to staff our meeting? Not even a contracted service? We are the Redistricting board and we should hold a properly noticed (our policies say 72 hours when possible) meeting, allow public comment as we have always strived for, and have this VISIBLE in the public eye, at a minimum via zoom or teams. This is turning into a circus. Mr Chairman, after weeks of me and Nicole begging for a meeting, you're finally holding one? I note that you, Budd, and Bethany previously said you absolutely couldn't be available to meet until the 28th. And you're not even going to allow the public to comment or observe? Only listen? If we can't get staff on a Sunday to staff this we best hold off until Monday to do this properly. This reeks of more secretive procedures. If not, I suppose we can at least invite the media in to stream it so the public can at least observe. I object to having a meeting where the public can't participate.

Date: May 21, 2022, 1:53 pm

First Name: Melanie

Last Name: Bahnke

Group Affiliation, if applicable: ARB

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99999

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Meeting/Public Testimony

Public Comment: I've put out a request on social media for any media to at least stream our meeting tomorrow since we apparently don't have the resources to do that.

Heading back to camp where I have no internet; Peter you may hear from media willing to stream our meeting, I asked then to email you if they are willing to. Please set up a zoom or teams meeting instead of just a teleconference if possible. Also John, please add public comment to agenda. Any other comms-I can only be reached by text (not even group text) until tomorrow at 2:30.

Date: May 21, 2022, 2:11 pm

First Name: Nicole

Last Name: Borromeo

Group Affiliation, if applicable: ARB

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99999

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Meeting/Public Testimony

Public Comment: Again with a Litigation Committee? Why can't we err on the side of caution and ask the Board to make governance decisions in an effort (albeit at a little) to comply with the constitution?

I disagree with this filing. This is the first time that I've seen it – again after the fact.

Peter, I would like you to please segregate the billing for Matt, Lee, and any other attorney at this firm based on the action that they took directly (or indirectly) on behalf of the Litigation Committee. Matt, maybe you can do this quicker?

THANKS!

/nb

David Dunsmore <readacted> 5/22/22 6:29pm

Chair Binkley and board members,

I am submitting these comments solely on my own behalf, although I am drawing from my years of experience working as a staffer in the Alaska Legislature.

I listened to today's teleconferenced meeting, and I take great exception to a comment made that suggested the board was informed that taking public testimony would not be possible because 'it is a sunny day in Juneau' and therefore LIO staff would not be available to work today. While I understand that board members may have had reasons for not wanting to take public testimony, to insult the professionalism of the nonpartisan staff who have assisted the Board in teleconferencing meetings throughout the process is uncalled for.

In my experience, LIO staff have always shown an understanding that they play a vital role in facilitating the public's ability to participate in their government. This can often involve working long hours often on nights and weekends. While I am obviously not privy to conversations that may have been had, it would be completely inconsistent with my experience for them to refuse to assist based on the weather. If such a comment was made, I feel certain it was made in jest and should not have been communicated to the board as a reason for not allowing public testimony.

I hope that should the outcome of the current litigation require the board to meet again, that the board will correct this statement on the record.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to submit these comments.

David Dunsmore

Date: May 22, 2022, 8:18 pm

First Name: Jon

Last Name: Grace

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: redacted

Your ZIP Code: 99516

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

Public Comment: To the board--please stop wasting taxpayer money trying to find a way to circumvent the will of our own court system and the majority of your constituents! What on earth is the point of the ongoing charade. Many people have begun to lose any faith that this board has any ability to serve its actual intended and constitutional purpose when instead it acts like a political entity. Swallow your pride and your own biases and follow the intent of the Supreme Court order to support the appropriate pairings keeping geographically distinct areas together instead of trying to dilute votes that may not agree with your own inclinations which is NOT what your job is on the board.

Date: May 26, 2022, 3:56 pm

First Name: Cari

Last Name: Rousselle

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99507

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

Public Comment: The games you have been playing have removed Judge Matthews from 800 Family Law cases for what I believe to be 8 weeks. My family and I have been put on hold for weeks while waiting for a ruling on the well-being of our child. As a result, Matthews can't even remember what has happened in my case as I was forced to wait from 12.30.21 - 3.23.22 due to the back log. I was then forced to wait from 3.23.22-4.28.22 and have been waiting since 4.28.22 on a ruling on a case which started in 8.1.21. To find out once again that my daughter and her well-being has been put on hold again due to what you perceive to be more important than her will not go unforgotten.

Via Email:

Date: July 20, 2022, 11:10 am

From:

Public Comment: As a member of the Fox Creek and Fritz Creek communities and employee of the Kenai Borough school district I implore you to NOT redistrict us to Kodiak!! It is shameful of everyone who is trying to move this along and make it pass. I see absolutely no upside to making this change it will only hurt these communities, and for what?? The communities down East End Rd are already overlooked so much when it comes to any kind of funding ei: schools, roads, ect. If we are moved to the Kodiak Borough there will be no one to speak for us! Stop trying to silence these communities by moved us to a place we be ignored!!

Date: August 17, 2022, 10:30 am

First Name: Julie

Last Name: Wegner

Group Affiliation, if applicable: 53 mile chena hot springs rd

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99716

Issue of Concern: Our area 53 mile Chena Hot Springs District

Public Comment: The redistricting of chena hot springs rd is totally out of line. We live off of the 53 mile post near chena hot springs. There is only 1 road to get anywhere from here and that is chena hot springs rd. You have changed our district to goldstream 1. That is approx 80 miles 1 way to vote vs 30 at Two Rivers which we have to drive by to get to Goldstream 1 another 50 miles away. Not very good planning and a huge issue. I would like to petition to get the Hot springs area back to Two Rivers34

Date: August 31, 2022, 8:47 am

First Name: Julie

Last Name: Wegner

Group Affiliation, if applicable: West Fork Chena Hot Springs

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99716

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

Public Comment: We live towards the end of Chena Hot Springs road 53 mile, and have been put in a new district that is no where near where we live. Goldstream 1 is a good 80 miles away from out home. We only have 1 road to go on and that is chena hot springs rd that is closest to Two Rivers district. Our address is considered Two Rivers as well. Why on earth would they put this area to vote in Goldstream area.

This is ludicrous!

Date: September 15, 2022, 7:00 pm

First Name: Jane

Last Name: **Sellin**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99709

Issue of Concern: Goldstream valley

Public Comment: I do not understand why my area has been placed in this huge district. People in Goldstream work and shop in Fairbanks. We are in the Fairbanks North Star borough & share concerns of our community.

Date: September 20, 2022, 7:00 am

First Name: Julie

Last Name: Wegner

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99716

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

Public Comment: It appears you made district areas without taking our road system into consideration. Please don't make us drive 80 miles to vote in a district we have no part of. Please take the end of chena hot springs road and put it back in to the Two Rivers district. This would be a common sense change for the betterment of the area!

Date: October 4, 2022, 10:31 am

First Name: George

Last Name: Winford

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99709

Issue of Concern: Change in Polling Station Due to Redistricting (Map 35-R)

Public Comment: Several of my neighbors (I live at 587 Dalton Tr in Fairbanks) have had their polling station changed from the church by Ballaine Lake to Effie Kokrine Charter School. Instead of a one-mile trip, we now have a three or four-mile trip to our polling station. I am fifty-two years old, and I have used the church by Ballaine Lake to vote my entire life.

When you deliberately make it more inconvenient for people to vote, you are creating mistrust in the entire election and democratic process.

Via Email

Date: November 24, 2022, 8:12 pm

First Name: Winston

Last Name: Gillies

Public Comment: Nikiski has nothing in common with South Anchorage or Girdwood.

Nikiski shares much more common interest with Kenai. Its a no brainer.

Winston Gillies

Kenai 99611

Via Email

Date: May 11, 2023, 8:12 pm

First Name: JoAnn

Last Name: Gruber

Dear Alaska Redistricting Board,

When you meet on Monday, May 15, I urge you to adopt the Interim 2022 Plan as the Final 2023 Redistricting Plan.

As I have written to this board in the past, I have expectations from appointed and elected officials who purport to represent me, my family, and all decent Alaskans. I expect honesty. I expect integrity. I expect transparency. I expect fairness. The three majority board members failed to meet these basic expectations in the past, and I hope they do better in the future.

The Alaska Supreme Court recently affirmed the superior court's determination that the Alaska Redistricting Board once again engaged in an unconstitutional partisan gerrymander. Please do not waste any more of the public's time and resources by attempting to gerrymander a third time.

Please adopt the Interim 2022 Plan for Alaska's final redistricting plan for the 2020 redistricting cycle. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Jo Ann Gruber Eagle River, AK

Date: May 11, 2023, 5:47 pm

First Name: **Dolores**

Last Name: Collins

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:



Your ZIP Code: 99577

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

Public Comment: Enough is enough. Please adopt the Interim 2022 Plan as the Final 2023 Redistricting Plan for the 2020 redistricting cycle.

Via Email

Date: November 24, 2022, 8:12 pm

First Name: John

Last Name: Gruber

I support the adoption of the Interim 2022 Plan as the Final 2023 Redistricting Plan.

Please do not waste any more time or energy on another gerrymander attempt. The Interim 2022 plan is fair and nonpartisan. Please consider its adoption.

John Gruber Eagle River, AK

Via Email

Date: May 12, 2022, 1:20 pm

First Name: Sheri

Last Name: Whitethorn

Dear AK Redistricting Board Members, Director Torkelson and Attorney Singer:

I urge your support and final vote to permanently adopt the Interim 2022 Plan as the Final 2023 Redistricting Plan to be used for the rest of the decade.

Thank you, Sheri Whitethorn Anchorage, AK

Date: May 14, 2023, 7:57 pm

First Name: Steven

Last Name: Aufrecht

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Your ZIP Code: 99508

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Urge you to vote to make Interim Plan the Permanent Plan**

Public Comment: Please see my comments at https://whatdoino-steve.blogspot.com/2023/05/hoping-for-short-boring-redistricting.html

Date: May 15, 2023, 9:15am

First Name: Ken

Last Name: Waugh

I am one of the Girdwood "plaintiffs" in the matter of the 2021 redistricting case. I respectfully request the Redistricting Board direct their attorneys not to oppose the fee motion filed on our behalf.

When the Board first attempted to split the Eagle River district and combine it with Muldoon, enlarging a historically conservative voting block the plan was challenged as unconstitutional. This was upheld by the courts and clear direction to the Board on how to proceed given. Instead a virtually identical plan was put forth for the benefit of Eagle River's conservative vote combining it instead with Girdwood.

This second effort would have silenced Girdwood's voice in the electoral process. I could not abide, and as a private citizen, along with others in my community challenged the Board in this new attempt to enhance partisan representation. This new redistricting plan was also deemed unconstitutional by the superior court. Yet it was decided to appeal this second failed attempt, adding to the financial cost of litigation as well as increasing the emotional burden to those who only wanted retain a voice. Again the courts sided with the people, but now it was the Supreme Court calling the plan put forth by the Board gerrymandering.

I absolutely believe it is now in the best interest of the State of Alaska, it's taxpayers, the courts and certainly myself and my neighbors to put this matter to rest. Please allow us to move on without further drama.

Ken Waugh MS, PA-C

Date: May 15, 2023, 12:57 pm

First Name: Gary

Last Name: **Newman**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99712

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Response to Supreme Court ruling**

Public Comment: Apart from the disenfranchisement of the Goldstream/N. Fairbanks area from Fairbanks House Districts, which wasn't a matter that was litigated thus unlikely to be re-visited, please just concur with the Supreme Court's ruling and accept the temporary maps used in the 2022 election as final maps until the next census.

Date: May 15, 2023, 1:15 pm

First Name: Louis

Last Name: Theiss

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

This is Louis Theiss. Longtime Girdwood resident and one of the Plaintiffs. Last Friday our attorneys filed a fee request in the supreme court that would cover appeal expenses for our side. I am here to ask you, in the spirit of gracious professionalism, to instruct your attorneys to not raise objections to this motion.

But first, thank you for serving on the board. It must be difficult to keep everyone happy. I am a civic minded individual that has skied here for 49 years and lived on Timberline Dr since 1979. I have been a poll worker at our precinct, a super voter and an APOC trained ballot group treasurer with long experience trying to convince Eagle River to vote for civil infrastructure projects that affect Girdwood. I've learned that Eagle River and Girdwood have very different political interests so I was personally eager to defend the effectiveness of our vote.

Myself, my fellow plaintiffs, friends and neighbors all helped to finance these lawsuits. I would like them to get paid back for sticking their necks out. It is my understanding that there are statutes, principles and laws existing that order redistricting boards to repay expenses of the plaintiffs when they win - to preserve the spirit of democracy. Lets end further escalation of costs, prevent further retaliatory bickering respect the laws of our state and work to make Alaska a better place.

Thank you