



ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

- Date: November 8, 2021 and continuing as needed through November 10, 2021
- Time: Starting Monday, November 8: 9:00am through Final Proclamation Adoption no later than Wednesday, November 10.
- Place: ARB Office, 3901 Old Seward Hwy, Ste: 141 and
[Streamed via Zoom](#) Meeting ID: 907 406 2894 Passcode: MoreMaps
- Teleconference public testimony dial-in numbers:
Anchorage 563-9085, Juneau 586-9085, Other 844-586-9085*

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1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Public Testimony on Senate Pairings
Dial into one of the phone numbers above and indicate to the operator that you wish to testify
4. Executive Session with Legal Counsel
5. Review Map Corrections
6. Assignment of House District Senate Pairs
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7. – Lunch Break while Dept of Labor runs Senate Constituency Crosstabs --
8. Adoption of Senate Truncation Cutoff
9. Adoption Senate Election Cycle Table
- 10.– Recess –
Pending Final Proclamation Drafting, Proofing & Metes and Bounds Error Checking
11. Adopt Final Proclamation of Redistricting
12. Signing of Final Proclamation
13. Adjournment

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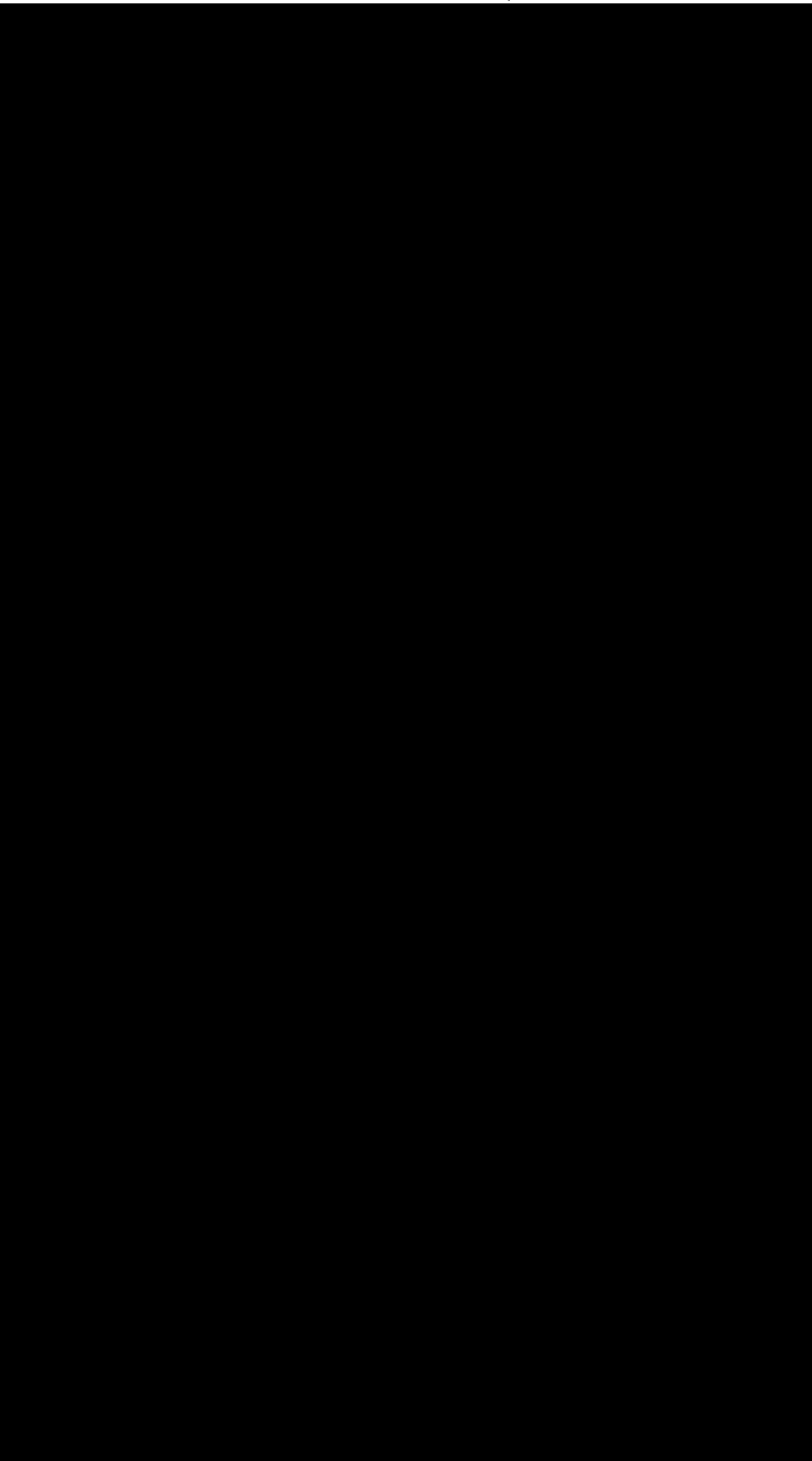
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From: Randy Ruedrich [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 6:47 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: attached please find my proposed Senate Pairing
Attachments: Senate Pairings.xlsx

I will present these pairing formally Monday Morning. Map is provided for your reference this evening

		Preferred	Last Election	Estimated	Adequate	Future Election
	Paired	House	Senate			
Ketch/Wrangal	1 & 2	1	A			
Sitka/Yakutat	1 & 2	2	A			
N Juneau/Haines	3 & 4	3	B			
Juneau	3 & 4	4	B			
Kodiak/Seward/Cordova	5 & 8	5	C			
Nikiski/Sterling	5 & 8	6	C			
Southwest Kenai	6 & 7	7	D			
Kenai/Soldotna	6 & 7	8	D			
South Anchorage	9 & 15	9	E			
Abbott	9 & 15	10	E			
Ocean View/Klatt	10 & 14	11	F			
Taku	10 & 14	12	F			
Sand Lake	11 & 12	13	G			
Airport	11 & 12	14	G			
Spenard	13 & 20	15	H			
Downtown	13 & 20	16	H			
Mountain View	17 & 19	17	I			
University	17 & 19	18	I			
Lower Hillside	16 & 18	19	J			
Scenic	16 & 18	20	J			
Chugach /Eagle River	21 & 22	21	K			
JBER	21 & 22	22	K			
Muldoon	23 & 24	23	L			
South Eagle River	23 & 24	24	L			
South Mat-Su	27 & 28	25	M			
Palmer/Butte	27 & 28	26	M			
Wasilla/Meadow Lakes	26 & 29	27	N			
Taniana/Lakes	26 & 29	28	N			
MSB EMSB /Valdez	25 & 30	29	O			
W MSB	25 & 30	30	O			
North Pole	32 & 35	31	P			
Chena Ridge	32 & 35	32	P			
West Fairbanks	33 & 34	33	Q			
East Fairbanks	33 & 34	34	Q			
NE FNSB	31 & 36	35	R			
Interior Rivers	31 & 36	36	R			
Aleutians/Calista	37 & 38	37	S			
Calista	37 & 38	38	S			
Nome	39 & 40	39	T			
North Slope	39 & 40	40	T			
N NSB	8	39	T			
W NSB	7	40	T			



Senate Pairing Recommendations Report



Submitted November 7, 2021 by

Alaskans for Fair Redistricting **Joelle Hall, Chair**

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Automatic Pairings

Due to the constitutional requirement that Senate districts consist of two contiguous House districts, and the guidance in *Hickel v. Southeast Conference* that “where possible, all of a municipality’s excess population should go to one other district to maximize effective representation of the excess group,” there are 10 House districts for which there is only one possible pairing.

In Southeast Alaska, Districts 3 and 4 must pair together to avoid splitting the City and Borough of Juneau, which means District 1 must pair with District 2 because it is the only other contiguous district.

In the Fairbanks North Star Borough, Districts 33 and 34 must pair together to avoid splitting the City of Fairbanks.

In Arctic and Western Alaska, District 40 must pair with District 39, because District 36 must pair with a district within the Fairbanks North Star Borough. District 38 must then pair with District 37 because it is the only other contiguous district.

For the sake of brevity, AFFR will not be providing detailed explanations of these Senate districts, as they are the only legally permissible options.

Gulf Coast/ Kenai Peninsula

District 5 (Kodiak Island and Prince William Sound) and District 6 (Homer and Kachemak Bay)

There was extensive public testimony from residents of the Seward, Homer, and Kachemak Bay areas in support of placing Homer and Seward in the same district. In fact, this was the unanimous request of all testifiers at the public hearing in Seward. Seward and Homer have very similar economies, centered on fishing, tourism, and marine services in Resurrection and Kachemak Bay. Pairing these two districts will create a unified coastal district.

District 7 (Kenai/ Soldotna) and District 8 (Nikiski/ Sterling)

Pairing these districts will place the Kenai Spur Highway communities of Nikiski and Salamatof in a district with Kenai which is their main commercial hub, and it would place the communities of Sterling and Cooper Landing with their commercial hub of Soldotna.

Municipality of Anchorage

District 9 (Rabbit Creek) and District 15 (Huffman/ O'Malley)

This pairing will create a unified Hillside district by placing the southern Hillside neighborhoods around Rabbit Creek Road into a Senate district with the Huffman/O'Malley area. The Hillside is a distinct region within Anchorage with larger lot sizes, limited road services areas, and private wells and septic tanks. This pairing ensures the Hillside will have their own senator who can represent their unique needs.

District 10 (Oceanview) and District 11 (Bayshore)

This pairing will create a South Anchorage flatlands district uniting the communities of Bayshore, Oceanview, and Southport into a single district. These neighborhoods are a distinct region within South Anchorage.

District 14 (Taku/ Campbell) and District 16 (Abbott Loop)

This pairing will create a unified Midtown district by pairing the two districts that represent the Midtown residential core into a single district. These neighborhoods are distinct from the Hillside to the south and East Anchorage to the north and this pairing will ensure that Midtown region has its own senator.

District 12 (Turnagain) and District 13 (Spenard)

This pairing will include the neighborhoods of Turnagain and Spenard in a Senate district. These neighborhoods are very closely tied, with a shared commercial core. Anchorage residents often talk about Turnagain/Spenard as a single area.

District 21 (Government Hill/ JBER) and District 20 (Downtown)

This pairing would place all of Downtown Anchorage in a single Senate district and ensure the historic neighborhoods of Government Hill, South Addition, and Downtown remain in the same Senate district. These are the oldest neighborhoods in Anchorage and have deep longstanding ties. The inclusion of the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson will connect the servicemembers on base with the businesses they frequent in Downtown.

District 23 (North Muldoon) and District 18 (South Muldoon)

This pairing will unite the neighborhoods of Muldoon into a single district that includes the residential neighborhoods and the commercial core along Muldoon Road. These neighborhoods have deep ties and Muldoon has long been recognized as a distinct community within Anchorage.

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Pairing these districts allow for there to be two Senate districts in East Anchorage, ensuring that the votes of the diverse communities are not diluted by being included in a district with South Anchorage or Eagle River. The Board has heard overwhelming public testimony from East Anchorage residents that East Anchorage districts should not be paired with other parts of the Municipality.

District 19 (Mt. View/ Airport Heights) and District 17 (U/Med)

This pairing unites the neighborhoods of Mountain View, Russian Jack, Airport Heights, Reflection Lake, and Campbell Park. These neighborhoods have longstanding ties and are some of the most diverse neighborhoods in the country. Making this pairing ensures these diverse neighborhoods will not have their votes diluted by being paired with JBER, Downtown, or South Anchorage. The Board has heard overwhelming public testimony from East Anchorage residents that East Anchorage districts should not be paired with other parts of the Municipality.

District 22 (North Eagle River) and District 24 (South Eagle River)

This pairing unites the two Eagle River seats and ensures that Downtown Eagle River is not split into separate Senate districts. Chugiak/ Eagle River is unique within the Municipality in that it handles its own road service through the Chugiak/Birchwood/Eagle River Rural Road Service Area Board of Supervisors, and it is the only part of the Municipality that receives electricity from the Matanuska Electric Association. The Board has heard overwhelming public testimony that Eagle River's distinct identity should be respected, and Eagle River should not be split into two Senate districts.

Matanuska-Susitna Borough

District 26 (East Wasilla) and District 29 (Wasilla City)

This pairing would keep the greater Wasilla area within the same district as the City of Wasilla. Wasilla is the largest population center within the Borough and should not be split into separate Senate districts.

District 27 (Knik-Fairview) and District 28 (Palmer)

This pairing would include the Knik-Fairview area with the City of Palmer. The Board heard extensive public testimony that Knik-Fairview is part of the larger Palmer community, and much of the testimony in Palmer focused on ensuring that the area around the Mat-Su Regional Medical Center, which is in District 27, is in the same district as Palmer. This pairing will accomplish that at the Senate level.

District 25 (Glenn Highway) and District 30 (Parks Highway)

This pairing will best meet the Hickel court's direction that municipalities should only be divided with one district sharing population from outside the district. Since district 25 includes most of the Denali Borough, and District 30 includes Valdez, pairing these two districts ensures that there is only one Senate district that breaks the Mat-Su Borough boundary. Further, this pairing is ideal because it unites the smaller communities in the Borough into a single Senate district, so they are not outvoted by the more urbanized areas.

Interior

District 33 (West City) and District 34 (East City)

As discussed above, pairing the two City of Fairbanks seats is required by the Hickel court's direction not to split municipalities into more than one district.

District 31 (Salcha/ Two Rivers) and District 35 (North Pole)

This pairing makes the most contiguous and socioeconomic sense by keeping the greater North Pole area including the City of North Pole, Salcha, Moose Creek and Eielson Airforce Base in one Senate Seat. This East Borough senate seat pairing would follow the most socio-economic sense by respecting the existing socio-economic integration along the Richardson Highway and the connections between the North Pole and Two River/Chena Hotsprings community via Nordale Road.

District 32 (Ester/ Chena Ridge) and 36 (Goldstream/ Rural Interior)

This pairing respects the socio-economic integration along the Parks Highway - from Fairbanks through Ester to Nenana. Given that the communities of Goldstream and Ester are highly connected to the University of Alaska Fairbanks this pairing would best respect that connection. The Board has heard extensive public testimony documenting the strong ties between the Goldstream area and communities around the UAF camps and this pairing will keep them in the same Senate district.

From: Thea Agnew Bemben [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 7:20 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Support for an East-West pairing of districts, citywide but specifically in HD 12 and HD 13, or HD 14

To whom it may concern:

I live in proposed House District 12 on Illiamna Avenue in Turnagain. I am writing to recommend that the Board establish a senate district that pairs District 12 with a district to the east. In general, I support an East-West pairing of districts, citywide but specifically in HD 12 and HD 13, or HD 14.

As a resident of my neighborhood, I regularly travel east-west for shopping, restaurants, to take my kids to school, and to visit friends and family. I rarely travel south for these purposes. I consider the midtown area to be an area of concern for me and I would like to have more influence over the policies that affect this part of Anchorage. It is a vital shopping district and is also home to many residents. It could be a vital, thriving area, and there are so many great local businesses there. Pairing our districts would provide a more cohesive arrangement and I think would greatly enhance the development of both east and west parts of town.

Thank you for your service and thank you for considering my input,

Thea Bemben
[REDACTED]

Dena'inaq efnen'aq' gheshtnu ch'q'u yeshdu. (Dena'ina) *I live and work on the land of the Dena'ina. (English)*

Translation by J. Isaak and S. Shaginoff-Stuart

From: Jasmine Boyle <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 7:13 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Senate Pairings Testimony

Hello,

Thank you to the team managing the redistricting work in Alaska. As a Chugiak resident and prior Eagle River resident (and homeowner in both locations) , I am writing to urge the committee to pair the two Eagle River Districts: North and South (22 and 24 on current map). Our community blends best with the other parts of our community and not East Anchorage or JBER. Again, as a resident of both north and south over the years I can attest to our shared socioeconomic characteristics and effectively operate as one community. We also have a number of unique characteristics that make us distinct from the valley. Finally, while many residents may not support it, with the Eagle River Exit movement still looming, this is a terrible time to switch.

Thank you,
Jasmine Boyle
99567

From: Wade Boyle [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 7:18 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Senate pairings

Good morning,

Thank you to the team managing the redistricting work in Alaska. As a Chugiak resident and prior Eagle River resident (and home / land owner in both locations), I am writing to urge the committee to pair the two Eagle River Districts: North and South (22 and 24 on current map). Our community blends best with the other parts of our community and not East Anchorage or JBER. Again, as a resident of both north and south over the years I can attest to our shared socioeconomic characteristics and effectively operate as one community.

We also have a number of unique characteristics that make us distinct from the valley. Finally, while many residents may not support it, with the Eagle River Exit movement still looming, this is a terrible time to switch.

Thank you,
Wade Boyle
99567

From: Anna Brawley [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 6, 2021 5:34 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Testimony, new HD 12: Maintain a cohesive district with East-West pairing with HD13

Dear Redistricting Board,

I am currently a resident in HD 21, which would become HD 12 in the newly-approved House maps - first, thank you, I supported the version of the maps that were ultimately approved, and appreciated the Board's commitment to upholding the required priorities of compactness, similar socioeconomic and cultural character, etc. for our area of West Anchorage.

I am writing to strongly urge the Board to follow an East-West method of pairing districts, and specifically to pair new HD 12 with new HD 13 to our east, including Spenard and Midtown. I believe this is the best combination of districts. Here are some of the reasons why this is the best possible choice:

- It keeps Spenard and Turnagain together, as historically we are closely linked communities.
- It keeps the Northern Lights / West Anchorage corridor linked, which is an important connection between the residential areas to the west and the businesses, shops, and other residential areas to our immediate east.
- It minimizes a split in representation, particularly in the Senate: it would mean that a single Senator represents both our neighborhoods, and will understand how closely we are connected via the Airport, Spenard Road, Northern Lights and Benson, and the areas surrounding these important economic centers.

If this pairing is not possible, the next most logical pairing would also be East-West, pairing HD 12 with HD 14, for the same reasons: all of these areas are mixed-use, with significant commercial activity and residential areas, and closely connected to the economic centers of Midtown, Taku-Campbell, and the C street commercial corridor. HD 13 is a much closer and better fit to our area, but HD 14 is also an acceptable choice.

I also oppose pairing HD 12 and HD 11: the area proposed to be HD 11 is primarily a residential area in South Anchorage, more closely connected to other areas thought of as South, from the O'Malley-Huffman commercial corridor to Oceanview and further east. Pairing that district with another South district would be much more logical, as they are closely connected and considered a distinct neighborhood or region to West.

And while I cannot comment in detail on other areas I am less familiar with, I am familiar with Anchorage as a whole, and have been closely involved in the community for several years. Looking at the maps of the rest of the city, I believe an East-West pairing would make the most sense for many of the adjacent districts - from the Downtown area (which stretches relatively far east, all the way to Merrill Field, as a commercial corridor) to East Anchorage to other parts of Midtown and the University. It seems that overall, pairing East-West House districts will result in Senate districts that best reflect how our community is actually situated, which areas of town are closely related or connected, and ensure fair representation across the board.

Thank you for taking on this important and difficult task, and ensuring fair and appropriate representation for all Alaska residents - including those of us West Anchorage residents in what will be District 12!

Thank you,
Anna Brawley
Turnagain resident
(current HD21, future HD12)

From: Ann Brown <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 10:22 AM
To: TJ Presley; Testimony
Subject: ++ Get Involved Response

A website response from the Get Involved form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: November 8, 2021, 10:21 am

First Name: **Ann**

Last Name: **Brown**

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Comments: **I Support the AFFER Senate pairings provided to the Alaska Redistricting Board this morning. The AFFER house district pairings are contiguous house districts as required by the Alaska Constitution.**

From: Carol Carman [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 2:36 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Re: Redistricting MatSu Valley

Hello Redistricting Committee!

I hope you read this email regarding senate pairing in the MatSu districts before you do the pairing.

My first choice was map version 3. I thought it was perfect, and the pairings I suggested in my first email (included below my signature) were perfect for that particular map.

However, you changed that map significantly in such a manner that my idea for senate pairing no longer works for the valley. Instead of two condensed districts in the core of the valley, you made three condensed districts. The only good way to pair senate districts now is to pair each condensed area with one larger area. Districts 27 & 28 were paired for the last 10 years successfully, thus it is appropriate to let them remain together. Districts 29 & 30 were also paired for the last 10 years, thus it is appropriate to let them remain. That leaves districts 25 & 26 (my district is 25). I won't object to the pairing as it is now numbered, leaving districts 25 & 26 together as one senate district.

Thank you for all the hard work you have done in your committee. I know it was not easy.

Carol Carman
Chair, ARP District 9E

[REDACTED]
[Facebook](#)

From: Kasey Casort [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:21 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Senate pairings testimony

Hello,

I just offered verbal testimony over the phone, but wanted to offer my comments in writing here.

As I've testified before, Goldstream, Ester, Chena Ridge, and the University of Alaska Fairbanks are closely socioeconomically connected, so I believe it makes the most sense to pair **District 32 (Ester/Chena Ridge) and District 36 (Goldstream/Rural Interior)**.

Second, it is easy to know that **District 33 (West Fairbanks) and District 34 (East Fairbanks)** should be paired in order to keep the City of Fairbanks under one Senate city. I've read that this follows past court precedent to keep all of the City of Fairbanks under one Senate seat.

Lastly, I believe that **District 31 (Salcha and Two Rivers) and District 35 (North Pole)** should be paired together since that respects the existing socioeconomic integration along the Richardson Highway and connections between North Pole and Two Rivers/Chena Hot Springs along Nordale Road.

I also want to thank the Board for the chance to offer testimony so quickly this morning after Friday's long wait. I am disappointed to see that although I heard dozens of folks testify against separating Goldstream from Fairbanks and only one or two folks testified in support of that rural/Goldstream pairing, the Board left Goldstream separate from Fairbanks despite their *strong* socioeconomic ties to one another.

Sincerely,
Kasey Casort
Fairbanks, AK

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: November 7, 2021, 7:41 pm

Name: **Christopher Constant**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Anchorage Assembly**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Approve Senate Pairing District 20 and 21**

Public Comment: **11/7/2021**

**Christopher Constant, Vice Chair
Anchorage Assembly, District 1**

Dear Board Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my written testimony.

First let me thank you for your service. We know his task has taken you away from your daily lives and work. Drawing of lines and apportioning districts is a solemn task with ramifications for years to come. I am grateful for the thoughtfulness you have approached this work with to date.

My name is Christopher Constant and I serve on the Anchorage Assembly as the Vice Chair. As you know, once you finalize your map, we will begin in earnest to reapportion the MOA. Unlike other large communities in our state like Fairbanks, Anchorage has districted municipal seats and in a recent charter amendment approved by the voters we will change from an 11 member Assembly to a 12 member body. When the Charter was drafted at the creation of the MOA each district had two Assembly members except one. For most of Anchorage's history since Unification, Downtown has only had 1 with half the population of the other districts.

When we reapportion, we must expand the population of the downtown seat by nearly double. Clearly to accomplish that, existing districts will need to share some of their population and the overall number represented by each other member will go down.

I live in Government Hill and represent Downtown Anchorage. My district borders four other Assembly districts; the Eagle River seat via JBER, the Eastside seat in Mountain View, the midtown seat and the West Anchorage seat. Each of these districts will need to shed population.

This is all to say that at the end of this process, JBER which for many years been districted with the Eagle River seats will likely shed some of its population to downtown through the Government Hill gate. This is quite natural. As a resident of Government Hill I can tell you that folks who live on base frequent our downtown area and are integrated to our entire community.

Your newly adopted distinct maps will strongly inform the Municipality's nascent reapportionment process. I support the new district map adopted by your board last week and ask for the pairing of seats 20 and 21 as they make a seamless transition into the larger community while maintaining the historic connection of the neighborhoods in my district.

Thank you- Christopher Constant

From: Tahnee Conte-Seccareccia <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 8:54 AM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: November 8, 2021, 8:53 am

First Name: **Tahnee**

Last Name: **Conte-Seccareccia**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99517-2577**

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

Public Comment: **I've lived in the Spenard area for 20 years. I went to Turnagain Elementary, Romig Middle School, and West High school. Though we are different and distinct from each others, we are close neighbors with intertwined and shared lives that frequently overlap.**

Therefor, I ask that The Spenard district (District 13) should be paired with the Turnagain district (District 12). We work wl with our neighbors and have a shared sense of history and overlapping city-wide and state-wide concerns.

Please DO NOT pair Spenard with Sand Lake as we share very little in common and have very little shared overlap of community interactions and ethos and intertwining of lives. The schools they feed into are all South-west schools (MEARS Middle School, Dimond High School, etc.). Though we share a border, we are completely different from them.

From: Mike Edgington [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 1:01 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Senate pairings

Senate pairing recommendations:

- 1+2 - no choice to meet contiguous criterion
- 3+4 - no choice
- 5+6 - Gulf and lower Cook Inlet have similar concerns
- 7+8 - Obvious pairing on K. Pen
- 9+15 - Combines Hillside area east of Seward Hwy with Turnagain Arm communities
- 10+11 - Bayshore & Oceanview
- 22+24 - Eagle River/Chugiak are an integrated community so should be a single Senate seat
- 12+14 - Airport/Turnagain + Campbell
- 13+19 - Spenard + Russian Jack/Fairview
- 16+17 - Abbott Loop & UMed
- 18+23 - Muldoon is a distinct community
- 20+21 - Government Hill & JBER
- 25+30 - Matanuska + Denali
- 26+29 - Wasilla
- 27+28 - Knik Arm + Knik River/Palmer/Butte
- 31+36 - Interior + Chena
- 32+35 - Outer Fairbanks
- 33+34 - Fairbanks
- 37+38 - Southwest + Peninsula
- 39+40 - North + Western Alaska

From: Home [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 8:56 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Testimony - Redistricting MatSu Valley

Redistricting Committee:

Please consider this email before you complete your pairing.

It appears that you have made three condensed districts in the core of the valley. This creates a problem as the only good way to pair senate districts now is to pair each condensed area with one larger area. Districts 27 & 28 were paired for the last 10 years successfully, so it would make sense to leave them together. Districts 29 & 30 were also paired for the last 10 years, and they should likewise remain together. That leaves districts 25 & 26 paired together and is the idea that would make the most sense to me.

Thank you for you consideration.

Brian Endle
Palmer, Alaska

From: b farris [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 12:52 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Redistricting testimony

I am testifying regarding redistricting.

Please consider creating a separate Senate seat for Eagle River, pairing 24 and 22. This is because ER is a self-contained community. People in ER shop there and attend school there and their needs are different from those people living in Anchorage.

I live in East Anchorage and we consider ourselves to be a distinct community. Pairing 23 and 18 and 17 and 19 makes the most sense to us. We don't have anything in common with Eagle River, we don't shop there or attend functions there. Our East Anchorage community is very diverse and putting us with ER would deny our diverse communities fair representation. It would also violate the Voting Rights Act.

**Thank you.
Barbara Farris**

From: John A Gimarc <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 7:26 AM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: November 8, 2021, 7:26 am

First Name: **John A (Alex)**

Last Name: **Gimarc**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **private citizen**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99515**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **AFFER Senate pairings - comments for Nov 8 hearings**

Public Comment: **I support the proposed AFFER senate pairings provided to the AK Redistricting Board. The house district pairings are contiguous as required by the AK Constitution. Thank you for your consideration. Cheers -**

From: Martha Ginsburg [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 6:54 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: senate districts

To the Redistricting Board:

I am a long time resident of Rogers Park, which is within the proposed House District 13. I recommend the Board establish a senate district composed of District 13 and District 12.

This makes sense for the following reasons:

- The Northern Lights-Benson corridor is one of the core business districts in Anchorage. It stretches from air cargo and package delivery services (UPS, FedEx) in the west through shopping centers and offices (Aurora Village, Northern Lights Center and Midtown Mall) in the middle, to Charter College across from strip malls in the east. Coupling District 13 with District 12 will allow the area to have a single, consistent voice in the legislature.
- District 13 and District 12 are more socioeconomically integrated than any other house district that borders District 13. For example, Downtown Anchorage has businesses that sometimes compete with Midtown businesses.
- The Northern Lights-Benson corridor goes through four community councils: Rogers Park, Midtown, Turnagain and Spenard. Just as Midtown and Rogers Park are often referred to as a single unit, people often refer to Turnagain and Spenard as Spurnagain. Pairing District 13 with District 12 is the only way to keep all of these community councils together in a single senate district.

Thank you for your consideration.

Martha J. Ginsburg

[REDACTED]
Anchorage 99508

From: Pamela goode <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 11:03 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Senate Pairing Public Testimony

November 8, 2021

Redistricting Committee, please take into consideration my public testimony for Senate pairing as follows.

Senate Pairing

SOUTHEAST, SOUTH COASTAL, KENAI

1 – 2 Natural

3 – 4 Natural

5 – 6 Natural

7 – 8 Natural

ANCHORAGE

9 – 15 Compact

11 – 12 Compact

10 – 14 Compact

13 – 20 Compact

16 – 17 Compact

18 – 23 Compact

19 – 21 Compact

22 – 24 Compact

MAT-SU

26 – 29 Compact

27 – 30 Compact. Both outside the City limits of Wasilla and Palmer

25 - 28 Same Road System. Majority population compact.

INTERIOR AND WESTERN ALASKA, RURAL (UNORGANIZED) *(My area of expertise)*

32 – 33 Natural, Compact with common road system, socio-economically integrated. The condensed populated lifestyles District 32 and 33 naturally belong together.

34 – 35 Natural, Compact with common road system, Similar. The less populated outskirts of Fairbanks area to North Pole heading East and Southeast belong together. I do not recommend using prior court cases that used a different census population and data set at a different time in history to have any influence on the current mapping. The pairing that is taking place today has far different parameters than that of the past. District 33 and 34 “do not” belong together any more as much has changed.

The Ft. Greely / Delta area was not a part of the of the Fairbanks equation in the last redistricting project, now it is bringing greater socio-economic considerations to the table. The dynamics have changed and so should the considerations of not using incumbents and not using prior judgment calls based on a different set of data. Mapping 32 with 36 has the appearance of using incumbents to base your pairing decision on.

31 – 36 Natural with Eielson and Ft. Greely. Socio-economically integrated. Major portion of the road system population travels to Fairbanks for supplies and service not found in the communities.

Do not pair with 32 (not compact and will create a donut), 30 (Mat-Su) or 25(Mat-Su).

I repeat, The Ft. Greely / Delta area was not a part of the of the Fairbanks equation in the last redistricting project, now it is bringing greater socio-economic considerations to the table. The dynamics have changed and so should the considerations of not using incumbents and not using prior judgment calls based on a different set of data. Mapping 32 with 36 has the appearance of using incumbents to base your pairing decision on.

37 – 38 Natural

39 – 40 Natural

Thank you,

Pamela Goode

Rural Delta Area

From: Jo Ann Gruber <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 8:27 AM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: November 8, 2021, 8:26 am

First Name: **Jo Ann**

Last Name: **Gruber**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting - Senate Districts**

Public Comment: **Dear Alaska Redistricting Board,**

As you meet to decide how the state's House districts will be paired into Senate districts, I would like you to say that Eagle River is a distinct, unique community. It should NOT be split into two different Senate districts.

We have different land-use rules; and we currently maintain/manage our own roads and parks, too. This would make it more difficult for a legislator from Anchorage to adequately represent us.

We should have our own Senate seat, so I hope you will decide to pair Districts 22 and 24 together. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Jo Ann Gruber

From: Elyse Guttenberg <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:52 AM
To: TJ Presley; Testimony
Subject: ++ Get Involved Response

A website response from the Get Involved form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: November 8, 2021, 9:52 am

First Name: **Elyse**

Last Name: **Guttenberg**

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Comments: **Thank you for taking public testimony on Senate pairings in the new districts.**

My name is Elyse Guttenberg and this January will be my 50th anniversary living in Goldstream Valley in Fairbanks where I moved specifically to attend the University as a freshman and stayed all these years.

The University is a ten minute drive from my home. I finished my degrees there, worked there, and raised my family in the same home we've lived in all these years. My kids attended Fairbanks schools. We shop there, vote there, use the post office, airport-- you name it, Fairbanks is our home and I am asking that you give fair representation in Juneau - a voice- to the many people, my neighbors, who live in Goldstream.

I ask that you pair the new district you just created, District 36, with our neighbors in the University area of Ester/Chena Ridge-- the new District 32 - who we share the closest socio-economic ties with. We are connected.

This would best be accomplished by also pairing the West and East sides of Fairbanks, District 33 and 34, containing the city boundaries; and District 31 Salcha and Two Rivers with District 35, the City of North Pole and Salcha.

To do otherwise is to ignore and distrot the very large numbers of people with lived experience who gave testimony asking to join Goldstream with Fairbanks, and effectively cut us off from true representation for political partisan gain through gerrymandering.

From: Frank Gwartney [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 2:32 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Redistricting instructs 12 and 13

"Spenard and Turnagain should remained linked together and have been for decades. Often referred to colloquially as "Spenagain" or Turnard" it's proximity for resident and business are geographically unseparated by topography or transportation barriers and should not by political boundaries either.

Thank you Frank Gwartney

[REDACTED] 99517
Box [REDACTED] 99509

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: November 8, 2021, 9:45 am

Name: **Luke Hopkins**

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Comments: I read the recent action by the Redistricting bd that adopted a statewide house district plan placing the Fairbanks Goldstream community where I've lived for almost 60 years into what is a new extensive rural district 36, possibly one of the largest state house districts.

As I've repeatedly asked the board to understand, as chair Binkley knows well, the socioeconomic interests I've had for those almost 60 years with the University community area in west Fairbanks by now pairing a senate area with the Ester / Chena Ridge area which is the new district 32 with District 36.

The Board should also consider Fairbanks' city east and west districts 33 and 34 be paired and the socioeconomic areas of Salcha / Two Rivers and North Pole, respectively District 31 and District 35 paired together.

These three new senate districts would then be well connected to most of central interior Alaska.

Luke Hopkins, 3360 Murphy Dome Road, Goldstream area, Fairbanks, 99709

From: Ellen Jaimes [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 6:01 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Re: Senate Pairings (Anchorage)

Dear Redistricting Board and Staff:

Thank you for all your hard work updating Alaska's maps! As a member of both the current and new HD17 I wanted to briefly weigh in on the Senate pairings yet TBD. It looks like East Anchorage is to be divided into 4 House districts which can pair into two East Anchorage Senate districts. East Anchorage is a distinct community with very different needs from Eagle River and South Anchorage and the Board's Senate pairings should reflect this. East Anchorage contains many of the most diverse neighborhoods and schools in the country, and I worry that pairing East Anchorage districts with South Anchorage or Eagle River would deny our diverse East Anchorage communities their right to be fairly represented and I believe this could violate the Voting Rights Act.

Pairings should be completed by joining Districts 18 and 23 and Districts 17 and 19. The 17+19 pairing puts socio-economically similar neighborhoods of Mountain View, Russian Jack, Reflection Lake, and Chester Valley in the same district, allowing residents to elect a Senator who understands shared concerns. As a personal example, our family (in district 17) generally does our shopping at Costco on DeBarr, frequents Williwaw park/playground, and uses the bike trails that run up around Chester Creek and Tikishla Park on a daily basis.

With the pairing of HD18 with HD23, it seems to make sense to pair these two districts because the Scenic Foothills and Northeast Community Councils, which make up the bulk of HD18 and HD23, both already straddle Muldoon Road which a senate district pairing would do as well. Pairing Districts 18 and 23 will create a compact Muldoon district which will unite the neighborhoods along Muldoon Road into a single district.

Thank you again for your attention and efforts on this important work.
Sincerely,

Ellen Jaimes
[REDACTED]
Anchorage AK 99508

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Dena'inaq etnen'aq' gheshtnu ch'q'u yeshdu. (Dena'ina)
I live and work on the land of the Dena'ina. (English)

From: Leon Jaimes [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 1:03 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Senate Pairings

Hello,

We live in the current and new HD 17. I think that pairing HD 17 with HD 19 and pairing HD 18 and 23 make the most sense. The 17+19 pairing would put the socio-economically similar neighborhoods of Mountain View, Russian Jack, Reflection Lake, and Chester Valley in the same district, allowing these residents to elect a Senator who understands their concerns. We generally do our shopping at Costco on DeBarr. We frequently use the Williwaw park playground for our daughter, and we use the bike trails that run up that way around Chester Creek and Tikishla Park well. We are active supporters of the Grow North Farm, Mountain View Drive, Anchorage, AK in Mountain View and we have several friends who live in the HD19 and the new HD18, so we frequently go back and forth between those neighborhoods, more so than any other.

With the pairing of HD18 with HD23, it seems to make sense to pair these two districts because the Scenic Foothills and Northeast Community Councils, which make up the bulk of HD18 and HD23, both already straddle Muldoon Road which a senate district pairing would do as well.

Thank you all for your hard work and dedication!

Leon Jaimes
Anchorage, AK 99508
[REDACTED]

From: Allen Kemplen <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 10:07 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: November 7, 2021, 10:06 pm

First Name: **Allen**

Last Name: **Kemplen**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **President, Fairview Community Council**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

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

Public Comment: **Members of the Redistricting Board,**

Thank you for all your hard work the past few months. It is appreciated.

I encourage you to group the Districts covering the Historic Four neighborhoods: Fairview, Downtown, South Addition and Government Hill. It is important for our Legislators to represent common issues held by their constituents. Keeping these four traditional neighborhoods within the same Senate District pairing ensures their shared interests are adequately represented.

Thank you.

From: Ken Kugel [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 4:18 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: East Anchorage Senate Districts

Redistricting Board Members,

When deciding on the Senate district boundaries for East Anchorage, I respectfully request that you consider and accept these important points:

The Board has divided East Anchorage into 4 House districts which can pair into two East Anchorage Senate districts. This should be recognized by pairing Districts 18 and 23 and Districts 17 and 19.

- The public has spoken loud and clear that East Anchorage is a distinct community with very different needs from Eagle River and South Anchorage and the Board's Senate pairings should reflect this.
- Pairing Districts 18 and 23 will create a compact Muldoon district which will unite the neighborhoods along Muldoon Road into a single district
- Pairing Districts 17 and 19 would put the socio-economically similar neighborhoods of Mountain View, Russian Jack, Reflection Lake, and Chester Valley in the same district, allowing these residents to elect a Senator who understands their concerns.
- East Anchorage contains many of the most diverse neighborhoods and schools in the country, and pairing East Anchorage districts with South Anchorage or Eagle River would deny these diverse communities their right to be fairly represented and could violate the Voting Rights Act.

Thank You.

Kenneth Kugel

[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99508

From: Peggy [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 3:19 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Senate Pairings - District 17

Under the Final Redistricting Map, I will land in District 17. I have lived here for over 30 years. There are several possible pairings, but looking at East Anchorage as a whole, the pairing that makes the most sense is Districts 17 and 19, plus a pairing of Districts 18 and 23. This arrangement will give East Anchorage and its many diverse neighborhoods an adequate voice in the Alaska Senate. At the same time, pairing Districts 18 and 23 will maintain the integrity of the Muldoon section of East Anchorage.

Margaret Kugel
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99508

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: November 8, 2021, 10:01 am

Name: **Suzanne LaFrance**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Anchorage Assembly**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

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

Public Comment: **Dear Board Members:**

My name is Suzanne LaFrance and I represent South Anchorage, Girdwood and Turnagain Arm on the Anchorage Assembly. My district includes most of the Southeast Anchorage Upper and Lower Hillside.

I am writing to share with you my thoughts about Senate pairings which have largely arisen from my experience of representing my neighbors on the Assembly.

In looking at the map, the relative similarity of the neighborhoods in House Districts 15 and 9 stands out. Both districts share rural characteristics that define the Southeast Anchorage Hillside.

While there are areas within these districts that resemble more urban neighborhoods, they are mostly surrounded by homes with large lots and long driveways. Both districts have homes that are predominantly served by local road service areas and are on large lots, often with wells and septic systems.

For residents coming down the hill, each of these two districts contains the State-maintained thoroughfares that connect residents to the urban center.

Given the strong similarities between these two districts, please consider pairing them for the Senate as I believe this would best serve the interests of the residents of Southeast Anchorage.

**Sincerely,
Suzanne LaFrance
Anchorage Assembly
District 6 - South Anchorage, Girdwood & Turnagain Arm**

From: Steve Lindbeck [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 11:55 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: State Senate districts

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

November 7, 2021

To the Alaska Redistricting Board:

I write as a 32-year resident of Rogers Park (and the most recent past president of the Rogers Park Community Council) to encourage you to include the proposed House Districts 12 and 13 in the Senate District for this area.

These House districts represent a contiguous region with much in common. From the airport's air cargo hub in the west to Charter College in the east, the Benson-Northern Lights corridor is a key center of commerce and a linked residential region. In the regular business of the Rogers Park Community Council, we have communicated frequently with adjoining councils along this axis and brought a consistent viewpoint to local issues. A Senate district with this configuration would reflect and represent the realities of our community.

These neighborhoods are integrated socioeconomically and deserve a unified political voice in Juneau. I hope you'll make that voice real as you wrestle with the complex considerations involved in any redistricting plan.

With regards and thanks for your consideration,

Steve Lindbeck
Mobile: [REDACTED]

From: Katherine McDonald <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 3:33 PM
To: TJ Presley; Testimony
Subject: ++ Get Involved Response

A website response from the Get Involved form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: November 7, 2021, 3:33 pm

First Name: **Katherine**

Last Name: **McDonald**

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Comments: **Good afternoon,**

With the proposed AK map finalized, I wanted to provide public comment as to the Senate Districts within Anchorage.

I support the following combinations of House District pairing to create a Senate district.

HD 9 (Rabbit Creek) and HD 15 (Huffman/O'Malley)

HD 13 (Klatt/Bayshore) and HD 11 (Campbell Lake)

HD 16 (Abbott Loop) and HD 14 (Taku)

HD 16 (U-Med) and HD 19 (Mountain View)

HD18 (Muldoon) and HD 23 (Northeast Anchorage)

HD 12 (Kincaid) and HD 13 (Spenard)

HD 20 (Downtown) and HD 21 (JBER)

Thank you,

Katherine McDonald

Date: November 8, 2021, 6:14 am

Name: **Kevin McGee**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **NAACP, Anchorage, Alaska**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

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

Public Comment: **November 8, 2021**

Dear Redistricting Board Members,

I want to express my profound gratitude to the Board for carefully considering public comments on draft plans, civil rights considerations including the impact of minority voters in East Anchorage, and ultimately choosing the most Constitutional House districts for Anchorage. This is the most transparent, non-partisan redistricting process in Alaska history, and your work honors the letter and spirit of the law that Alaska voters established by Constitutional amendment.

As you deliberate on Senate pairings, I urge you to continue keeping civil rights considerations at the forefront as you pair districts in East Anchorage, JBER, Mountain View, Russian Jack, Government Hill, and Downtown, which are Anchorage's most diverse neighborhoods.

One Senate pairing configuration is visually obvious: Take the four House seats in East Anchorage (HDs 17,18, 19,23), and pair them into two Senate seats. Pair Downtown (HD 20) with Government Hill/JBER (HD 21), which is logical since it unites Downtown into a Senate seat, and protects minority voters' voice.

Though less visually obvious, another pairing configuration also can ensure minorities' vote, and voice in the electoral process is protected. Pair HD 21/HD 19, HD 16/HD 17, and HD 23/HD 18. This configuration protects minority voters' voice at the Senate level, and logically links adjacent neighborhoods with JBER. Effectively, it ensures our most diverse neighborhoods have a real voice in three Senate districts.

I respectfully request that the Board continue to listen to public input and reject pairings of Anchorage/JBER and Eagle River House districts. Any such pairing would disenfranchise minorities in JBER/East Anchorage of a voice in Senate elections, and this would be unacceptable from a civil rights perspective. As you know, in 2010 the redistricting board gerrymandered East Anchorage and Eagle River districts together, which eliminated former Senator Bettye Davis. These illegal lines were thrown out in court, and the 2013 Proclamation Districts restored voting rights protections to East Anchorage neighborhoods. You have correctly kept East Anchorage and Eagle River districts distinct thus far, and I urge you to continue honoring voting rights as you complete Senate pairings. Fortunately, two Eagle River House seats conveniently pair into a single Senate district, so the most compact, contiguous, and socioeconomically integrated Senate district is comprised of those two Eagle River House seats.

I applaud your diligent and conscientious work to date. With a continued focus on the law and voting rights, generations of Alaskans will look to this Board as an example of how to craft non-partisan maps that respect communities and protect the franchise.

//signed//

Kevin McGee

President, Anchorage NAACP

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: November 7, 2021, 5:03 pm

Name: **Harry Need**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **South Addition Community Council**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Anchorage Senate Pairings**

Public Comment: **Dear Members of the Redistricting Board,**

Thank you for continuing to take public input, including on the upcoming issue of Senate pairings.

My neighbors and I applaud the Board for your work to date. Adoption of "V4 Best" for Anchorage districts demonstrates you followed the spirit of the law, establishing the most compact districts possible that respect our distinct neighborhoods and protect minority voters.

As you deliberate on Senate pairings, we wish to offer two scenarios that logically integrate neighborhoods in the Downtown, Government Hill, Midtown, and Airport Heights neighborhoods.

It would make sense to pair House District 20 and HD 21 so that the urban core of Downtown Anchorage is in a single Senate seat. HD 13 and HD 12 then would pair into a Northern Lights corridor district, allowing the four East Anchorage districts to pair into two Senate districts -- consistent with Northeast Community Council input.

It is alternatively logical to pair HD 20 and HD 13, creating contiguity from Downtown through Midtown in the Minnesota/Arctic/A/C corridors, and keeping the Chester Creek valley/North Star neighborhoods within a Senate District. Under this configuration, HD 21 would pair well with HD 19, HD 23 with HD 18, and HD 17 with HD 16 to protect minority voting rights in multiple Senate districts stretching into East Anchorage.

Compatible with many public comments you have already received, I urge you not to pair Eagle River and Anchorage House Districts.

Either of these configurations will be well-received in our neighborhoods and consistent with your Constitutional directives. I am writing as an individual Community Council leader since the quick pace of your deliberations does not allow whole Community Councils to meet and vote on every element of redistricting plans.

I appreciate the ongoing opportunities for public comment and your hard work to listen to input from across the state.

Very respectfully,

**Harry W. Need, Executive Board Member
South Addition Community Council (HD 20)**

From: Lizzie Newell [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 11:42 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Districts 9 and 15. Keep Hillside and Huffman/O'Malley CCs intact

District 15 contains parts of 3 community council areas: Abbott Loop, Hillside, and Huffman/O'Malley. While personally, I'd like to be with the rest of Abbott Loop(16), doing so would split Hillside and Huffman/O'Malley.

We should keep community council areas intact as much as possible.

This will reduce the number of community council meetings that senators need to attend and so make for better representation. By taking on 10, the senator from 9 adds 3 community council areas/meetings. By taking on 15, the senator takes on only 1 more. The number of communities in 9 is high already (7 of them) stretching a senator rather thin. 3 additional communities (10 total) makes adequate representation nearly impossible. Let's keep it to 8.

Thank you

--Elizabeth Newell

[REDACTED]
99507

From: Jason Norris <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 10:08 AM
To: TJ Presley; Testimony
Subject: ++ Get Involved Response

A website response from the Get Involved form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: November 8, 2021, 10:07 am

First Name: **Jason**

Last Name: **Norris**

Email Address: [REDACTED]


Comments: **I would like to submit that Districts 15 and 9 should be paired. Economically, school zoning-wise, and spatially, those two are a better fit than 15 with either 10 or 16. Thank you for your consideration.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: November 7, 2021, 7:14 pm

Name: **Patrice Parker**
Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Email or Phone Contact: 

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Downtown Anchorage neighborhoods**

Public Comment: **I agree with my neighbors who submitted these comments:**

Adoption of "V4 Best" for Anchorage districts demonstrates you followed the spirit of the law, establishing the most compact districts possible that respect our distinct neighborhoods and protect minority voters.

As you deliberate on Senate pairings, we wish to offer two scenarios that logically integrate neighborhoods in the Downtown, Government Hill, Midtown, and Airport Heights neighborhoods.

It would make sense to pair House District 20 and HD 21 so that the urban core of Downtown Anchorage is in a single Senate seat. HD 13 and HD 12 then would pair into a Northern Lights corridor district, allowing the four East Anchorage districts to pair into two Senate districts -- consistent with Northeast Community Council input.

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We believe either of these configurations will be well-received in our neighborhoods and consistent with your Constitutional directives. We are writing as individual Community Council leaders since the quick pace of your deliberations does not allow whole Community Councils to meet and vote on every element of redistricting plans.

We appreciate the ongoing opportunities for public comment and your hard work to listen to input from across the state.

From: Pat Race [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 10:17 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Senate Pairings

Hi, I'm from Juneau. I think it makes sense for our two house districts to be under one senate seat.

Also, I want to thank you for the work you've done. I was vocally critical during the Juneau meeting but I feel like the board listened to my concerns and addressed them. You've done good work and fair work and that's very much appreciated.

-Pat Race

From: C & J Rodriguez [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 1:40 AM
To: Testimony <testimony@akredistrict.org>
Subject: Re: Testimony: Senate District Divisions

Greetings, members of the Redistricting Board,

My name is Jamie Rodriguez and I'm writing on behalf of myself, my family, and, unofficially, several of our neighbors. We've all been following this year's redistricting process with great interest.

We live in the current District 28 (HD9 per board maps), having moved to this neighborhood in July of 1983. We've raised our children here, I was a Scout leader here, taught seven of my 30 year teaching career at Girdwood and Bear Valley Schools, and helped open and taught for eighteen years at Polaris K-12 School, which drew many families from this corner of town. My experiences have allowed me to know our area and families well. Thus, I feel that I can speak with some useful knowledge today.

Combining the new HD9 with HD15 would be a natural match. The new HD9 and 15 have much in common, that meet requirements put forth in the Redistricting law. Here are some of the many commonalities I see with the new HD9 with HD15, in no particular order:

Our two districts both have a lower, mid-, and upper hillside and thus share many the same delights, headaches, and challenges common to each elevation and we know how to navigate them at all times of the year. We share the same mountain weather systems and longer winters.

Living along Huffman Road, many of the children from both districts, attend the same schools, pulling students and their families from both sides of the boundaries.

It's the same with the many churches along our boundaries and connecting arteries, with families from both districts attending the same churches. This creates area and neighborhood bonds that provide many social opportunities and friendships.

It's much the same with shopping, sports teams, and the myriad of daily life activities. We hike the same trails, walk, walk our dogs, walk our kids and grand kids, ride bikes, and even ride horses back and forth between our two neighboring districts.

In contrast, the new HD10 to the west of the new HD9, is relatively far away due to being cut off by the Seward Highway resulting in only two main entries between our two districts. Not only are we divided by distance, we don't share the same schools and rarely churches as we're already well-stocked with the wide varieties much closer to home. While we may be friendly, we just don't share much, especially in person, due to the distance. With the exception of Carr's Huffman, most if the new HD10 looks west for good shopping. That district would be a more natural fit with the new HD11, the immediate district to the west.

Our Huffman-O'Malley and Hillside Community Councils also overlap both districts. It can be a huge challenge for our representatives to have to visit multiple councils, especially when dates and times overlap. Pairing the new HD9 and 15 will ease this a bit. It will also allow constituents to interact more often with their representatives who are able to show up. The ability to combine meetings will allow our representatives a little family/down time. Giving our representatives breaks like this will ultimately allow them to do a better job.

Our district, the new HD9, is already so spread out, all the way to Girdwood and Portage and the addition of Whittier. It would be a relief to have a little break to the north with the easy, close by connection with the new HD15. I know that I'm not the only one that feels this way. We would very much appreciate your consideration with this point.

All in all, combining the new HD9 & 15 into one Senate District is the most logical and pragmatic way to go. It simply makes the most sense. These are all points that I've observed over the years living in this area. It's all basic knowledge that anyone who's been in this area for awhile comes to know in their bones.

Thank you for your serious consideration of the concerns I've outlined for you today.

Sincerely,

Jamie Rodriguez and family

Anchorage, HD28 (HD9 per Board Maps)

From: Russell Marilyn [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 2:59 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Districts 14 and 16

Hello,
I believe that Districts 14 and 16 should be paired.
And pairing them for a Senate District makes good sense to me!
Thank you for your efforts.
Best,
Marilyn

Marilyn Russell
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99507

From: Linda Schandelmeier <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 10:28 AM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: November 8, 2021, 10:28 am

First Name: **Linda**

Last Name: **Schandelmeier**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99709**

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

Public Comment: **Dear Board Members,**

I am a life-long Alaskan, raised on a homestead near Anchorage. I currently live in Fairbanks, having moved here 54 years ago.

I taught at several different public schools in Fairbanks which gives me an understanding of socioeconomic differences in different parts of the community. Based on this understanding, I believe the following pairing make the most sense for the Interior: 32 with 36, 33 with 34, and 31 with 35.

Districts 32 and 36 have been traditionally linked. Districts 33 and 34 comprise the west and east city of Fairbanks. Districts 31 and 35 are areas to the southeast of the Fairbanks metropolitan area.

Thank you for your consideration,

Linda Schandelmeier

From: Kyra S. [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 8:54 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Senate pairings

I live at [REDACTED], which puts me right at the western edge of the new District 14. For representation in the Senate, it seems like it would make the most sense to pair District 14 with District 16 to form a larger Midtown district. The bottom part of District 14 is obviously pretty similar to the top part of District 10, but with the divisions the way they are, it seems more important to pair District 10 with District 11 because the Bayshore and Oceanview neighborhoods have so much in common. For similar reasons, the two major Hillside districts--15 and 9--would have a lot of the same interests.

Thanks for reading.

Kyra Sherwood

Date: November 7, 2021, 5:17 pm

Name: **John Thurber** Group Affiliation, if applicable: **South Addition Community Council**
Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED] Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Public Comment: **Dear Members of the Redistricting Board,**

Thank you for continuing to take public input, including on the upcoming issue of Senate pairings.

My neighbors and I applaud the Board for your work to date. Adoption of "V4 Best" for Anchorage districts demonstrates you followed the spirit of the law, establishing the most compact districts possible that respect our distinct neighborhoods and protect minority voters.

As you deliberate on Senate pairings, we wish to offer two scenarios that logically integrate neighborhoods in the Downtown, Government Hill, Midtown, and Airport Heights neighborhoods.

It would make sense to pair House District 20 and HD 21 so that the urban core of Downtown Anchorage is in a single Senate seat. HD 13 and HD 12 then would pair into a Northern Lights corridor district, allowing the four East Anchorage districts to pair into two Senate districts -- consistent with Northeast Community Council input.

It is alternatively logical to pair HD 20 and HD 13, creating contiguity from Downtown through Midtown in the Minnesota/Arctic/A/C corridors, and keeping the Chester Creek valley/North Star neighborhoods within a Senate District. Under this configuration, HD 21 would pair well with HD 19, HD 23 with HD 18, and HD 17 with HD 16 to protect minority voting rights in multiple Senate districts stretching into East Anchorage.

Compatible with many public comments you have already received, we urge you not to pair Eagle River and Anchorage House Districts.

We believe either of these configurations will be well-received in our neighborhoods and consistent with your Constitutional directives. We are writing as individual Community Council leaders since the quick pace of your deliberations does not allow whole Community Councils to meet and vote on every element of redistricting plans.

We appreciate the ongoing opportunities for public comment and your hard work to listen to input from across the state.

**Very respectfully,
John Thurber
South Addition Community Council (HD 20)**

From: Cathy Gleason [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 9:15 PM
To: Testimony
Cc: Dan Gleason
Subject: Alaska Redistricting Board-Senate Districts
Attachments: 2021-AK Redistricting TCC I. Nov. 1, 2021 (ratified Nov. 4, 2021).pdf

Alaska Redistricting Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the 10-year Alaska Redistricting Senate map the Board will be developing this week.

I (Cathy) previously submitted comments on behalf of Turnagain Community Council (TCC) in West Anchorage on two draft versions of the House District maps (see November 1, 2021, TCC comment letter attached); those comments expressed concerns regarding the division of the TCC boundaries into three House Districts (we currently only have two). Those TCC comments were ratified at our November 4, 2021, general membership meeting.

Unfortunately, the Alaska Redistricting Board (Board) adopted a finalized House District map on November 5, 2021, (currently posted on the Redistricting website); this map now formally divides the TCC boundaries into **three** district areas (Districts 12, 13 & 20).

My husband, Daniel, and I want to reiterate the concerns we and many other TCC members have with regard to fragmenting the House and Senate District representation in our Turnagain neighborhood. We currently reside in House District 21, Senate District K, as do the majority of Turnagain residents. This has served our area well.

As the Alaska Redistricting Board considers drawing Senate District boundaries, it is important you minimize the number of Senate Districts that will be representing the Turnagain areas to avoid Senate "representation fragmentation."

For consistent Senate representation in our area, please consider pairing House Districts 12 and 13 into a single Senate District. With the exception of a portion of northeast Turnagain being represented by a separate Senate District, this pairing would best conform to the Alaska Redistricting Map requirements/criteria: compactness, contiguity, socio-economic integration and equality of population — and would inherently reflect Anchorage Municipal Code 2.40.040(A), which describes community council boundaries as "natural communities, with common interests and a district identity."

Sincerely,

Cathy and Daniel Gleason
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, Alaska 99517

Turnagain Community Council

c/o TCC Vice President & Acting President Cathy L. Gleason
tccpresident@yahoo.com - 907-248-0442

November 1, 2021

(sent via email)

This letter was ratified at the Turnagain Community Council November 4, 2021, general membership meeting by a vote of: YES 32 NO 2

RE: Draft Alaska Redistricting Proposals, Map Version 3 & Map Version 4

Alaska Redistricting Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the 10-year Alaska Redistricting Mapping Options now out for public comment. I am currently serving as Vice President/Acting President (and Past President) of Turnagain Community Council (TCC), an all-volunteer neighborhood group in West Anchorage.

Currently, a small portion in the northeast area of the TCC boundaries in Anchorage is within Rep. Harriet Drummond's District (District 18) — with the majority of our neighborhood and council boundaries — including a portion of Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport (TSAIA) represented by Rep. Matt Claman (District 21). This has served our community council well to-date, but in both draft Map Versions 3 and 4, the Turnagain neighborhood/TCC boundary is divided into unacceptable segments.

Draft Map Version 3:

In Draft Map Version 3, a very small portion of the West Turnagain neighborhood is segregated into an area identified as the new District 18, which also encompasses all of TSAIA, and parts of Southwest Anchorage and the Midtown area. This makes no sense, as West Turnagain has much stronger ties with the remaining portions of the Turnagain neighborhood, than with Midtown, in particular. And *all of the Turnagain area* is affect by its 'neighbor', TSAIA in both positive and negatives ways. **Even worse, Draft Map Version 3 divides the TCC boundaries into three separate districts — Districts 16, 17 & 18.**

Draft Map Version 4:

In Draft Map Version 4, a very small portion of the East Turnagain neighborhood (Captain Cook Estates neighborhood south of West Northern Lights Blvd.) is also segregated into a separate District from the remaining TCC neighborhood south and west of Fish Creek (the creek is TCC's boundary in this area). As with Version 3, this ends up dividing the TCC boundaries into three separate districts — **District 12, 13 & 20).**

Turnagain Community Council Request:

As one of the more active community council in Anchorage, we invite our State Senators and Representatives to our monthly meetings to provide Legislative Reports. Allowing enough time on our agenda for reports from representation of two different Districts is sometimes challenging — can't imagine having time at our meetings to hear from representation from three Districts, if either the Version 3 or Version 4 map, as now presented, is approved by your Redistricting Board.

- As per Anchorage Municipal Code (AMC 2.40.040(A), current **community council boundaries inherently reflect “natural communities, with common interests and a district identity.”**
- As per the Alaska Redistricting Map Requirements, **“The Alaska Constitution requires that new districts meet for criteria: compactness, contiguity, socio-economic integration and equality of population.”**
- The new State Redistricting Map should closer align with existing local neighborhood and community council boundaries. **By including the Captain Cook Estates area within District 12 in the Version 4 Map, this would retain the two-District representation Turnagain Community Council now has in place.**

Representation by more than two Districts is not conducive to productive neighborhood engagement with our Alaska State Senators and Representatives — and it would put additional burdens on these elected legislators to juggle communication and meaningful engagement with multiple Anchorage community councils in West Anchorage.

Please take into account community council boundaries in Anchorage when determining where, logically, the redistricting lines are drawn for West Anchorage.

Sincerely,

Cathy L. Gleason
Turnagain Community Council Vice President and Acting President

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Anchorage, AK 99517
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ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: November 8, 2021, 8:18 am

Name: **Michelle Turner**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Fair representation and maintenance of integrated socio-economic senate pairings**

Public Comment: **Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on redistricting. I want to acknowledge the hard work that went in to development of the 2021 Final Redistricting Map. I believe that the final map is fair and meets the requirements of Article VI of the Alaska Constitution. I encourage the Redistricting Board to continue in this vein in determining district pairs for senate representation. I reviewed the 2021 Final Redistricting Map adopted by the Board considering the relevant characteristics outlined in Article VI, Section 6 of the Alaska Constitution to develop these recommended senate pairs.**

Because the house districts have already been developed to be contiguous, compact, and containing equal population, these criteria do not need to be considered further. The relevant criteria that remain are that the senate districts be “Nearly as practicable a relatively integrated socio-economic area” and be composed of two contiguous house districts. Additionally, consideration may be given to local government boundaries. Based upon these criteria, I support the following pairings for the Anchorage area.

- **Districts 9 and 15 -Both Rabbit Creek (9) and Huffman/O’Malley (15) represent south Anchorage/hillside. They have similar demographics and a semi-rural nature with large lots with well and septic and have road service areas. Residents in these two districts have similar concerns as characterized by the fact that the majority of the districts lie within the boundaries of the Anchorage Home and Land Owner’s Association (HALO - <https://anchoragehalo.org/>) -an organization that is dedicated to promoting Anchorage Hillside rural way of life and maintaining the low density and character of this distinct community.**
- **Districts 10 and 11 -The Bayshore/Klatt/Sand Lake area is a distinct portion of Anchorage that is consistent throughout. The area of these two districts is represented by two Community Councils (Old Seward/Oceanview and Bayshore/Klatt). These are older neighborhoods that were established in the 1970s consisting of single-family homes with a large amount of greenspace (e.g., parks, Anchorage Coastal Refuge). In contrast with districts 9 and 15, these neighborhoods are denser, rely upon city water/sewer, and livestock and poultry are typically not allowed by home owners associations (e.g., Oceanview).**
- **Districts 18 and 23 -The two districts that make up the Muldoon Road corridor -South Muldoon (18) and North Muldoon (23), areas that have diverse demographics. This pairing would consolidate east Anchorage votes and allow for fairer representation than other pairing options.**

- **Districts 22 and 24 -The two Eagle River districts should be paired into a single Senate district. Eagle River is distinct geographically, demographically, and the area's politics are so different that there is active support for a resolution to separate Eagle River from the rest of the MOA Eagle River.**

Additionally, I believe the following pairings are appropriate socio-economically integrated pairings:

- **Districts 12 (Turnagain) and 13 (Spenard)**
- **Districts 14 (Taku/Campbell) and 16 (Abbott Loop)**
- **Districts 17 (Umed) and 19 (Mountain View)**
- **Districts 20 (Downtown) and 21 (JBER and Government Hill)**

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed redistricting. I look forward to seeing the final senate pairings and appreciate the Board's faithfulness to the redistricting requirements as outlined in the Alaska State Constitution.

November 7, 2021

To the Redistricting Board:

We are residents of House District 12 and we support combining District 12 with districts to the east, in particular, District 13, and do *not* support combining with District 11 to the south. Jim lived in Spenard (District 13) for 37 years, and in West Anchorage (District 12) for the past 25 years. Susan has lived in Downtown and Sand Lake for 10 years, and Spenard and West Anchorage for the past 33 years. Jim represented Spenard, West Anchorage and Sand Lake on the Anchorage Assembly from 1986 to 1993. Jim operated businesses and owned commercial property in District 13.

We support combining Districts 12 with District 13 to form a Senate district because the two districts are strongly connected socio-economically. The two districts share a common high school – West Anchorage High School. Many of the businesses that District 12 residents use are in District 13, such as Carrs Aurora Village, the Alaska Club, the stores in the Midtown Mall, Walmart and the New Seward Highway Fred Meyer. Carrs Aurora Village is a location where people congregate and interact from these two Districts, where groceries are purchased and prescriptions are filled, and people meet in the coffee shop or other coffee shop and restaurant locations along Northern Lights and Benson Boulevards. The Northern Lights Boulevard/Benson Boulevard Corridor begins at the edge of District 12 and runs through the center of District 13. It provides a direct and efficient east-west route between the two Districts.

District 11, to the south of District 12, does not have an efficient north – south running corridor for commercial activity to and from District 12. Residents do not patronize the same stores, their children attend a different high school – Dimond High. Districts 12 and 11 simply are separate communities in Anchorage.

Sincerely,

Susan Urig
Jim Kubitz


Anchorage, Alaska 99571

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: November 7, 2021, 6:04 pm

Name: **Daniel Volland**

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

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

Public Comment: **Thank you to the Alaska Redistricting Board for your efforts thus far in adopting a map where districts are contiguous, compact, socioeconomically integrated, and with acceptable population deviations. Yours has been a daunting task and you have risen to the challenge with the selection of the "V4 Best" map.**

As you begin the process of Senate pairings, I'm writing to advocate for the pairing of House Districts 20 and 21. As an independent voter and a business owner in Downtown (4th Ave and L St), it makes good sense to me that our city's core financial district be considered socioeconomically integrated and that it have a single Senate seat. This pairing would also keep combined two of Anchorage's most historic neighborhoods, South Addition and Government Hill.

In accordance with much of the public testimony you've heard, please do not pair Eagle River and Anchorage House Districts. It would make no sense, especially in the context of the constant background buzz about an "Eaglexit."

I am writing as an individual Community Council leader, since the quick pace of your deliberations does not allow whole Community Councils to meet and vote on every element of redistricting plans.

Sincerely,

Dr. Daniel Volland, Vice President

South Addition Community Council (HD 20)

From: Tyler Watson [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 5:28 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Senate Pairings Testimony

Dear Redistricting Board Members,

I'm writing as a resident of the new HD 18. I want to thank the board for choosing the final map that you chose as it preserves the East Anchorage community that myself and so many others have testified on. In the same spirit, I hope that you will consider pairing HD 18 with HD 23 or HD 17. To pair our new district with a district to the south or east of us would put us in with communities in South Anchorage and Eagle River who have very different community concerns than we do. Whereas we share many things in common with our neighbors to the north and west. Thanks for all your hard work. I've enjoyed watching the proceedings and discussions y'all have been having.

Regards,

Tyler Watson
Anchorage, AK
HD 18


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Tyler Watson
Email: [REDACTED]
Cell: [REDACTED]

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: November 7, 2021, 5:04 pm

Name: **Ryan Webb**
Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Email or Phone Contact: 

Public Comment: **Dear Members of the Redistricting Board,**

Thank you for your hard work and for continuing to take public input on the upcoming issue of Senate pairings.

As you deliberate on Senate pairings, we wish to suggest two scenarios that logically integrate neighborhoods in the Downtown, Government Hill, Midtown, and Airport Heights neighborhoods.

It would make sense to pair House District 20 and HD 21 so that the urban core of Downtown Anchorage is in a single Senate seat. HD 13 and HD 12 then would pair into a Northern Lights corridor district, allowing the four East Anchorage districts to pair into two Senate districts -- consistent with Northeast Community Council input.

It is alternatively logical to pair HD 20 and HD 13, creating contiguity from Downtown through Midtown in the Minnesota/Arctic/A/C corridors, and keeping the Chester Creek valley/North Star neighborhoods within a Senate District. Under this configuration, HD 21 would pair well with HD 19, HD 23 with HD 18, and HD 17 with HD 16 to protect minority voting rights in multiple Senate districts stretching into East Anchorage.

Compatible with many public comments you have already received, we urge you not to pair Eagle River and Anchorage House Districts.

We believe either of these configurations will be well-received in our neighborhoods and consistent with your Constitutional directives.

We appreciate the ongoing opportunities for public comment and your hard work to listen to input from across the state.

Thank you,

Ryan Webb

From: E.J.R. David [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 11:37 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Senate Pairings

Dear Alaska Redistricting Board Members,

My name is E.J. David, and I am a resident of what looks to be District 18 based on the House District map you recently passed. Thank you for passing this map. I appreciate you respecting the boundaries of Muldoon, Mt. View, and Fairview and NOT pairing East Anchorage with Eagle River or South Anchorage. Many have testified that these communities are distinct in important ways and deserve their own districts.

On that note, I encourage you to make the following senate pairings to continue respecting the boundaries of Muldoon, Mt. View, and Fairview:

District 23 (North Muldoon) and District 18 (South Muldoon)

District 19 (Mt. View/ Airport Heights) and District 17 (U/Med)

The Board has divided East Anchorage into 4 House districts which can pair into two East Anchorage Senate districts. This should be recognized by pairing Districts 18 and 23 and Districts 17 and 19.

The public has spoken loud and clear that East Anchorage is a distinct community with very different needs from Eagle River and South Anchorage and the Board's Senate pairings should reflect this.

Pairing Districts 18 and 23 will create a compact Muldoon district which will unite the neighborhoods along Muldoon Road into a single district

Pairing Districts 17 and 19 would put the socio-economically similar neighborhoods of Mountain View, Russian Jack, Reflection Lake, and Chester Valley in the same district, allowing these residents to elect a Senator who understands their concerns.

East Anchorage contains many of the most diverse neighborhoods and schools in the country, and pairing East Anchorage districts with South Anchorage or Eagle River would deny these diverse communities their right to be fairly represented and could violate the Voting Rights Act.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

E.J. David

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'I live and work on the land of the Dena'ina.'

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E.J.R. David, Ph.D.  
Professor of Psychology  
Director, Alaska Native Community Advancement in Psychology (ANCAP) Program  
University of Alaska Anchorage  
Ph: [REDACTED]  
Fax: [REDACTED]

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**From:** Gary Newman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 2:17 PM  
**To:** Juli Lucky  
**Subject:** Fairbanks regional district senate pairing

Redistricting Board,

Listening to the testimony on the outlying Fairbanks districts, had the Board chosen to include Eielson AFB and south within District 36 instead of Goldstream, the Eielson-Delta-Greely connection would have made sense. That was rejected by the Board, despite extensive testimony to the contrary. Instead, the Board chose to move the Goldstream-northwest Fairbanks North Star Borough into the rural district 36 with the rationale that it was closer to being rural and less compelling to keep in Fairbanks over Eielson and south, despite the obvious and demonstrated socio-economic to Fairbanks and west Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB). A view of the potential population shift would have worked with minor changes further north.

As to senate pairings, based upon the Board's previous decision to move Goldstream out of the FNSB, the more compelling rationale is to at least keep the FNSB whole with inclusion in a senate district. Completing excluding Goldstream-northwest FNSB from any FNSB representation is untenable and indefensible when there is a solution to inclusion.

Thank you.

Gary

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Gary Newman

[REDACTED] home

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**From:** Yarrow Silvers <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 2:20 PM  
**To:** TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony  
**Subject:** ++ Map Comment Response

A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: November 8, 2021, 2:20 pm

First Name: **Yarrow**

Last Name: **Silvers**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

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

Public Comment: **My comments from today:**

**Please do not pair East Anchorage with Eagle River or South Anchorage. I am in district 18 according to this Map, South Muldoon. I would love to see North Muldoon, number 23 and South Muldoon, number 18, paired together as we are one integrated community connected by the Muldoon road corridor. If this is not practicable, District 17 and 18 together would be a good second choice for adequate representation of South Muldoon residents.**

**Eagle River and the suburbs towns North of Eagle River are one socio-economically integrated community and should be kept together for better representation, and not paired with East Anchorage or any other part of Anchorage or JBER, from which they are separated by many miles of highway, and from which they currently have a large movement to separate from.**

**South Anchorage would also be a poor pairing for district 18 on this map, as it is separated by miles of parkland. In fact, it is the lack of representation that I and my neighbors have experienced over the past year as a resident of 27N that actually prompted me to get involved in and testify about this process.**

**Finally I just want to say thank you for your hard work on this redistricting plan and for selecting Anchorage maps that are compact, socio-economically integrated, and respectful of public testimony.**



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**From:** Rep. Sara Rasmussen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 3:59 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Senate Pairings

Please consider pairing Sand Lake and Turnagain in the Senate map. This is crucial as most of our children go to the same schools, and is a very strong community that should remain under the same senate district.

Thank you,

Sara

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Robin Smith <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 4:14 PM  
**To:** TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony  
**Subject:** ++ Map Comment Response

A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: November 8, 2021, 4:13 pm

First Name: **Robin**

Last Name: **Smith**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99515**

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

Public Comment: **I concur with David Dunsmore's testimony on House pairings for the Senate districts.**

**Thank you for considering my thoughts. I appreciate your work to create a fair redistricting map for Alaska.**

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**From:** Jason Norris <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 5:37 PM  
**To:** TJ Presley; Testimony  
**Subject:** ++ Get Involved Response

A website response from the Get Involved form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: November 8, 2021, 5:37 pm

First Name: **Jason**

Last Name: **Norris**

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Comments: **Splitting the Eagle River districts is ill-advised and likely subject to legal challenges as it dilutes the minority vote in East Anchorage. I strongly urge you to reject this path forward.**

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**From:** Donna Mears [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 5:52 PM  
**To:** Testimony; Northeast Community Council  
**Subject:** Senate Pairings for NE Anchorage  
**Attachments:** NECC Resolution 2021-5 Redistricting Signed.pdf

I have presented testimony on behalf of the Northeast Community Council, and would like to comment again after this afternoon's discussion on Senate pairings. The NECC resolution was clear that we are bound together with socioeconomic and community ties. The proposed pairing of HD 18 with Eagle River is very much against the NECC resolution and community cohesion with Senate district pairings.

Since the NECC has not met since the attached resolution was passed, the remainder of this testimony is my own.

I agree with the statement that Eagle River (north or south) does not have sole claim on ties with JBER. There are active and retired service members throughout our community.

The pairing of HD 18 with 24 does not make sense. North and South Eagle River should be paired, and North and South Muldoon should be paired.

The pairings proposed by member Marcum this afternoon would put four Senators in the NECC area. There are currently three Senators within the boundaries of our district, although just 2 with voters (the third has Bartlett High School, AK Native Cultural Center, Centennial Park, AWWU Ship Creek Water Plant, etc.).

I am going to reiterate some of my testimony from Friday – I have been a board member on the NECC for the last 2.5 years. It is my observation that elected representatives that have a small amount of area within our CC area rarely, if ever, show up. Splitting the NECC amongst 4 Senators would disenfranchise our residents.

Personally, I live in the new HD 18, and rarely go into Eagle River. I do not have socioeconomic ties there.

There are real representation concerns with vastly different demographics represented in NE Anchorage vs Eagle River.

Please adopt the Senate pairings for Anchorage proposed by Member Bahnke, which pairs north and south Muldoon together.

Donna Mears  
NE Anchorage  
[REDACTED]

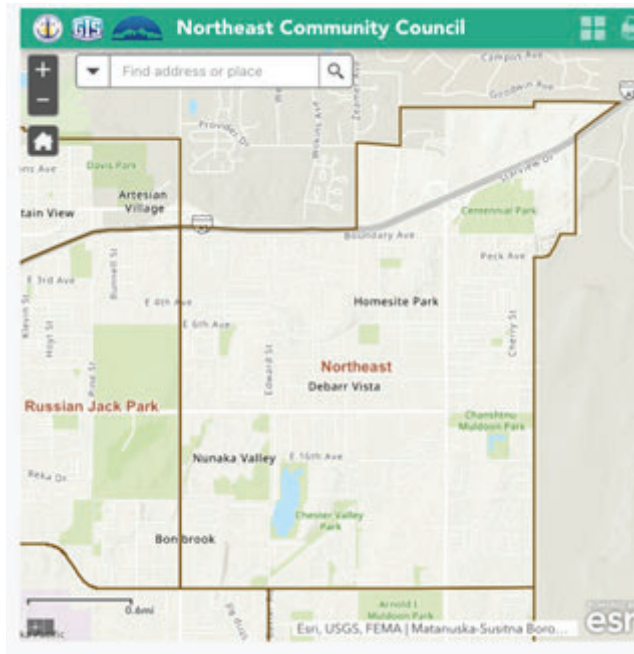
## Resolution 2021-5

Northeast Community Council (NECC)

October 21, 2021

### Statewide Redistricting

**WHEREAS**, the Northeast Community Council (NECC) is the Community Council that is the voice of the people of Northeast Anchorage and includes the following boundaries:



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

**WHEREAS**, 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

**Motion Passes** /    Motion Does Not Pass

President: *J Bak*

Secretary: *Rachel Bonner*

**From:** Peter Torkelson

**Sent:** Saturday, November 6, 2021 12:59 PM

**To:** John Binkley <[john.binkley@akredistrict.org](mailto:john.binkley@akredistrict.org)>; Nicole Borromeo <[nborromeo@nativefederation.org](mailto:nborromeo@nativefederation.org)>; Bethany Marcum <[bethany.marcum@akredistrict.org](mailto:bethany.marcum@akredistrict.org)>; Budd Simpson <[budd.simpson@akredistrict.org](mailto:budd.simpson@akredistrict.org)>; Melanie Bahnke <[melanie.bahnke@akredistrict.org](mailto:melanie.bahnke@akredistrict.org)>

**Cc:** TJ Presley <[TJ.Presley@akredistrict.org](mailto:TJ.Presley@akredistrict.org)>; Juli Lucky <[juli.lucky@akredistrict.org](mailto:juli.lucky@akredistrict.org)>

**Subject:** Wasilla City Boundary error fix

Good afternoon members,

Eric is hard at work on metes and bounds and reports that he has 10 districts completed so far. When we took a close look at the Matsu area he found an issue where our shapefile missed including a block that is within the city of Wasilla boundaries. Since the stated goal was to include the entire city, this would appear to be a clearcut issue – EXCEPT:

- 1) The block contains 10 people AND
- 2) The addition must be made to District 29 which happens to be our highest over-population in the entire plan. These means our total plan deviation is impacted negatively (7.64% becomes 7.70% total) if we take the simple/obvious fix of adding the missing block back to the City of Wasilla district (D29). There had to be better way. It took more block hunting, but the proposed screenshots below illustrate a triple swap solution which resulted in a total plan deviation drop from 7.64% to 7.48%.

Of course, we will bring this forward in a formal report on Monday, but I wanted you to see this now so that any concerns could be raised before Eric writes metes and bounds for these districts. Please see attached screenshots. The first labeled “Before” shows the state of the map as adopted, the second “after” shows the proposed fixes. The total plan deviation is noted in the upper right corner.

Please let me know if you have any objections to this approach.

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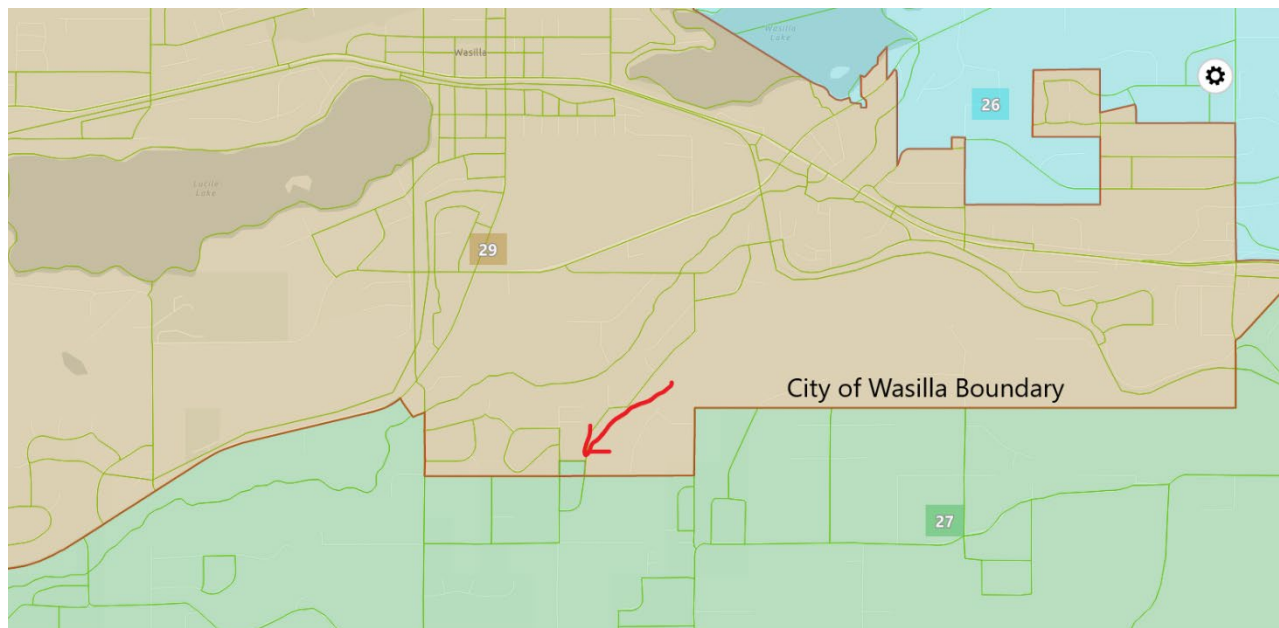


Figure 1 - City of Wasilla Boundary Detail

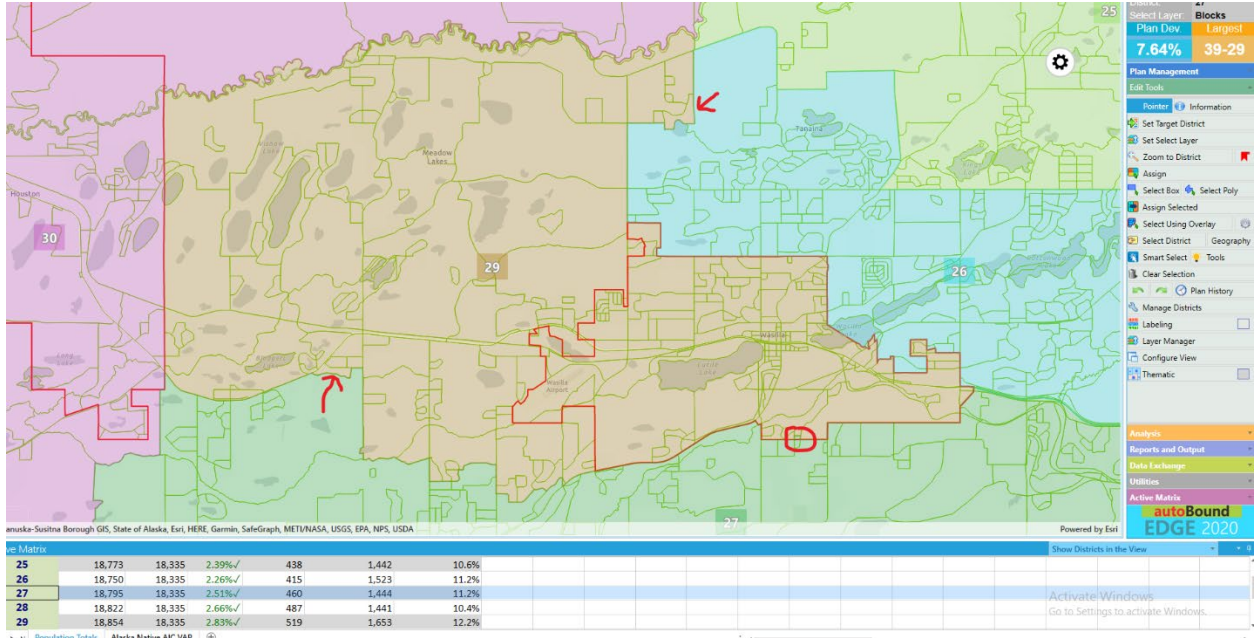


Figure 2 - D29-27-26 BEFORE

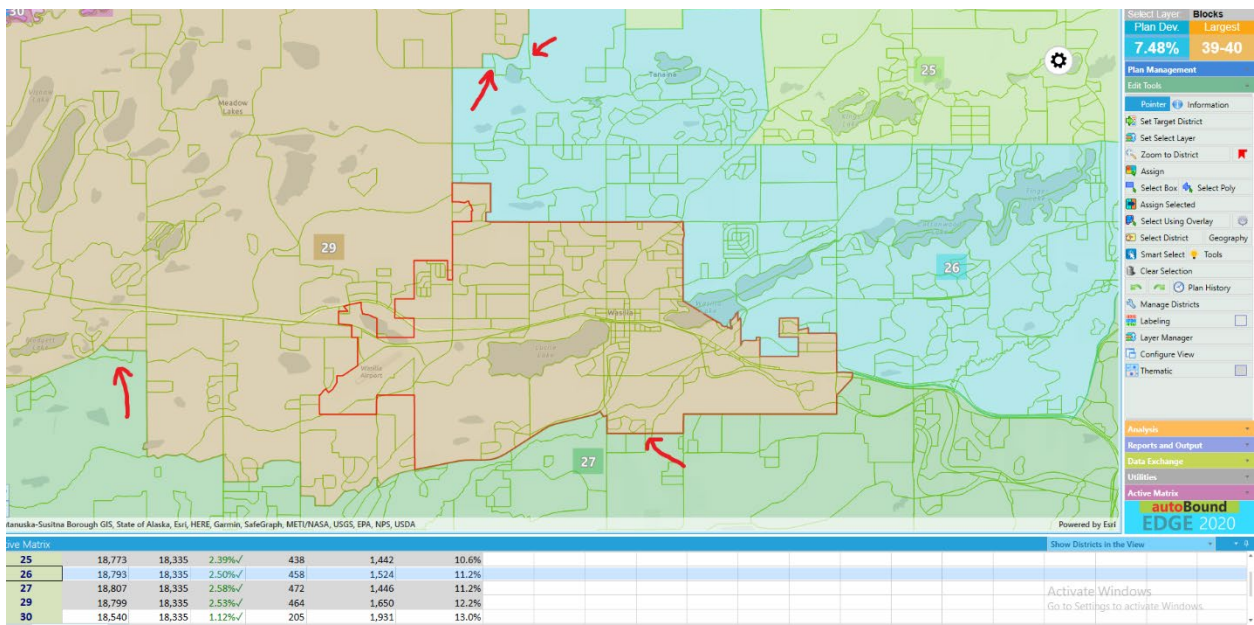


Figure 3- D29-27-26 AFTER



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**Cc:** TJ Presley <TJ.Presley@akredistrict.org>; Juli Lucky <juli.lucky@akredistrict.org>

**Subject:** Metes and Bounds, 4 person block swap details

Good afternoon members -- Eric the super hero has just completed the 13,066 word metes and bounds description of our adopted plan (attached). I gave him permission to make a number of zero population block changes to facilitate metes and bounds authoring, these are outlined in his email below. Please let me know if you have any concerns with these. I provided the shapefile to the Municipal and Borough GIS departments Friday evening but, disappointingly, no responses or issues reports have been received. Therefore not changes have been made in response to local government concerns.

There are two population related changes, one in Wasilla, which we covered yesterday, a new one found just as Eric was wrapping up. It involves moving 4 persons from D30 to D36 to allow the boundary to follow Nenana river. I have screenshots to present formally on Monday and they are attached here as well for your review. These screens are labeled BEFORE and AFTER to and include deviation tables. Two screenshots highlight the blocks to be moved, one for the zero blocks and one for the 4 person block. Please let me know if you have any concerns with this change.

Let me know if you have any questions,

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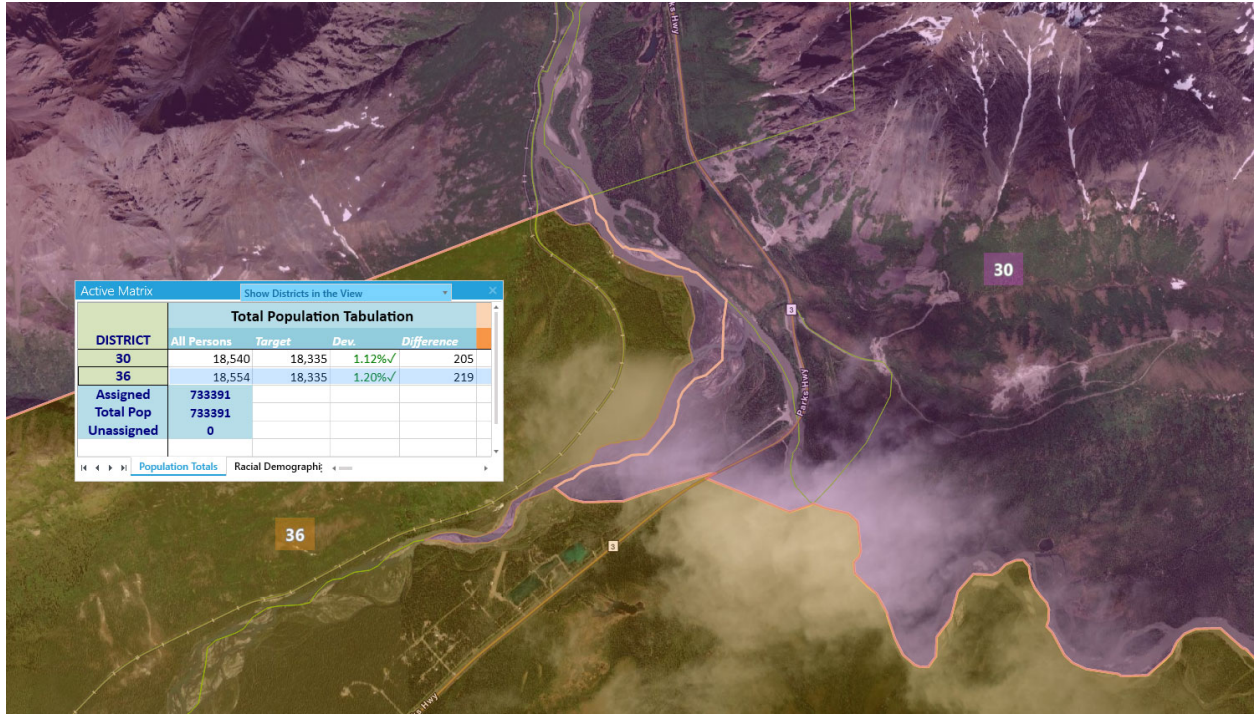


Figure 4 - 4 persons from D30 to D36 BEFORE

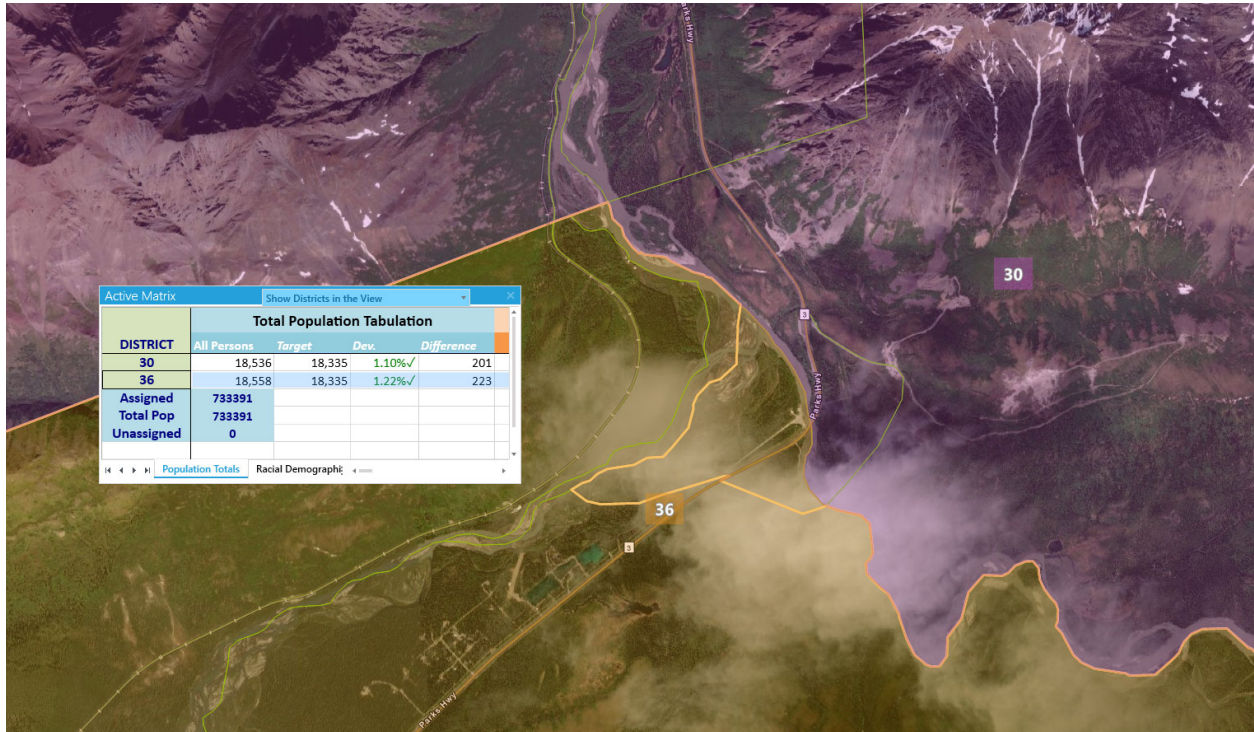


Figure 5 - 4 persons from D30 to D36 AFTER

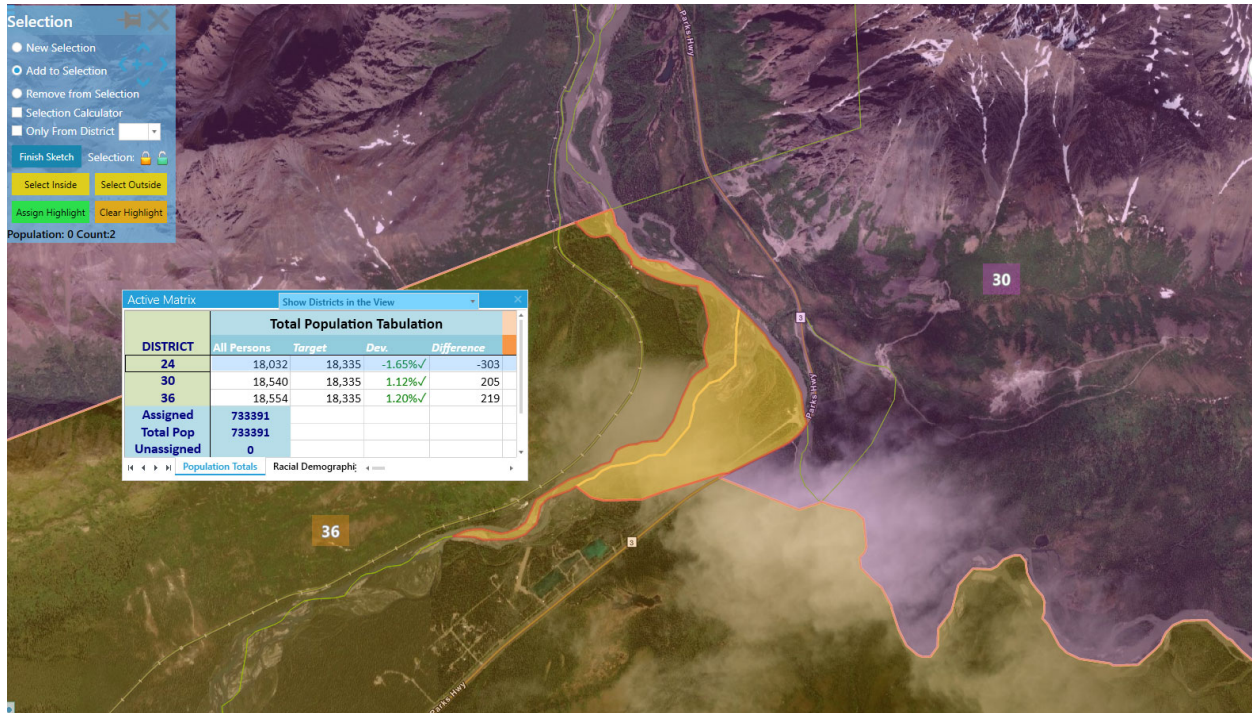


Figure 6 - 4 persons from D30 to D36: ZERO blocks

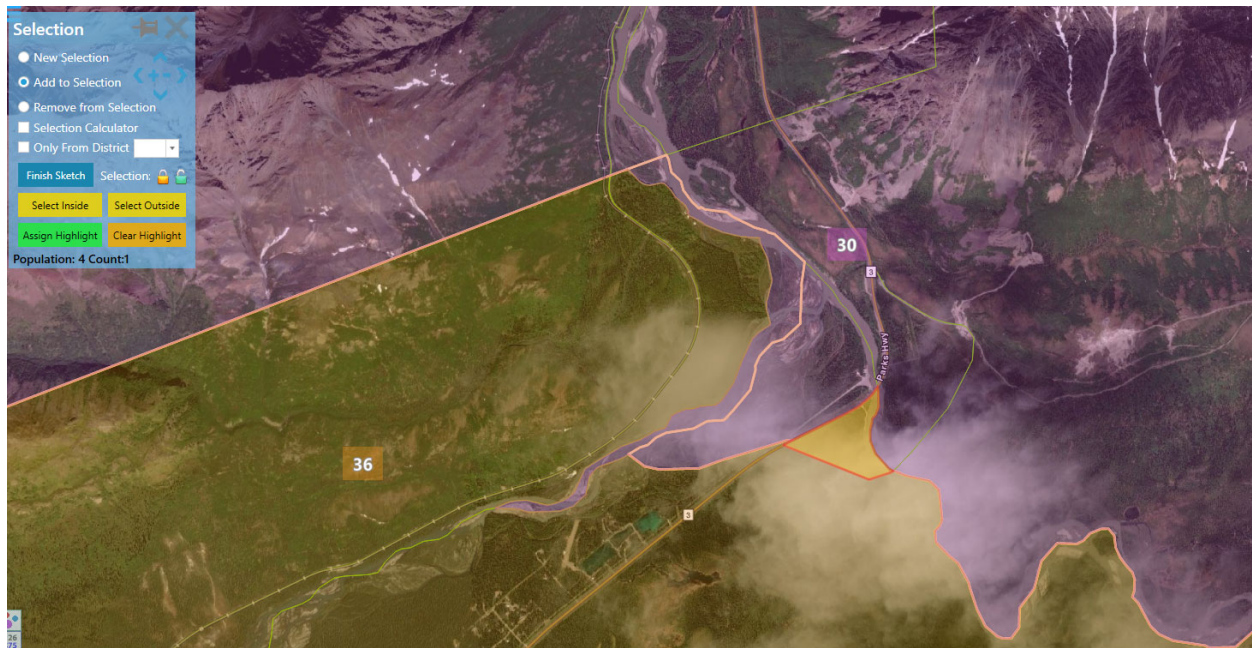
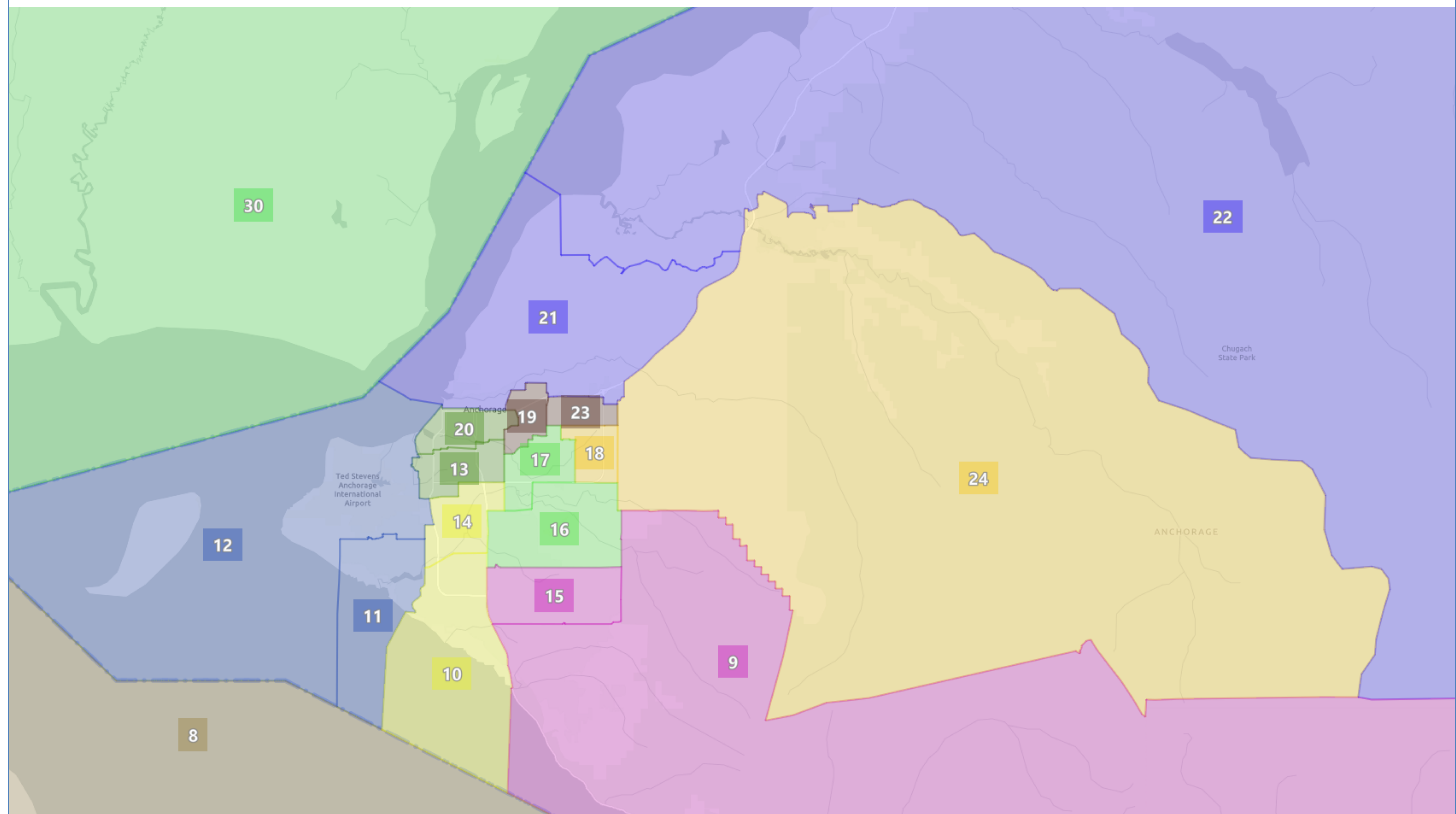
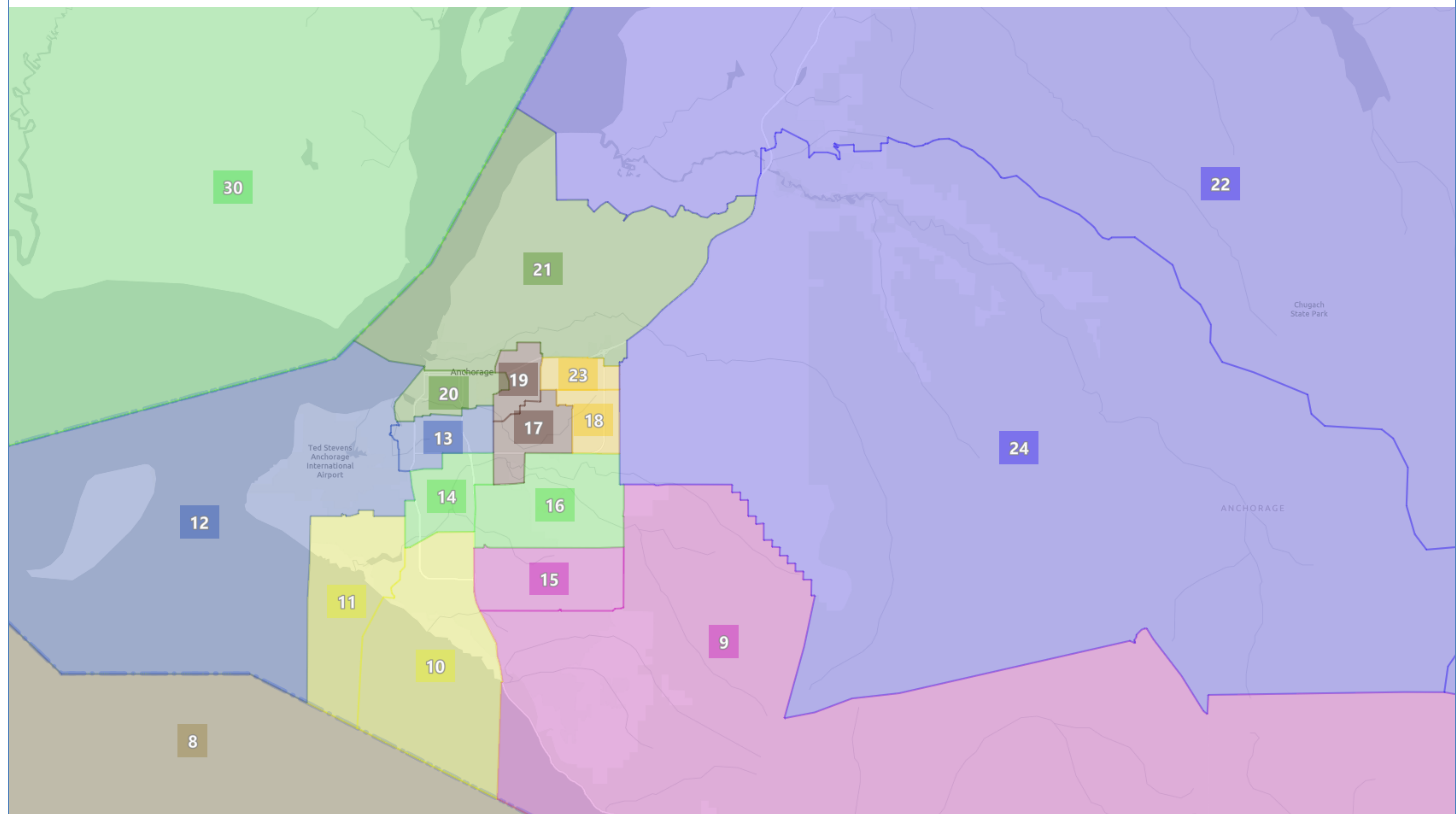


Figure 7 - 4 persons from D30 to D36: 4 person block



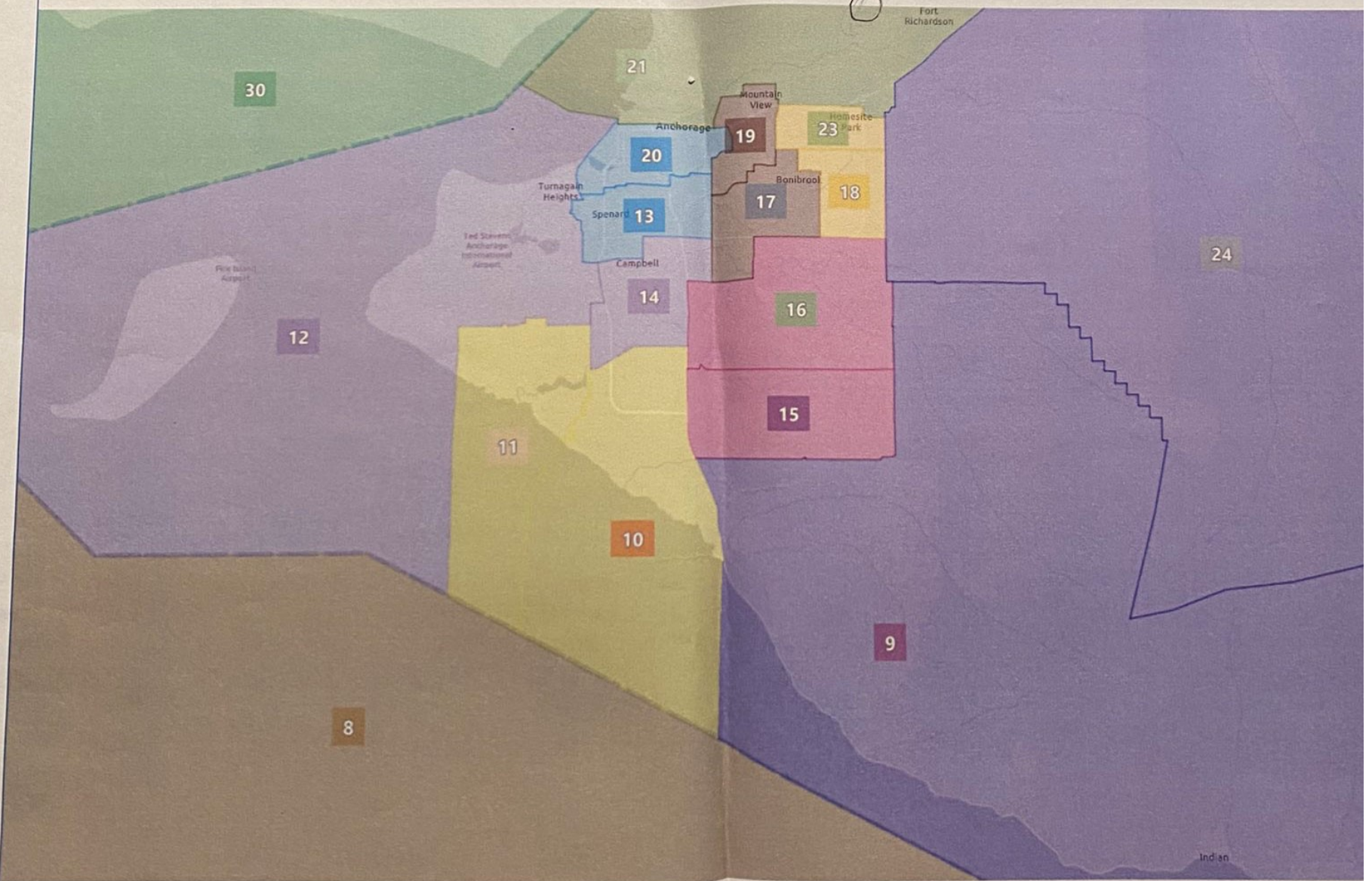


Melanie-Anchorage-Pairings <sup>Senate</sup> → **B**  
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Compromise map

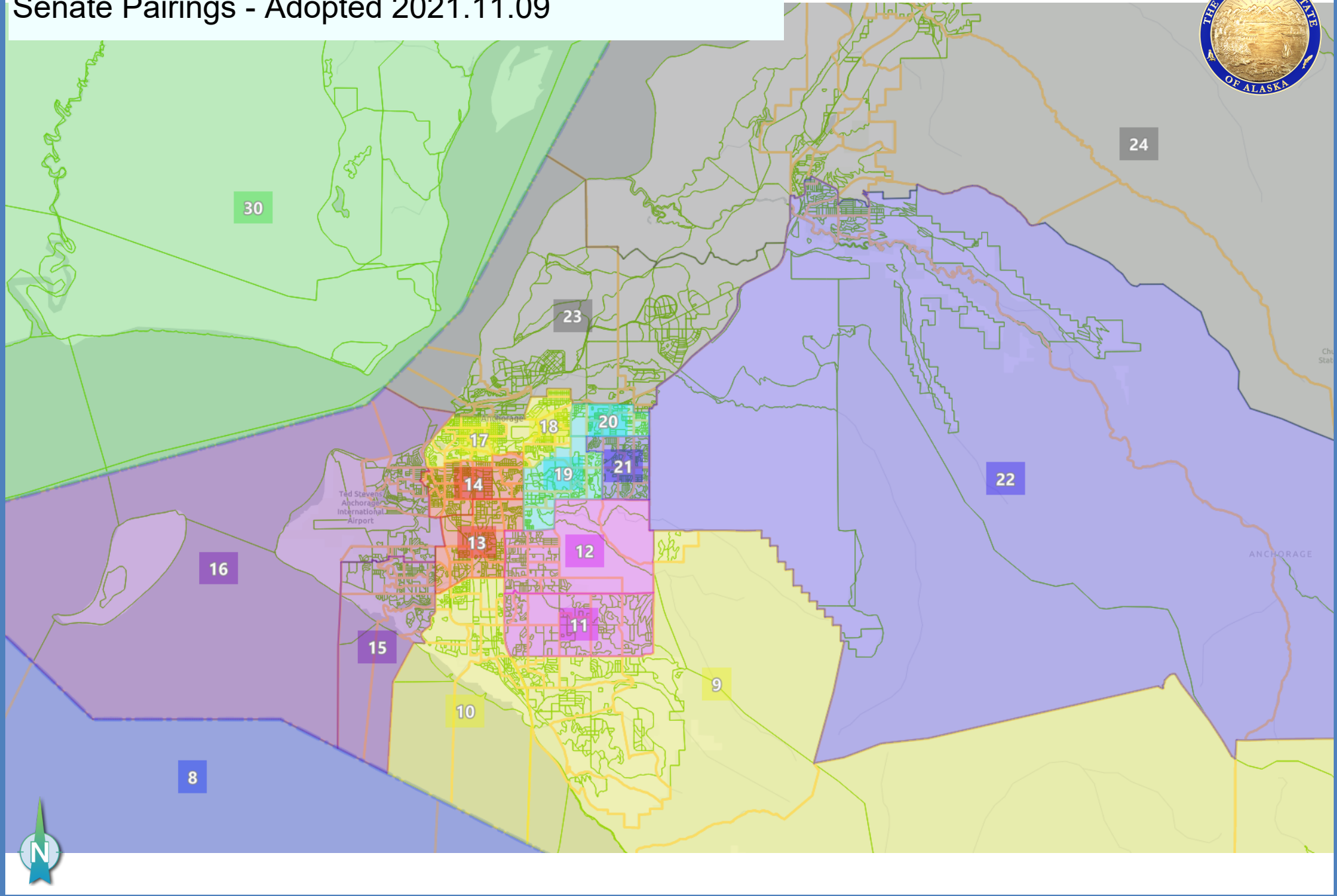


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Based on 2020 Census Geography and 2020 PL94-171 Data  
Map Gallery link: [www.akredistrict.org/maps](http://www.akredistrict.org/maps)

# Senate Pairings - Adopted 2021.11.09



AutoBound Edge MAP - Based on: 2020 Census Geography, 2010 PL94-171

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## Largest Remaining Constituency

46.5

47.0

49.7

52.0

60.9

66.6

71.2

73.8

75.5

78.3

83.7

88.3

92.5

95.0

95.0

95.6

97.5

## Percentage of Voter Change

53.5

53.0

50.3

48.0

39.1

33.4

28.8

26.2

24.5

21.7

16.3

11.7

7.5

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Sen. H1 H2

A 1 2

B 3 4

C 5 6

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F 11 12

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K 21 22

L 23 24

M 25 26

N 27 28

O 29 30

P 31 32

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R 35 36

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T 39 40

## 2021 Senate Term Allocation Table

|                              | New Senate District | Previous Senate District (election year) | Largest Remaining Constituency | Percentage of Constituency Change | Election years   | Truncated due to<br>(1) population change or<br>(2) election term assignment |
|------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ketchikan, Sitka             | A                   | R (2020)                                 | 98.1%                          | 1.9%                              | 2022, 2026, 2030 | <i>yes, term</i>                                                             |
| Juneau                       | B                   | Q (2018)                                 | 100.0%                         | 0.0%                              | 2022, 2024, 2028 | <i>yes, 2nd term</i>                                                         |
| Kodiak, Homer                | C                   | P (2020)                                 | 92.5%                          | 7.5%                              | 2022, 2026, 2030 | <i>yes, term</i>                                                             |
| Kenai/Soldotna/Nikiski       | D                   | O (2018)                                 | 95.0%                          | 5.0%                              | 2022, 2024, 2028 | <i>yes, 2nd term</i>                                                         |
| Anchorage                    | E                   | N (2020)                                 | 46.5%                          | <b>53.5%</b>                      | 2022, 2026, 2030 | <b><i>yes, population</i></b>                                                |
| Anchorage                    | F                   | M (2018)                                 | 95.0%                          | 5.0%                              | 2022, 2024, 2028 | <i>yes, 2nd term</i>                                                         |
| Anchorage                    | G                   | I (2018)                                 | 52.0%                          | <b>48.0%</b>                      | 2022, 2026, 2030 | <i>no truncation</i>                                                         |
| Anchorage                    | H                   | K (2018)                                 | 88.3%                          | 11.7%                             | 2022, 2024, 2028 | <i>yes, 2nd term</i>                                                         |
| Anchorage                    | I                   | J (2020)                                 | 83.7%                          | <b>16.3%</b>                      | 2022, 2026, 2030 | <b><i>yes, both</i></b>                                                      |
| Anchorage                    | J                   | H (2020)                                 | 75.5%                          | <b>24.5%</b>                      | 2022, 2024, 2028 | <b><i>yes, both</i></b>                                                      |
| Anchorage                    | K                   | G* (2018)                                | 49.7%                          | <b>50.3%</b>                      | 2022, 2026, 2030 | <i>no truncation</i>                                                         |
| Anchorage                    | L                   | G* (2018)                                | 47.0%                          | <b>53.0%</b>                      | 2022, 2024, 2028 | <i>yes, 2nd term</i>                                                         |
| Matsu                        | M                   | F (2020)                                 | 73.8%                          | <b>26.2%</b>                      | 2022, 2026, 2030 | <b><i>yes, population</i></b>                                                |
| Matsu                        | N                   | D (2020)                                 | 66.6%                          | <b>33.4%</b>                      | 2022, 2024, 2028 | <b><i>yes, population</i></b>                                                |
| Matsu                        | O                   | E (2018)                                 | 71.2%                          | <b>28.8%</b>                      | 2022, 2026, 2030 | <i>no truncation</i>                                                         |
| Fairbanks, City              | P                   | A (2018)                                 | 98.3%                          | 1.7%                              | 2022, 2024, 2028 | <i>yes, 2nd term</i>                                                         |
| North Pole/FNSB              | Q                   | B (2020)                                 | 78.3%                          | <b>21.7%</b>                      | 2022, 2026, 2030 | <b><i>yes, population</i></b>                                                |
| Interior/Ester               | R                   | C (2018)                                 | 60.9%                          | <b>39.1%</b>                      | 2022, 2024, 2028 | <b><i>yes, both</i></b>                                                      |
| Bristol Bay/Bethel           | S                   | S (2018)                                 | 95.6%                          | 4.4%                              | 2022, 2026, 2030 | <i>no truncation</i>                                                         |
| Northwest Arctic/North Slope | T                   | T (2020)                                 | 97.5%                          | 2.5%                              | 2024, 2028       | <i>no truncation</i>                                                         |

*Note: Previous senate seat G was split into new seats K and L*

*Note: Previous senate seat L was divided among new seats E, G and H and did not constitute a majority of any new seat*

2013 Amended Proclamation Senate Seat

|   |       | 2021 Board Proclamation Senate Seat |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|---|-------|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|   |       | A                                   | B     | C     | D     | E     | F     | G     | H     | I    | J     | K     | L     | M     | N     | O     | P     | Q     | R     | S     | T     |
| A |       |                                     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |       |       |       |       | 36206 |       |       |       |       |
| B |       |                                     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |       |       |       |       | 0     | 28869 | 6271  |       |       |
| C |       |                                     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |       |       |       | 1419  | 610   | 8013  | 22471 |       |       |
| D |       |                                     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |       | 9407  | 25054 | 9325  |       |       |       |       |       |
| E |       |                                     | 0     |       | 272   |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |       | 454   | 8193  | 26562 |       |       | 5300  |       |       |
| F |       |                                     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       | 7739  | 27768 | 4345  | 3     |       |       |       |       |       |
| G |       |                                     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       | 18205 | 16955 |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| H |       |                                     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      | 27585 | 1062  | 6559  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| I |       |                                     |       |       |       |       | 18916 | 274   | 5866  | 8909 |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| J |       |                                     |       |       |       |       | 176   | 0     | 30507 | 30   |       | 4802  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| K |       |                                     |       |       |       |       | 2881  | 32098 | 73    |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| L |       |                                     |       |       | 16698 |       | 14425 | 3978  |       |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| M |       |                                     |       |       | 2728  | 34493 | 0     |       |       |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| N |       |                                     |       |       | 17109 | 1827  |       |       |       |      |       | 17352 |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| O |       |                                     | 2796  | 35090 |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| P | 662   |                                     | 34345 | 1846  |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |       |       |       | 0     |       |       |       | 623   |       |
| Q | 12    | 36317                               |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| R | 35295 |                                     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| S |       |                                     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | 1072  | 34495 | 919   |
| T |       |                                     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | 1811  | 961   | 35358 |

2013 Amended Proclamation Senate Seat

|              |       | 2021 Board Proclamation Senate Seat |         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|--------------|-------|-------------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|              |       | A                                   | B       | C      | D      | E      | F      | G      | H      | I      | J      | K      | L      | M      | N      | O      | P      | Q      | R      | S      | T      |
| A            |       | 0.0%                                | 0.0%    | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 98.3%  | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   |
| B            |       | 0.0%                                | 0.0%    | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 78.3%  | 17.0%  | 0.0%   | 0.0%   |
| C            |       | 0.0%                                | 0.0%    | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 3.8%   | 1.7%   | 21.7%  | 60.9%  | 0.0%   | 0.0%   |
| D            |       | 0.0%                                | 0.0%    | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 25.0%  | 66.6%  | 25.0%  | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   |
| E            |       | 0.0%                                | 0.0%    | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.7%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 1.2%   | 21.8%  | 71.2%  | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 14.4%  | 0.0%   | 0.0%   |
| F            |       | 0.0%                                | 0.0%    | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 21.5%  | 73.8%  | 11.6%  | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   |
| G            |       | 0.0%                                | 0.0%    | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 49.7%  | 47.0%  | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   |
| H            |       | 0.0%                                | 0.0%    | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 75.5%  | 2.9%   | 18.2%  | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   |
| I            |       | 0.0%                                | 0.0%    | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 52.0%  | 0.8%   | 16.1%  | 24.4%  | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   |
| J            |       | 0.0%                                | 0.0%    | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.5%   | 0.0%   | 83.7%  | 0.1%   | 0.0%   | 13.3%  | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   |
| K            |       | 0.0%                                | 0.0%    | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 7.9%   | 88.3%  | 0.2%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   |
| L            |       | 0.0%                                | 0.0%    | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 45.4%  | 0.0%   | 39.6%  | 10.9%  | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   |
| M            |       | 0.0%                                | 0.0%    | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 7.4%   | 95.0%  | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   |
| N            |       | 0.0%                                | 0.0%    | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 46.5%  | 5.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 47.4%  | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   |
| O            |       | 0.0%                                | 0.0%    | 7.5%   | 95.0%  | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   |
| P            | 1.8%  | 0.0%                                | 92.5%   | 5.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 1.7%   | 0.0%   |
| Q            | 0.0%  | 100.0%                              | 0.0%    | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   |
| R            | 98.1% | 0.0%                                | 0.0%    | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   |
| S            | 0.0%  | 0.0%                                | 0.0%    | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 2.9%   | 95.6%  | 2.5%   |
| T            | 0.0%  | 0.0%                                | 0.0%    | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 4.9%   | 2.7%   | 97.5%  |
|              |       | 100.0%                              | 100.0%  | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| Largest Core |       | 98.13%                              | 100.00% | 92.47% | 95.00% | 46.48% | 94.97% | 51.97% | 88.30% | 83.70% | 75.53% | 49.71% | 47.03% | 73.79% | 66.65% | 71.19% | 98.34% | 78.27% | 60.86% | 95.61% | 97.47% |



## ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

### PROCLAMATION OF REDISTRICTING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Alaska Redistricting Board adopted by this Final Plan and Proclamation of Redistricting today, November 10, 2021 in conformity with the constitutional requirement that it do so within 90 days of the reporting of the Census results for Alaska.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD, hereby does PROCLAIM, ON THIS DAY NOVEMBER 10, 2021**

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

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

Third, that Senate districts be assigned to election cycles according to the following schedule, using the 2021 Senate District designations in this Redistricting Proclamation:

**Elected in 2022, 2026, 2030**

A  
C  
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G  
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**Elected in 2024, 2028, 2032**

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

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021 at Anchorage Alaska.

\_\_\_\_\_  
John Binkley of Fairbanks, Chair

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Melanie Bahnke, of Nome

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Nicole Borromeo, of Anchorage

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Bethany Marcum, of Anchorage

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E. Budd Simpson, of Juneau

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Elected in 2024, 2028, 2032

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I do not agree with this plan  
Melanie Bahnke, of Nome *MBahnke*

I will not support a racial +  
Nicole Borromeo, of Anchorage *partisan*

  
Bethany Marcum, of Anchorage

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*gerrymander of Muldoon.  
one senate pairing gone wrong is one too many.*

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