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From: Aimee Agnew <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 2:21 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: October 4, 2021, 2:20 pm

First Name: Aimee
Last Name: Agnew
Group Affiliation, if applicable:
Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]
Your ZIP Code: 99503

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

Public Comment: Eagle river area should not be included in downtown anchorage.. it should remain on its own.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 6, 2021, 7:46 am

First Name: Tim

Last Name: Agosti

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: 99611

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Board V3 map

Public Comment: After reviewing all the proposed maps, the board V3 map creates the most homogenous map for the Kenai Peninsula and Anchorage. I urge acceptance of this proposed map.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 7:42 pm

First Name: Casey

Last Name: Albanese

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3 keep eagle river on its own.

Public Comment: Eagle river needs to be on its own. We do not want to be part of east anchorage.
From: Marsha Albanese <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 7:27 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: October 4, 2021, 7:26 pm

First Name: Marsha

Last Name: Albanese

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3 to keep Eagle River on its own

Public Comment: Do not want to combine with East Anchorage. Eagle River is fine on its own
Do not combine ER with district 24

Sam Albanese
Eagle River, AK 99577

Date: October 4, 2021, 7:29 pm

First Name: Sam
Last Name: Albanese

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: Do not redistrict ER into downtown Anchorage!!!
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 6, 2021, 7:35 pm

First Name: Michael

Last Name: Alexander

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99652

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Why didn't the Mat-Su gain legislative members d/t the increase in population?

Public Comment:
It’s important that neighborhoods are reasonably well-represented together. Please use the AFFR map as your guide as a lot of work was put into making it a fair map that puts similar areas together.

Thank you,
Lisa Alexia
Anchorage, HD 25
Schrage/Revak

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

Date: October 4, 2021, 3:18 pm

First Name: Denise

Last Name: Allen

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99502

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): V.3

Public Comment: Eagle River needs to be separate from JBER and East Anchorage
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 4:49 pm

First Name: **Jennifer**

Last Name: **Anderson**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99523**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Map 3**

Public Comment: **Please keep Eagle River it's own district.**

**Do not combine with downtown or JBER**
Good evening,

Map 3 appears to balance Anchorage pretty well, matching similar values well. Nice job on map 3 for most of Anchorage) HOWEVER I do not like Eagle River with JBER and Downtown. Talk about diametrically opposed value systems.

I did think the other maps 1 and 2 that were around previously, that combined Eagle River and East Anchorage together, were smart. As I said before, I think those values and needs are closer together.

Eagle River and Downtown are not at all similar constituencies. I think that’s a terrible idea and hope that portion fails.

Thanks for this difficult work.

Jennifer Anderson
To Whom It May Concern,

As a resident of the Scenic Foothills neighborhood, I support the AFFR map. It provides the most logical lines in my neighborhood, and doesn’t mix East Anchorage with Eagle River neighborhoods. I do not support my neighborhood or other East Anchorage neighborhoods being mixed with Eagle River. We are separate communities with vastly different interests and local issues to consider. It is very possible to draw clean lines for Anchorage districts that respect communities of interest and distribute equal population among districts, and that is what a final map should do.

Sincerely,

Ryan Andrew
To whom it may concern,

The redistricting of anchorage is not necessary an another political ploy to take over an control the people!! This is costing more tax payers dollars to fund outside sources from California, this is wrong!!! Please don’t allow this.... Thanks for the consideration,

Mary Andrus

Date: October 5, 2021, 12:33 am

First Name: Mary

Last Name: Andrus

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: 99502

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3 is best!!

Public Comment: Please don’t redistrict Anchorage and Eagle River!! This is bad politics because it’s funded by outside sources!!
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 8:22 pm

First Name: Elizabeth

Last Name: Arden

Group Affiliation, if applicable: 

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: 99501

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

Public Comment: I like Map 3 (Pretty good for most of Anchorage) but I do not like Eagle River with JBER and Downtown.

I like the other maps 1 and 2 that you had before that have Eagle River and East Anchorage together.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 8:39 pm

First Name: Roy

Last Name: Ardern

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99501

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

Public Comment: I like Map 3 (Pretty good for most of Anchorage) but I do not like Eagle River with JBER and Downtown.

I like the other maps 1 and 2 that you had before that have Eagle River and East Anchorage together.
From: Thomas Asbury <automated@akredistrict.org>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 3:11 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: October 5, 2021, 3:11 pm  

First Name: Thomas  
Last Name: Asbury  

Group Affiliation, if applicable: Private Citizen  

Email or Phone Contact:  

Your ZIP Code: 99577  

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): v.4 slices up our town to much.  

Public Comment: If the Citizens of Eagle River have a say so in the way our voting district is sliced up, I prefer the Proposed v.3 Eagle River.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 4:56 pm

First Name: Patti

Last Name: Asman

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99518

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Voting - eagle river

Public Comment: Keep eagle river as its own entity for voting, do not combine!!!!
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 9, 2021, 1:37 pm

First Name: Shelley

Last Name: Atkinson

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99504

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): I vote for Board Map version 4 of Anchorage

Public Comment:
Name: STEVE AUFRICHT
Affiliation (if any): What Do I Know? blog
Email or Phone: [redacted] Zip Code: [redacted]
Area/Map Title/Keywords: U-Med

Public Comment:

Please get Senate pairings done early enough for public testimony before finalized.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 3:32 pm

First Name: M
Last Name: B

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

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

Public Comment: Eagle river wants to be kept separate from Anchorage for a reason! If we wanted Anchorage involvement, then we'd live there. Leave us alone.
Date/Time: 10/5/2021

Name: Jessie Badger

Email or Phone: [Redacted]

Public Comment: In Regard to Haines on the redistricting map I do not support the current proposals as they are. I would prefer a return to the pre 2010 redistricting Iceworm boundaries so that small communities are paired with small communities. When the Iceworm district was active we had a representative from our communities who understood the complexities of the rural lifestyle. We had someone who spoke for us and worked for us getting the financial support for our infrastructure, we had funding for our ferry terminals, our roads, our school systems, our emergency support systems and our water and sewer facilities. Today urban Juneau and Sitka are the recipients of all of that support and what the small rural communities receive is “vocal” support. That is not improving our infrastructure that is more like a virtual hug. I really enjoyed our current Representative and Senator and they do work very hard but I also feel that being paired with the Democratic portion of Juneau they may be under a lot of pressure to serve the larger population. I appreciate the difficult task the redistricting board has and I thank you for your service. If you cannot give us back our Iceworm district, I would support Plan 3 in hope that we would have some form of representation better than we do today. I would also support the Statewide plan 3 for the very same reasons. Thank you for considering my comments.
Date: October 5, 2021, 9:14 am

First Name: Alex Last Name: Baker
Group Affiliation, if applicable: Self

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Fairview, Board Map Version 3

Public Comment: Below are my comments I provided in-person last night at the Anchorage meeting. Since three members were not present, I am sending them on here. Thank you.

Good afternoon. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Alex Baker and I am a Fairview resident.

Board Map Version 3 slices and dices my community, putting Fairview into three separate house districts. Our representation would be severely diluted under this map. Fairview would not comprise a serious voting bloc in any of the three districts, making the interests of residents an afterthought.

One such interest is the relationship with Merrill Field as it pertains to flight patterns. This interest, or concern, is not shared by areas such as U-Med or Turnagain, which parts of Fairview would share a district with under Board Map Version 3.

This issue has long been a priority for the Fairview Community Council, one of the oldest and most active in Anchorage. Under this map, it too would be split into multiple districts.

Furthermore, under Board Map Version 3, Fairview businesses along the Ingra/Gambell and 15th St. Corridor would be in a different district than many of the neighborhood’s residents. This makes little sense to me and my neighbors.

AFFR respects the interests of my community and draws an objective and common sense district for Fairview. It uses the geographic features which clearly define some of the neighborhood’s borders, such as the Chester Creek Greenbelt to the south, and Sitka Street Park and Merrill Field to the East.

AFFR’s proposed Fairview district also diverges from the status quo by decoupling Fairview from South Addition, which I support. Fairview and South Addition are not socio-economically integrated and each community would benefit from having their own elected state house representatives.
Date: October 4, 2021, 4:49 pm

First Name: Betsy  Last Name: Baker  Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: 99517

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Support AFFR map for reasons below. Concerned with Board V3 and Board V4 maps' high population deviations

Public Comment: To members of the Alaska Redistricting Board,

Thank you for your work leading up to adopting a new redistricting map for the state.

I urge you to adopt the map submitted by AFFR “Alaskans for Fair Redistricting.” It addresses all of the constitutional criteria very well.

Contiguity and compactness:

AFFR’s adherence to the contiguity criterion is especially evident here. By pairing Eagle River House seats, thus keeping them contiguous (and more compact), the map is in stark contrast to Board V4, which pairs Eagle River and Anchorage House seats in a clear gerrymandering maneuver the benefit of one party (R) over others.

AFFR’s map is also very strong on the other factors:

It’s population density: 4.79% - is far less than Board V3 and Board V4, at the same time

Integration is evident, for example, in combining Homer and Seward in a House district.

Of concern are the very high population deviations in the maps Board V3 (the highest deviations throughout the state) and Board V4 (the highest of all population deviations among the maps advertised for public comment.) These high population densities should disqualify the two maps.

Thank you for your consideration.
First Name: Dixie
Last Name: Banner
Your ZIP Code: 99687

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Date: October 4, 2021, 2:35 pm

Public Comment: District 28 description - This data is irrelevant to the average person - this needs to be defined in your ledger.

Total Population: 18,214
Ideal Pop: 18,335
Difference: -121
Deviation: -0.66%

Ranking of Maps
1. Board Proposed Plan v.3 (most appropriate)
2. Board Proposed Plan v.4
3. Doyon Coalition
4. AFFR
5. AFFER
6. The Senate Minority - the worse of them all.

The Senate Minority destroys the populated areas. It highly fractures the Valley and ANC. Who was the lead on this one. It is definitely aligned with a political agenda.

The Total Population Tabulation is very idealist and does not validate real numbers and guidance should be included so one can understand your reasoning on how you are generating this findings. The details of these maps need to broken down and outlined in plain English. Also each map should list the reasons why they are different from the other proposed maps (you need a matrix of the benefits vis liabilities of each proposal - use a dashboard approach). Right now most individuals who review this site are/would be lost.

Date: October 4, 2021, 2:11 pm

Comments: More public input is a must before a decision is made. This tool is too ploicat! and we need real leadership involved. This tool will decide our future and since our legislators are not held accountable and have failed us for the past 10 years. We truly need to think twice how we prepare our future road map. Term Limits are must.
Dear Redistricting Board Members: Please address my following comments. The board’s draft maps have unnecessarily high differences between the populations in urban districts, as well as within Southeast Alaska. I support the map proposed by Nick Begich’s group.

While you have stated that the board’s maps did not include any political data in their development and that it’s blind to election results, to party, registration, statistics and to incumbent locations, if the end result sticks 5 members of one party into other members of that same party’s districts while doing zero overlap for the opposing party, then the end result is still gerrymandering! You must and can do better.

Please focus maps based on on our constitutional guidelines such as contiguous and compact districts with integrated socio-economic areas and come up with results that balance political “bumping’ and don’t make it one-sided.
Thank you, Joe Banta
From: Linda Barnett <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 4:55 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: October 4, 2021, 4:55 pm

First Name: Linda

Last Name: Barnett

Group Affiliation, if applicable: Republican

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Do not redistrict Map 3

Public Comment: Please keep Map 3 as Eagle River and not combine with East Anchorage. That would destroy Eagle River representation to whatever was best for East Anchorage
After further research and review I would like to retract my original opinion of combining Eagle River with East Anch. I believe Eagle River would benefit the most by not being combined with any district in Anchorage.

Thanks,
Julie

> On Oct 4, 2021, at 8:29 AM, Julie Barrow <jzlbarrow@gmail.com> wrote:
> I do not agree with combing Eagle River, JBER and downtown. Those areas have vastly different constituents. Map 1 & 2, that combine Eagle River with East Anchorage seems to make the most sense.
> Thanks,
> Julie Barrow
> 99504
From: Paola Bean <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 3:07 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: October 4, 2021, 3:07 pm

First Name: Paola

Last Name: Bean

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99567

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 4 is censoring our voices

Public Comment: No on map 4. The map 4 will silence the ER/Chugiak community. We all have a voice and must be represented accordingly. Our values are clear and we need a person specifically dedicated to our community. I vote Yes on Map 3 because it gives each community a voice.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 12:56 pm

First Name: Melody

Last Name: Bechberger

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99502

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Version 3 and 4 still unacceptable

Public Comment: Our maps should ensure equal representation and respect the diversity of our community.

The AFFR Plan has substantially better deviations within Anchorage, ensuring that all neighborhoods are equally represented.

â—‹ The AFFR Plan’s Anchorage deviation is 0.35% with no district more than 36 people from ideal

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â— These neighborhoods are very diverse and feed into the most diverse schools in the state, the diversity of these communities should be respected and not grouped in with JBER in a way that would erase minority representation.

â— Both Mountain View and Fairview are tight-knit communities with activity community councils.

The AFFR plan has Chugiak/Eagle River form its own Senate district without any portion of the Anchorage Bowl.

The board options, both 3 & 4 do not provide Senate pairings.

Board options would likely pair sections of Anchorage with Eagle River.
The communities of Chugiak/Eagle River are distinct culturally and socio-economically from the Anchorage Bowl and there is a well-organized movement for them to leave the Municipality of Anchorage and form their own borough (Eagle Exit).

The AFFR plan respects community councils as much as possible.

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â— Both board option 3 & 4 group JBER population together as a whole including parts of Mountain View & Downtown into a district with the rest of JBER.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 3:06 pm

First Name: JoAnne

Last Name: Beckes

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99517

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Eagle River should stay own district

Public Comment: Please keep Map 3
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 9:15 am

First Name: **Megan**

Last Name: **Behnke**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99801**

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

Public Comment: It is shocking that the redistricting board is jig-sawing the district map that applies to Juneau in a way that puts the current two Democratic incumbent house members in the same district. This must not happen, since it flagrantly targets Rep. Andi Story's house for incorporation into Rep. Sara Hannan's district. It is obviously a political move and cannot occur.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 6, 2021, 11:05 pm

First Name: Pamela

Last Name: Beilfuss

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map v3

Public Comment: v3 appears to have a much more evenly distributed population in the Eagle River and Anchorage Districts. Also, it does not split Eagle River which makes more sense in terms of the Community being able to work together.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 5, 2021, 7:10 pm

First Name: Melissa

Last Name: Bell

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99516

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Rezoning of Districts- yes on 3

Public Comment: I am in support of Map 3.

I am not in support of Map 4
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 11:50 am

First Name: Gloria

Last Name: Bellamy

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99507

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: Keep Eagle River on its own.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 11:52 am

First Name: Rob

Last Name: Bellamy

Group Affiliation, if applicable: Republican

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99507

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: Keep Eagle River it's own.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 7:08 pm

First Name: Jane

Last Name: Bennett

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: I am voting for Map 3 to keep Eagle River on its own.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 12:40 pm

First Name: Jo

Last Name: Bennett

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99501

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): I support the map submitted by AFFR

Public Comment: Fair redistricting will require the vital criteria of: socioeconomic integration, compactness and contiguousness, as well as minimize population deviation. I support the proposed map, submitted by Alaska For Fair Redistricting (AFFR).

Slicing and dicing of neighborhoods is gerrymandering. DO NOT GERRYMANDER.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 7:10 pm

First Name: Matthew

Last Name: Bennett

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: I vote for Map 3 and for Eagle River to remain in its own.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 8, 2021, 7:59 pm

First Name: Anissa

Last Name: Berry

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99827

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): best map for northern southeast alaska

Public Comment: Hello Redistricting Board,

I would like to weigh in on what I believe to be the best maps for Northern Southeast Alaska from a Haines perspective.

The best option for keeping similar communities integrated is the Senate Minority Map. It keeps the heart of Northern Southeast Alaska together and continues to connect it with downtown Juneau, Douglas and Thane.

The other good option that keeps us connected to similar communities is the Doyon, etc. map. Basically, it ties in Gustavus with the other part of N. SE AK.

These two maps preserve natural boundaries, tie connected communities with similar socioeconomic features, size and regions.

Thank you for taking my comments.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 5, 2021, 8:55 am

First Name: Blake

Last Name: Berry

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99518

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: I am in support of Map 3.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 6, 2021, 10:59 am

First Name: Russell

Last Name: Biggs

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99508

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

Public Comment: I vote for Map 3
From: Janet Birky <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 7:53 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: October 6, 2021, 7:52 am

First Name: Janet

Last Name: Birky

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99507

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: Eagle River is a community on its own. It should not be combined with east Anchorage and or downtown Anchorage.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 9:54 am

First Name: Daniel

Last Name: Blake

Group Affiliation, if applicable: 

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: 99517

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): V3 and V4

Public Comment: Neither meets the Constitutional Requirements of redistributing and continue to be open to gerrymandering criticism which appears to have validity
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 9:02 am

First Name: Matt

Last Name: Blakeslee

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: 99516

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

Public Comment: Please, please make a more diverse redistricting board. The blatant gerrymandering the current board is proposing is wrong and is driven by political biases. We need a new board of people who will do the right thing, not push their political agenda (in either direction). You should consider not using people in any political office. There are plenty of smart capable individuals that would step up to get this done.
Good evening,

My name is Rachel Blakeslee, and I'm a resident of South Anchorage. I'm writing in support of and to please ask for the adoption the Alaskans for Fair Redistricting (AFFR) map. The AFFR map is the only current plan that respects the distinct and diverse communities in the East Anchorage, Mountain View, Fairview and Downtown areas. It is the only map that does not split off some of these areas and include them in an Eagle River, South Anchorage, or a large, unified JBER district, where the people living in these areas will have their votes diluted and end up without meaningful representation. This is a simple matter of equity. These communities are highly diverse and eliminating representation in them would also eliminate minority representation.

A few key points I'd like to make in favor of the adoption of the AFFR plan:

1. **The AFFR Plan has substantially better deviations within Anchorage, ensuring that all neighborhoods are equally represented.**
   - The AFFR Plan’s Anchorage deviation is 0.35% with no district more than 36 people from ideal
   - Board Option 3 has an Anchorage deviation of 0.93% with a district 199 people from ideal
   - Board option 4 has an Anchorage deviation of 2.23% with a district 330 people from ideal
   - AFFER has an Anchorage deviation of 2.06% with a district 240 people from ideal

2. **The AFFR plan is the only plan that respects the distinct and diverse communities in the East Anchorage Mountain View areas. Board options 3 and 4 divide the neighborhoods of Downtown, Fairview, and Mountain View.**
   - These neighborhoods are very diverse and feed into the most diverse schools in the state, the diversity of these communities should be respected and not grouped in with JBER in a way that would erase minority representation.
   - Both Mountain View and Fairview are tight-knit communities with activity community councils.

3. **The AFFR plan has Chugiak/Eagle River form its own Senate district without any portion of the Anchorage Bowl.**
   - The board options, both 3 & 4 do not provide Senate pairings.
   - Board options would likely pair sections of Anchorage with Eagle River.
   - The communities of Chugiak/ Eagle River are distinct culturally and soci-economically from the Anchorage Bowl and there is a well-organized movement for them to leave the Municipality of Anchorage and form their own borough (Eagle Exit).

4. **The AFFR plan respects community councils as much as possible.**
   - The Northeast Community Council is kept entirely in one district

5. **The AFFR plan recognizes the connections servicemembers on JBER have with the nearby neighborhoods off-base and structures the JBER districts around the gates so that servicemembers can be in the same district as the services and businesses they use off-base.**
   - Both board option 3 & 4 group JBER population together as a whole including parts of Mountain View & Downtown into a district with the rest of JBER.
6. Southside
- AFFR puts the Hillside neighborhoods within one Senate district (E), with no portion of East Anchorage or Midtown
- AFFR puts the Abbott Loop neighborhood within its own House district (14)
- AFFR puts the Huffman/ O'Malley neighborhoods within one district (10) keeping houses on both the north and south sides of Hillside Drive in the same district
- AFFR puts the South Hillside in a distinct House district (9) from Huffman/ O'Malley and in a district with the Turnagain Arm communities

7. AFFR's Map reflects the diversity of Anchorage's neighborhoods
- Anchorage's growing diversity is one of Anchorage's defining socio-economic features
- The Municipality of Anchorage's minority population is now 43.5%
- In the Anchorage Bowl there are 16 contiguous majority-minority census tracts with 66,594 total population, including the most diverse neighborhoods in the country.
- AFFR's map creates 7 House districts within these diverse neighborhoods.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 5, 2021, 9:34 am

First Name: Sandra

Last Name: Blomfield

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99507

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

Public Comment: Please do not combine Eagle River with any other geographic location while re-districting

EAGLE RIVER NEEDS TO BE ITS OWN VOTING ENTITY!
From: Burton Bomhoff <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 3:33 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: October 6, 2021, 3:33 pm

First Name: Burton

Last Name: Bomhoff

Group Affiliation, if applicable: GOP

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99508

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

Public Comment: Please don't put elected officials from one party into a district with opposing party's majority. In either direction. That simply allows a handful of people to decide elections. Let’s leave it to the voters, the American way. I believe in a strong electoral process.
From: David Boshell <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 10:18 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: October 4, 2021, 10:18 pm
First Name: David
Last Name: Boshell
Group Affiliation, if applicable:
Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]
Your ZIP Code: 99507
Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Eagle river.
Public Comment: Please keep Eagle River itâ€™s own voting district.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 7, 2021, 8:19 am

First Name: Mr
Last Name: Boyd, Sr

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]
Your ZIP Code: 99504

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

Public Comment: I oppose the joining of Eagle River and East Anchorage.

This will deny representation of the Eagle River / Chigiak area of THEIR representation.

We are not left wing zealots like those in Anchorage & we will LOSE representation!

This is a political attempt to remove a republican seat.

I OOPOSE THIS!
I have examined the Redistricting Board’s Map 3 and 4 for the area I live in - Juneau.

I am strongly opposed to splitting up the Mendenhall Valley representation as proposed by the Board. The Valley has always enjoyed unified representation and it should continue to do so.

I would like to keep the Mendenhall Valley, Auke Bay, and Out the Road in a single district as it is now. The Board’s proposed changes do not meet the Alaska Constitution requirements for contiguous by cutting the Valley into two districts, and legal challenges will undoubtedly follow this unwise and illegal division of representation.

Thank you for considering my comments,

Steve Bradford, 46 year Juneau resident and voter

Sent from Steve’s iPad.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 1:40 pm

First Name: **Bernadette**

Last Name: **Bradley**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Self**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99515**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **MAP 3**

Public Comment: *I have been a lifelong resident of Anchorage for 58 years. This is my first time being involved with comments of redistricting.*

I have reviewed each map carefully and would recommend map 3 for the following reasons:

I have lived in a few districts in Anchorage and see map 3 is the most logical and compact for the types of areas the residents live in. We have the hillside, coastal, flatlanders and city folks. They live in these areas by choice and preference it makes sense to have like residents in the same area, map 3 seems to cover that best. Also I believe Eagle River is in a category of it’s own and should not be included in the transitional military areas. I also like how South Anchorage district extends to Whitter.

*My preference is map 3.*

Thank you for your consideration!
From: Paula Bradley <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 8:27 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: October 4, 2021, 8:27 pm

First Name: Paula

Last Name: Bradley

Group Affiliation, if applicable: 

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: 99502

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Vote Map 3 to keep Eagle River on it's own

Public Comment: I vote Map 3 to keep Eagle River on it's own.
From: Kris Brewster <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 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: October 4, 2021, 4:14 pm

First Name: Kris

Last Name: Brewster

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

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

Public Comment: Eagle River should not be redistricted. Our representation would be gone and would not reflect the values of the residents.
From: Robin Brewster <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 2:58 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: October 4, 2021, 2:57 pm

First Name: Robin

Last Name: Brewster

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: I would like to vote yes on Map 3. Please keep Eagle River on its own. We do not need to be joined with East Anchorage for District 24.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 2:45 pm

First Name: Wendy

Last Name: Bringhurst

Group Affiliation, if applicable: 

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3 makes the most sense to me for district 24.

Public Comment: We need to keep balance. Please keep map 3 for district 24.
From: Amber Brophy <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 6:57 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: October 5, 2021, 6:56 am

First Name: Amber

Last Name: Brophy

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99508

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3 redistricting

Public Comment: I am opposed to the change and redistricting Eagle River together with downtown Anchorage. These are two very vastly different areas of town and these communities deserve to have their own voices heard and not be combined
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 3, 2021, 8:56 pm

First Name: Julie

Last Name: Brophy

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99508

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

Public Comment: Regarding Redistricting: We need to keep Eagle River on its own and not combine it with any other area of town. Please choose MAP 3 in District 24
Date/Time: 10/5/2021

Name: Ann Brown

Email or Phone: 

Public Comment: My name is Ann Brown. I am a resident of Anchorage. I speak for myself alone and not on behalf of any other individuals or groups. According to the Alaska State Constitution Article VI, §6. District Boundaries: "The Redistricting Board shall establish the size and area of house districts, subject to the limitations of this article. Each house district shall be formed of [1] contiguous and [2] compact territory containing as nearly as practicable a [3] relatively integrated socio-economic area. Each shall contain a [4] population as near as practicable to the quotient obtained by dividing the population of the state by forty. Each senate district shall be composed as near as practicable of two contiguous house districts. Consideration may be given to [5] local government boundaries. [6] Drainage and other geographic features shall be used in describing boundaries wherever possible. (Bracketed numbers are added for easy reference below.)" Anchorage Districts meet elements #1, 2, 3 & 4 above.

In 2001 the Alaska Supreme Court did not recognize community council boundaries as element #5, local boundaries. This leaves element #6, drainage and geographic features, to shape municipal districts, wherever possible. It is important that the constitution uses the words “shall be used” in citing these two components. In other words, drainage and other naturally occurring geographic features must be used as boundary descriptors wherever possible. The principal Anchorage municipality drainages are Eagle River, Campbell Creek, Chester Creek, Fish Creek and Meadow Creek. These shall be boundaries, wherever possible, according to the Alaska State Constitution.

Accordingly, Alaska Redistricting Board version #3 raises multiple questions. For example: 1) Alaska Redistricting Board v 3 does not use Chester Creek for any boundaries 2) Alaska Redistricting Board v 3 does not use Fish Creek for any boundaries 3) Alaska Redistricting Board v 3 does not use Campbell Creek for any boundaries 4) Alaska Redistricting Board v 3 does not use Meadow Creek for any boundaries

Alaska Redistricting Board version #4 also raises multiple concerns. For example: 1) Alaska Redistricting Board v 4 applies Chester Creek for less than 1 mile between D 13 & D 20. 2) Alaska Redistricting Board v 4 applies Fish Creek for about 1.5 miles between D 12 & D 13. 3) Alaska Redistricting Board v 4 does not use Campbell Creek for any boundaries 4) Alaska Redistricting Board v 4 does not use Meadow Creek for any boundaries 5) Alaska Redistricting Board v 4 does not use Eagle River for any boundaries By ignoring the required Chester Creek boundary, the northern Anchorage district boundary in both Redistricting Board Maps versions #3 and #4 is a secondary option: 9th Avenue / 6th Avenue.
Moreover, Redistricting Board testimony has suggested Government Hill has unique socio-economic integration with JBER via the Government Hill Gate. Importantly, however, since the entire Municipality is socio-economically integrated by law, this testimony is not relevant. See: In Re 2001 Redistricting Cases, 44 P.3d 141 (Alaska 2002), Groh v. Egan, 526 P.2d 863 (Alaska 1974) The Redistricting Board’s version #4 incorporates 10,848 people living on JBER to the Government Hill District/Gate. The Government Hill Gate is on the southwest corner of JBER. Thousands of JBER residents do not use the Government Hill Gate. The Arctic Valley Gate, Muldoon Gate or Boniface Gate are their routine access points as those entrances are much more convenient access to the civilian community. Consequently, this mapping appears to be an attempt to provide extra population for what will be the new downtown double member district in the 2021 Anchorage Municipal Map. Similarly, the Redistricting Board’s version #3 incorporates 4576 individuals living on JBER - Elmendorf to the Government Hill District/Gate. For the same reasons, that most of these JBER residents do not use the Government Hill Gate, this too appears to be an attempt to provide extra population to support a new downtown double member district in what will be the 2021 Anchorage Municipal Map.

Consequently, I support the AFFER map as linked here: ArcGIS - AFFER Redistricting, for the following reasons: 1) AFFER District 18 includes Eagle River and the JBER - Richardson area. 2) AFFER District 21 includes the northern Boniface neighborhoods and the JBER Elmendorf area via the Boniface Gate. 3) AFFER incorporates the proper use of streams to separate Anchorage house districts. Respectfully submitted, Ann Brown
From: Evelyn Bunch <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 6:36 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: October 4, 2021, 6:36 pm

First Name: Evelyn

Last Name: Bunch

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99645

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

Public Comment: Eagle River needs to remain separate from Anchorage in order to have a strong regional voice for the benefit of their residents.
From: Jennifer Bundy <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 4:34 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: October 4, 2021, 4:34 pm
First Name: Jennifer
Last Name: Bundy
Group Affiliation, if applicable:
Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]
Your ZIP Code: 99577
Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3
Public Comment: Please let Eagle River have it's own representation and do not combine it with East Anchorage and JBER! These are 3 completely separate communities and should be represented as such.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 3:35 pm

First Name: Tammy

Last Name: Bunker

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99687

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): MAP 3

Public Comment: I strongly want map 3!!! Please give me that vote!!!
Dear Alaska Redistrict staff:

Today I am writing to you in support of Version 4 of the redistricting plan. It is an accurate representation of our Anchorage community. Version 3 is reflective of gerrymandering techniques often employed by certain parties to exploit our democratic system for their own means, instead of the means of the people.

We are in a pivotal moment for our city. Please support version 4.

Thank you

Carmen Bydalek
Spenard
From: Brandon Calcaterra <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 3:32 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: October 4, 2021, 3:31 pm

First Name: Brandon

Last Name: Calcaterra

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

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

Public Comment: As a resident of Eagle River, I am writing to express support for keeping Eagle River House districts and our Senate district as compact and contiguous as possible, consistent with Constitutional guidance around drawing district lines. Alaskans for Fair Redistricting (AFFR) and Board Map V3 have constitutionally-sound lines for Eagle River, in which downtown Eagle River comprises one House seat, with greater Eagle River/Chugiak representing a well-drawn House seat that pairs to create an Eagle River senate seat. I do NOT support maps that pair Anchorage House seats with Eagle River House seats. Those proposals dilute influence of all residents, and are not consistent with the Constitution's requirements for districts to be as contiguous as practical. Nor do I support taking a portion of East Anchorage and adding Eagle River population to it. Eagle River is a community and should be respected as such, particularly since many local residents are engaged in a secession campaign that could within the next ten years result in a separate local government from the Municipality of Anchorage. Finally, I support AFFR’s map linking sections of JBER with their associated gate; this best integrates the base with the neighborhoods that are most closely linked to it.
Dear Board Members:

I would recommend that the area around Centennial Park, located in NE Anchorage, that is currently part of District 13, NOT be included in District 13 after redistricting.

It is not geographically coincident to the majority of District 13. It would be more logically part of the District that encompasses NE Anchorage, rather than Eagle River, JBER and Chugiak.

The concerns of these residents are more closely aligned with their neighbors in NE Anchorage, rather than those of Eagle River.

As a recent candidate for the AK State House in District 13, I found this little enclave to be an anomaly.

I suggest that it’s residents interests would be better served, if included in the district that comprises NE Anchorage.

Respectfully,

James A. Canitz
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Jim
Please...have some integrity.

Do NOT place areas of Soldotna in with South Anchorage (as is currently the case).

We are VERY different demographics and beliefs. It is simply beyond comprehension that the last redistricting board place Mackey Lake (Soldotna) in with South Anchorage.

Please rectify this- It is non-sensical.

Mat Cannava, MD
Soldotna, AK 99669
To Whom it May Concern,

I am a resident of the Mountain View Neighborhood and the pastor of Mountain View Hope Covenant Church, a local congregation that meets here in Mountain View on the north of Anchorage.

I am writing to express my very strong preference for the plan submitted by the Senate Minority.

The Senate Minority Plan and the Doyon Plan are the only two plans that do not divide Mountain View into multiple legislative districts, thus dividing our voice and reducing our ability to work with our representatives. Unfortunately, the Doyon plan combines Mountain View with JBER, which is an entirely different world from our community which would also weaken the voice of our community and cause it to be overlooked.

The Senate Minority's plan appropriately lumps Mountain View and Fairview together, thus ensuring fair and equal representation for communities that are very similar to one another.

I know that our Community Council has requested to keep Mountain View in a single legislative district as well.

Splitting up this amazingly diverse and culturally rich neighborhood into multiple districts and diluting the voice of the people who live here would be a tragic mistake that would weaken our ability to work as a community council with our representatives.

If not the Senate Minority Plan, then please work to create something similar that allows Mountain View (and its community council) to remain in a single legislative district alongside our neighboring communities similar to us. None of the other plans do that; for that reason, they are all unsatisfactory.

Mountain View, Fairview, Russian Jack, and even something like Government Hill or North Muldoon all share enough similarities that combining these areas makes far better sense. Thank you for listening.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date: October 4, 2021, 2:04 pm

First Name: Jayme

Last Name: Carr

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [ REDACTED ]

Your ZIP Code: 99516

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Redistricting map 3

Public Comment: I vote to keep Eagle River on its own. Combining it with downtown makes no sense.
I am an Eagle River resident and I am in support of Map 3. I apologize for the time delay as I'm still at work but would like my opinion to be counted.

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

Date: October 4, 2021, 8:15 pm

First Name: David

Last Name: Cavitt

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Voting for MAP 3

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

Date: October 4, 2021, 6:46 pm

First Name: Rachel

Last Name: Cavitt

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: As a 50 year resident of Chugiak/Eagle River it is important that we retain our representative and I am opposed to lumping our area in with clearly separate needs of downtown.
From: Shawn Chriest <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 1:12 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: October 4, 2021, 1:12 pm
First Name: Shawn
Last Name: Chriest
Group Affiliation, if applicable:
Email or Phone Contact: 
Your ZIP Code: 99577

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

Public Comment: I do not want Eagle River combined with East Anchorage for District 24. I am absolutely against it. We need to keep Eagle River out of Anchorage to keep our voice.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 12:56 pm

First Name: Sheryl

Last Name: Chriest

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99577

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

Public Comment: I do not want Eagle River to be combined with East Anchorage district 24. We stand alone and need to keep our voices. JBER does not vote and downtown is a very different demographic. Keep Eagle River out of district 24!!
My comments are focused on the Ketchikan area (and where the border will be drawn between new district 1 and new district 2).

1. **Board composites 3 and 4** both seem good (with district 1 containing Ketchikan Borough, Annette Island, Wrangell, and Hyder).

2. Another good option—in order to even up population a bit—is for district 1 to stay the same as current district 36 (meaning just like in board maps 3 and 4 but add way south part of Prince of Wales island—basically Hydaburg). This would probably be my preference.

3. The AFFER map is **horrible** with the way it splits up the Ketchikan Borough. There is absolutely no logic to pulling Saxman and some of us on South Tongass Highway out of the Ketchikan district. I don’t think you’ll seriously consider anything that breaks up the Ketchikan Borough. There is just no reason to do that.

4. The AFFR map at least keeps Ketchikan/Annette Island intact (good) and adds Thorne Bay on Prince of Wales (hmm?). What it does to POW is weird though—splitting the island among 3 districts. There’s not a lot of logic to putting Hollis with the district extending up to Juneau, putting Kasaan, Klawock, Craig and Hydaburg with the long Sitka district, and putting Thorne Bay with Ketchikan. Splitting POW among 2 districts might be necessary, but this 3-way split is odd.

5. The Senate Minority map at least keeps Ketchikan together and has good numbers. Don’t know if it’s the best (i.e. taking Wrangell away from Ketchikan and adding the southern half of POW instead).

6. Doyon map for Southern Southeast seems at least reasonable also.

Thanks for all your work. As you can tell from my comments above, I encourage you to do something similar to your board maps 3 and 4 in Southern Southeast, with priority of keeping Ketchikan borough together and including Annette Island and Hyder. If needed for population balancing, you can add southern POW (Hydaburg) like in current district 36.

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

Date: October 4, 2021, 3:01 pm

First Name: Rebecca

Last Name: Clerc

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99507

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

Public Comment: Vote for Map 3. Do not combine ER with Anc.
I adamantly oppose ER combining with East Anchorage. We deserve our own district and have highly different views as a whole than other parts of Anchorage that need to be represented properly.

Are you willing Eagle Exit into existence? You may not like our testimony, but you do like our tax dollars. You will receive mass resistance if you move forward with this.

- Molly
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Name: Kimberly Collins

Affiliation (if any): 

Email or Phone: [Redacted] Zip Code: 99577

Area/Map Title/Keywords: Prefer V4 Map for Chugiak - Eagle River & Anchorage.

Public Comment:

My preferred map for Chugiak - Eagle River and Anchorage is Board V4. This map seems to be most compact. Board V3 makes downtown Eagle River an island. The Doyon map has a strange bump at Leger Cove and another to the East. The AFFER map has a strange bump/lump for downtown Eagle River. The AFFR map is the worst of the proposals, separating Chugiak from Eagle River Valley by an intervening district.
From: Stephanie Cook <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 2:47 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: October 4, 2021, 2:47 pm

First Name: Stephanie

Last Name: Cook

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

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

Public Comment: Eagle River has entirely separate concerns from the downtown area and needs separate representation. I oppose any effort to combine these districts.
From: Dixie Cornell <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 7:51 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: October 4, 2021, 7:50 pm

First Name: Dixie

Last Name: Cornell

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99504

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Yes on Map 3

Public Comment: I think Eagle River is large enough that they should have their own representation. They do not need to be lumped into other areas around Anchorage.
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Name: John Coss
Affiliation (if any): N/A
Email or Phone: [Redacted] Zip Code: 99901
Area/Map Title/Keywords: Senate Minority & AFFER

Public Comment: My preference is for the Senate Minority map. Keeping Ketchikan as one continuous community is very important in my perspective. My least favorite is the AFFER map. Dividing Ketchikan/Saxman/MT Point area would be splitting our community into wildly different districts. I do not believe that dividing HTU/Saxman/MT Point into multiple districts would be the best for our community.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 7:22 am

First Name: Julie

Last Name: Coulombe

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99516

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

Public Comment: I prefer Map 3 but I DO NOT like Eagle River with JBER and Downtown! I like the two previous maps #1 and #2 that were drawn before this one. I would accept Map 3 if the Eagle River CHANGE is putting Eagle River with East Anchorage. Many military that live off base live in east Anchorage and Eagle River and so it makes sense to keep them together. These areas have much different needs and interests than Downtown.
Dear Alaska Redistricting Board Members,

I live and work in downtown Anchorage. I have lived North of 9th Avenue in downtown for all but three of the past 31 years. I have worked North of 9th Avenue in downtown for all but 5 of the past 34 years. This neighborhood is my home and I know it well.

Downtown Anchorage is unique and special. It is and has been the thriving center of life in our city. The neighboring parts of town, including Government Hill and South Addition are part and parcel of the downtown area, with so many people walking or biking the few blocks to work from these areas. These parts of the downtown area belong together in a legislative district.

I have looked at the maps drawn by the Alaska Redistricting Board - numbers 3 and 4 - and see that rather than including South Addition with Downtown Anchorage, the Board has drawn two House districts that instead include Elmendorf Air Force Base. Your map number 4 includes the entirety of JBER, with Fort Richardson in the same House district.

Downtown Anchorage and the military bases do not belong together in the same House district.

The differences between Downtown Anchorage and either or both of the bases is like night and day, whereas, the neighborhoods bordering the core of downtown are natural fits with and are essentially a part of downtown. Separating downtown from South Addition makes no sense. Combining downtown with Elmendorf or with both Elmendorf and Ft. Rich also makes no sense.

Please redraw your map so that Downtown Anchorage is with the neighborhoods that are a part of it - South Addition and Government Hill and Fairview. And please do not put the military bases in a House district with Downtown Anchorage.

Sincerely,

Mike Coumbe

Anchorage, Alaska 99501
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 2:54 pm
First Name: catherine
Last Name: coward
Group Affiliation, if applicable: 
Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]
Your ZIP Code: 99507
Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Version 3, Version 4, AFFER maps

Public Comment: Dear Redistricting Committee,

Thank you for your hard work in this matter. Concerning map versions 3 and 4, these maps both have very high population deviation throughout the state which does not coincide with the Alaska State Constitution’s map drawing criteria. For example, the split of the Mendenhall Valley in Version 3 is a nonsensical division of this area. The high level of population deviation in the Anchorage districts of Version 4 do not meet constitutional criteria. The AFFER map, does not address the criteria of compactness or socioeconomic integration, also splitting the Mendenhall Valley, and including a sinuous southeast district.

These three maps appear to be designed to cut out Democrat districts in favor of Republican districts by ignoring the constitutional criteria of compactness, socioeconomic integration and low population deviation.

I respectfully ask you to revise, and/or to give more positive attention to the AFFR or Senate Minority Maps, which currently are more in line with our constitutional criteria. Thank you for your consideration.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 2:55 pm

First Name: Linda

Last Name: Cranney

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99645

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Combining JBEAR & EAGLE RIVER

Public Comment: DO NOT COMBINE FOR VOTING PURPOSES!! NO on redistricting JBEAR AND EAGLE RIVER!! PERIOD!
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 5, 2021, 4:56 pm

First Name: Denise

Last Name: Creager-Smith

Group Affiliation, if applicable: 

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: 99577

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

Public Comment: Eagle River has a large enough population to stand alone as a district. We do not want to be consolidated with any other district as we want our voice to stand by itself and count.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 4:40 pm

First Name: **Rebecca**

Last Name: **Crelley**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Republican**

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Map 3 Eagle River**

Public Comment: **Keep it alone. Do not include with down town.**
I want to Echo the sentiment I’ve copied below! Eagle River is more closely connected with East anchorage. Small businesses here in east anchorage liaison with or do business with Eagle River, and our communities have many friend and family ties that unite us. Please consider the other maps 1 and 2 that you had before that have Eagle River and East Anchorage together.

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

Date: October 4, 2021, 4:13 pm

First Name: James

Last Name: Darby

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99507

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: I vote for map 3. Keep Eagle River on its own
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 4:12 pm

First Name: Jennifer

Last Name: Darby

Group Affiliation, if applicable: 

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99507

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: Keep Eagle River on its own
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 2:14 pm

First Name: Jason

Last Name: Dashow

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99507

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): I vote for map 3

Public Comment: I vote for map 3
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 6, 2021, 1:27 pm

First Name: Ric
Last Name: Davidge
Group Affiliation, if applicable: Alaska Roundtable
Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]
Your ZIP Code: 99501

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): I have looked at all maps and found that only the AFFER map is the closest to the requirements of the Constitution, AK statutes, and case law.

Public Comment: I attempted to speak at the board meeting in ANC but was called away.

The AK Roundtable has spent a great amount of time reviewing these maps.
Good afternoon,

My name is BreeAnn Davis and I was born and raised in Alaska. My husband and I have four children and our family of 6 has lived in Mountain view for over 16 years. I am writing to express my strong preference for the plan proposed by the Senate Minority.

This map is the only one that keeps my diverse neighborhood in a district with similar neighborhoods that are closer to our culture and economic demographics.

Mountain View is vastly different from Eagle River. We are physically far apart, we face very different challenges and I do not believe that putting us together in a district makes sense in any way. It will not benefit the people of either area.

It also doesn't make sense to pair my neighborhood with JBER. We have a barbed wire fence that divides us. So although we are physically close, the people who live in JBER and the people in my neighborhood have very different socio-economic status, we have different needs and it doesn't make sense to group these two very divided places together.

What makes sense to me, and what serves the people in my neighborhood best, is to adopt a map similar to the map proposed by the senate Minority.

Sincerely

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

Date: October 4, 2021, 3:16 pm

First Name: Tara

Last Name: Davis

Group Affiliation, if applicable: I identify as Republican

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99623

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Eagle River and District 24

Public Comment: I do not want Eagle River with District 24. This is only to corrupt Alaska voting. Democrats are trying to ruin our beautiful state. This is like mixing Beverly Hills with Compton. This is only to swing the vote Democrat. They can't win so they are cheating the system. Don't California my Alaska!
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 3:29 pm

First Name: Richard

Last Name: Deckard

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99504

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

Public Comment: Do not change the map for redistricting Eagle River
Date: October 5, 2021, 4:14 pm

First Name: Charles  Last Name: Degnan  Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99684

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Senate Minority Proposed Alaska

Public Comment: Goal: Provide election district boundaries that serve the people of Alaska by considering the following factors:

* Compact election districts.

* Low deviation from equal representation based on population of Alaska Census 2020.

* Basic needs of population served.

* Cultural value backgrounds. Tribal homelands are important to cultural practices and are tied to the people living in each district.

* Alaska Native practices historically are dependent on the subsistence economy.

* Transportation - air and barge are primary transportation modes in rural Alaska.

* We, as a state, are surrounded by oceans (Arctic and Pacific) and seas (Bering, Chukchi, etc.)

* We have major watersheds - Yukon, Kuskoswim, Kobuk, Unalakleet, Nushagak, and many more.

* We have islands - Little Diomede, St. Lawrence, King Island, Nunivak, St. Paul, St. George, many in Southeast.

* Languages in relation to culture - Yupik, Inupiaq, Siberian Yupik, Athabaskan, Tlingit, Haida, Tsimshian, etc.

For these reasons we need a fair treatment of all our peoples in the redistricting plan, especially for rural Alaska where the population spread out over vast distances.

After careful consideration, I support the proposed redistricting plan of “Senate Minority Proposed Alaska.”

Thank you for your work on this important issue.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 5:33 pm

First Name: Steve

Last Name: Deliman

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99507

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): I believe it is referred to as Map 3

Public Comment: Eagle River needs to remain alone and should not be combined with any other areas such as downtown Anchorage, etc.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

**Date:** October 4, 2021, 3:24 pm

**First Name:** Lynn

**Last Name:** DesVoignes

**Group Affiliation**, if applicable: 

**Email or Phone Contact:**

**Your ZIP Code:** 99577

**Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):** Map 3

**Public Comment:** As an Eagle River resident I do not support combining Eagle River and East Anchorage for district 24! I support map3 to keep Eagle River on its own!
I am in support of Version 3 of the redistricting map being circulated. My neighbors and I align far more closely with those on the south side of Abbott Road, however my sliver on the north side of Abbott and east of Elmore gets stuck in a district that spans down to Dowling and Lake Otis area. Version 3 corrects this issue and better aligns my neighborhood with those just on the other side of Abbott.

Please approve Version 3.

Thank you,

John Dittrich
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Name: Louise Donhauser
Affiliation (if any):
Email or Phone: [Redacted] Zip Code: 99501
Area/Map Title/Keywords: 205

Public Comment:
Thank you for duly recording my comment. I, Louise Donhauser, am a registered voter in the State of Alaska and the Municipality of Anchorage. I fully & wholly support AFFR. Thank you, Louise Donhauser

SCAN HERE TO OPEN THE MAP COMMENT PORTAL
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 12:30 pm

First Name: Dave

Last Name: Donley

Group Affiliation, if applicable:  

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99507-2559

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Oppose Senate Democrat, Doyon Coalition, and AFFR plans

Public Comment: I request adoption of the Version 3 plan with one change to put Eagle River with East Anchorage like two previous maps #1 and #2 that were drawn before this one. JBER does not belong with Downtown Anchorage. The have no common interest and it is a disservice to our military to place them in one of the most far left districts in the state. Many military families that live off base live in East Anchorage and Eagle River; and share very similar demographics to JBER.

The AFFER plan also treats JBER fairly. The Senate Democrat, Doyon Coalition, and AFFR plans are completely inappropriate.

As a former 16 year State Representative and Senator from the Spenard/Midtown Area I also support how Version 3 has a united Spenard/Midtown area that was divided into small pieces of other districts when I was redistricted in 2002 and left with 8% of my district. The Doyon Coalition, AFFR, Senate Minority, and Map 4 split the heart of Spenard. As a child I grew up in Spenard as a community separate from Anchorage with even its own utilities. That tradition lives on with many people in those neighborhoods and should not be ignored.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 8, 2021, 8:02 pm

First Name: Melanie

Last Name: Drake

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99504

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Board Proposed v.4 Anchorage

Public Comment: I believe for the purposes of fair representation in our city elections, Board Proposed v.4 of Anchorage, provides voters with the best opportunity to elect and be represented by their preferred candidates.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 11:57 pm

First Name: Abbie

Last Name: Dyches

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map3

Public Comment: Keep Eagle River on its own!
I am in favor of the AFFER map for redistricting. Looking at the map choices, the AFFER map ensures that all areas are equal.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion on this matter.

Charles “Monty” Dyson

[Redacted]
East Anchorage Resident

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

Date: October 5, 2021, 10:01 am

First Name: Keith

Last Name: Earley

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99645

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Rezoning map selection - Version 3

Public Comment: I am in favor of the redistricting plan Version 3, as supported by Alaskans for Fair and Equitable Redistricting. Version 3 not only best reflects the actual voting preferences of all Alaskans since the 2010 census, it also represents the smallest population variance between the largest and smallest districts. Version 4 is a blatant attempt by Democrats to win by redistricting what it is unable to achieve at the ballot box. In other words, Version 4 is Gerrymandering at its worst. Sincerely, Keith Earley, Palmer
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 12:11 pm

First Name: Nelta

Last Name: Edwards

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99507

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

Public Comment: Dear members of the board,

I do not support any of the redistricting maps suggested for Anchorage by this board. For one, they seem a painfully obviously a ploy to increase the number of districts where Republican incumbents would run and to greatly decrease the number of districts where democratic incumbents would run by drawing the maps in such a way as to include more than one Democrat in the proposed changes. In addition, the maps suggested so far by the board are too far off the ideal in terms of the population and each district. This is unfair in that voters in more populated districts would have less power per vote. I also support maintaining community Council boundaries in the making of the maps. I find the maps proposed by Alaskans for Fair and Equitable Redistricting much fairer and thus more desirable and would support the adoption of those.
Dear Redistricting Board,

Please accept this testimony on behalf of the city of Anchorage Redistricting Plan. I have lived in Anchorage since 1982. In looking at the maps, the only current one I recommend is Map 3 and that only if changes are made to the Anchorage/Eagle River connection.

I much prefer that connection from maps 1 and 2. Eagle River fits much more with East Anchorage. Both Eagle River and East Anchorage have many residents from JBEAR that live off base. I lived myself in Eagle River as a dependent in the military.

Eagle River is a suburb and almost rural in many aspects. Downtown is urban. There share very few aspects of what one would consider a community.

Regards,

Judy Eledge

Anchorage AK 99517

Sent from my iPhone

Sent from my iPhone
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I much prefer that connection from maps 1 and 2. Eagle River fits much more with East Anchorage. Both Eagle River and East Anchorage have many residents from JBEAR that live off base.

Eagle River is a suburb and almost rural in many aspects. Downtown is urban. This makes for a huge difference in lifestyle and population.

Regards,

Randy Eledge

Anchorage AK 99517

Sent from my iPhone
Thank you for this opportunity to testify and for your service on the Redistricting Board. My name is Lois Epstein and I am an Alaska-licensed engineer with a small business consultancy on oil and gas issues. I live Downtown in South Addition and have lived in that house since 2005.

In this short testimony I would like to raise two points based on my experience attending and watching previous Redistricting Board meetings. I have a number of process concerns that I’m not sure are fixable but I would like to put them on the record.

First, as Board members know, if you begin creating the map from north Anchorage, you will create a different map than if you start in south Anchorage. This is true because each proposed district boundary affects all other boundaries. It is an arbitrary decision to start at the north or south end. Why not determine neighborhood socio-economic integrity first and then automate the drawing of boundaries through a probabilistic optimization process that I’m sure staff is familiar with?

Second, I am concerned with the disingenuous statements made at previous meetings about not including the homes of incumbent legislators on Board maps. While superficially true, that does not mean that the homes of particular legislators were not known by those helping or actually drawing proposed district boundary lines. I believe the Board should be transparent and put those locations on its maps rather than relying on others to point out incumbent conflicts and partisan bias.

I also have a number of targeted comments. On Board version 4, proposed district 23 should be numbered 22 to follow numerically from other Anchorage districts. In version 4, district 22 is outside of Anchorage. By changing the district from 23 to 22, Government Hill would be paired with northeast Anchorage for its Senate representation rather than a rural area outside of Eagle River. This change makes much more socio-economic sense. Additionally, I note that the AFFER map is entirely unacceptable for multiple reasons: it combines Nikiski with south Anchorage, two areas with very different interests: Ester, near the Fairbanks core area, is combined with a rural area for no reason; and Ketchikan is separated from nearby Saxman and Metlakatla. Last, I support the Alaskans for Fair Redistricting (AFFR) map as it has strong documentation of how it meets Alaska Constitutional requirements for redistricting and it has very low population deviation overall, significantly less than Board versions 3 and 4.

Thank you for your continuing efforts to develop a redistricting plan with integrity that meets all state and federal legal requirements. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 5:49 pm

First Name: Brian

Last Name: Evans

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99517

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: Keep .ap 3
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 8:38 pm

First Name: Mariann

Last Name: Falcone

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: People of Eagle River don't feel like they're anything other than a tax source for anchorage. Eagle River is Totally different from JBER & downtown anchorage to lump them is ludicrous for all have different lifestyles. Downtown is cosmopolitan & crime ridden whereas Eagle River is more a family orientated area. They're would be no representation for any of the three because they reach have their own identity & needs.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 11:58 am

First Name: Paula

Last Name: Ferguson

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99508

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

Public Comment: Please keep Eagle River separate, on it's own. Do not make any changes.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 4:31 pm

First Name: Michele

Last Name: Finley

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Retain Map 3

Public Comment: DO NOT COMBINE EAGLE RIVER JBER & DOWNTOWN ANCHORAGE INTO one District 24. Eagle River stands alone. JBER does not vote. Downtown is its own district.

I say NO to this combination into district 24.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 9:58 am
First Name: Susan
Last Name: Fischetti
Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]
Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Eagle River Map 3

Public Comment: I have lived in Eagle River since 1983, 38 years. Eagle River should NOT be contiguous with any area of Anchorage except East Anchorage or JBER. We have nothing in common with the Downtown area. Years ago our district was aligned with south Anchorage all the way to Girdwood and Hope and it did not provide fair representation of our area. Eagle River is a unique community and should not be divided. We have a large military population and share the Glenn Hwy border with East Anchorage. Please keep Eagle River close to the boundaries we have now.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 2:05 pm

First Name: Lisa

Last Name: Fletcher

Group Affiliation, if applicable: 

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99515

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

Public Comment: Do not include Eagle River with the downtown district
From: Todd Fletcher <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 2:08 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: October 4, 2021, 2:07 pm

First Name: Todd

Last Name: Fletcher

Group Affiliation, if applicable: None

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99515

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map # 3 Eagle River

Public Comment: Do not combine Eagle River with downtown
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 6, 2021, 8:52 am

First Name: Jessica

Last Name: Flournoy

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

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

Public Comment: Eagle River is a community within itself with different needs and considerations than those of Anchorage. Many of us have specifically chosen to live here over Anchorage because the community is different and has a uniqueness of its own. The people here want to be represented differently than the rest of Anchorage. I don't want Eagle River combined with East Anchorage, please. My vote is to stay as is. Thank you.
From: Celia Foley <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 3:04 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: October 4, 2021, 3:04 pm
First Name: Celia
Last Name: Foley
Group Affiliation, if applicable:
Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]
Your ZIP Code: 99517

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

Public Comment: Thank you to the Alaska Redistricting Board for considering the future of all Alaskan voters. The possibilities are endless, and difficult for those of us who do not have a great grasp of all of the map suggestions. My hope is that you be sure to consider all Alaskans of every party and group in the most fair and equal distribution. Whether we leave or stay in Alaska may depend on how the state settles its divisiveness, and begins to come together.
To whom it may concern,

I am supporting the AFFR Map. The reason why is very simple. The AFFR plan is the only plan that respects the distinct and diverse communities in the East Anchorage, Mountain View, Fairview and Downtown areas. It is the only map that does not split off some of these areas and include them in an Eagle River, South Anchorage, or a large, unified JBER district, where the people living in these areas will have their votes diluted and end up without meaningful representation. This is a simple matter of equity. These communities are highly diverse and eliminating representation in them would also eliminate minority representation. Although the board may be more inclined to choose one of their own board maps, strong feedback on the AFFR map can at the very least help inform changes that the board makes to their maps to make them more equitable.

Board options 3 and 4 divide the neighborhoods of East Anchorage, Downtown, Fairview, and Mountain View. The AFFR map does not.

AFFR’s Map reflects the diversity of Anchorage’s neighborhoods

- Anchorage’s growing diversity is one of Anchorage’s defining socio-economic features
- The Municipality of Anchorage’s minority population is now 43.5%

The AFFR Plan’s Anchorage deviation is 0.35% with no district more than 36 people from ideal.

The AFFR plan includes senate pairings.

EASTSIDE

- The AFFR plan recognizes the connections servicemembers on JBER have with the nearby neighborhoods off-base and structures the JBER districts around the gates so that servicemembers can be in the same district as the services and businesses they use off-base.
- Both board option 3 & 4 group JBER population together as a whole including parts of Mountain View & Downtown into a district with the rest of JBER.
- AFFR does not put any part of East Anchorage in a district with South Anchorage, as does board map 3.
- AFFR is the only map that keeps the Northeast Community Council within one Senate district.
- AFFR is the only map that has two Eastside Senate districts (K+I) without any South Anchorage portions.
- AFFR Senate District I puts the U-Med district into a Senate district with the Eastside neighborhoods where many of the health care and university workers live.

WESTSIDE
● AFFR is the only map that keeps all of the neighborhoods along the Coastal Trail in one House district (16).

● AFFR puts the Spenard and Turnagain areas within one Senate district (H).

● AFFR puts the lakeside neighborhoods around Lake Hood, Jewel Lake, Delong Lake, and Sand Lake within one House district (12).

● AFFR has two Westside Senate districts, a Northwest district (H) and a Southwest district (F).

● AFFR puts the neighborhoods of Southwest Anchorage within one Senate district (F) allowing all the neighborhoods along the Turnagain Arm bluff to be within the same district.

DOWNTOWN

● AFFR keeps the Fairview neighborhood within one House district (20) and the MountainView neighborhood within one Senate district (J), allowing these highly diverse neighborhoods to be within the same Senate district.

SOUTHSIDE

● AFFR puts the Hillside neighborhoods within one Senate district (E), with no portion of East Anchorage or Midtown

● AFFR puts the Abbott Loop neighborhood within its own House district (14)

● AFFR puts the Huffman/ O’Malley neighborhoods within one district (10) keeping houses on both the north and south sides of Hillside Drive in the same district.

● AFFR puts the South Hillside in a distinct House district (9) from Huffman/ O’Malley and in a district with the Turnagain Arm communities.

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Chelsea Foster  
Alaskan Activist

Dena'inaq elnen'aq' gheshtnu ch'q'u yeshdu. (Dena'ina)  
I live and work on Dena’ina land.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 3:43 pm

First Name: Jeff
Last Name: Fowler

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:  

Your ZIP Code: 99577

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

Public Comment: YES TO MAP 3. KEEP EAGLE RIVER ON ITS OWN.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 3:43 pm

First Name: Gigi

Last Name: Fowler-Hendricks

Group Affiliation, if applicable: 

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99516

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: Keep Eagle River on its own!!!
-----Original Message-----
From: Chris Francis <br>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 6:12 AM
To: Testimony <testimony@akredistrict.org>
Subject: Redistricting

I am in favor of Map 3, but do not like Eagle River JBEAR and Downtown Anchorage. I like the other maps 1 and 2 that you had before with Eagle River and East Anchorage as one district Thank you Emily Francis.

Eagle River

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----
From: Emily Francis <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 5:38 AM
To: TJ Presley <TJ.Presley@akredistrict.org>; Jessica Tonseth <jessica.tonseth@akredistrict.org>; Testimony <testimony@akredistrict.org>
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 4, 2021, 5:38 am

First Name: Emily

Last Name: Francis

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): State Redistricting for Eagle River and East Anchorage

Public Comment: I am in favor of Map 3 but do not approve of Eagle River Community grouping with JBEAR and Downtown Anchorage. I agree with the other maps 1 and 2 that you had before, giving a voice to the Eagle River and East Anchorage Communities as a whole.
I understand you are considering combining Government Hill with Eagle river again.

As a 30 year resident of Government Hill, I feel no links to Eagle river geographically or socioeconomically.

Linking us with larger Eagle River denies us a voice.

Thank you Gail French

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From: michael fuller <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 10:17 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: October 4, 2021, 10:16 am

First Name: michael

Last Name: fuller

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99504

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

Public Comment: I am in favor of this map proposal. AFFER.

thank you
Dear Redistricting Board,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide public comments on the redistricting proposals and for your time and efforts on behalf of our state.

After review of the various proposals currently before the Board, I urge you to select the Alaskans for Fair Redistricting (AFFR) map as your final statewide map.

The broad coalition of support that came together to develop the AFFR proposal, including Alaska Native groups, labor organizations, and non-governmental organizations, reflects a broad swath of Alaskan perspectives and values. The AFFR proposal also better aligns with the State Constitution's prescriptions for redistricting with a lower population deviation (4.79%) than that seen in the Board version 3 and 4 (V3, V4) maps. This low deviation comes along with similar or greater compactness and integration of districts to those seen in the V3 and V4 proposals. It also includes logical combinations of locations into units, such as having Homer and Seward in a single district and keeping Eagle River seats contiguous. I also think it better handles the alignment of my home district in northwest Anchorage.

In contrast to the AFFR proposal, I strongly oppose the proposal by Alaskans for Fair and Equitable Redistricting. Despite the name of the submitting group, I do not feel the proposal lives up to its standard but am concerned with the ways it may gerrymander certain districts to promote particular political interests. I have been a registered Republican my entire voting life and highly value the right to representation through voting being extended to all people equitably in as non-partisan a manner as possible. I do not think that the Alaskans for Fair and Equitable Redistricting proposal lives up to this standard. Instead, we see many illogical delineations of districts that fail compactness, contiguity, and pairing standards, likely in an attempt to favor certain political interests. Please reject this proposal.

While I greatly appreciate the Board's willingness to listen to public testimony and revise their maps under consideration by adding the V3 and V4 maps, I also urge the Board not to support their ultimate selection. Both of these maps have relatively high population deviations throughout the state, which according to the State Constitution should disqualify them compared to other proposals such as that by AFFR. I am concerned that if either of these proposals is selected the high deviations will lead to them being rejected by the courts, as has occurred in the past. Instead it is preferable to select a more balanced proposal, such as the AFFR proposal, from the start.

The Senate Minority proposal has some strong benefits, such as low population deviation and good compaction, contiguity and integration. Nonetheless, out of a desire to best represent the perspectives of all Alaskans, I feel a non-partisan proposal such as that by AFFR would better serve the Alaskan public, which is why I favor that proposal.

Once again, I thank you for your time and efforts on behalf of our state and again urge you to support the AFFR proposal for redistricting.

Thank you,

Tim Fullman

Anchorage resident (99517) since 2014.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 12:41 pm

First Name: Tamara

Last Name: Gagnon

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99567

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): District re-zoning - Eagle River

Public Comment: As a long time resident of Chugiak/Eagle River, I would vote to keep Eagle River in its own zone NOT combined with East Anchorage.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 3:27 pm

First Name: Madeleine

Last Name: Gaiser

Group Affiliation, if applicable: District 15

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99504

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

Public Comment: I have been sick with COVID for 3 weeks and just found out about this topic. I have lived in East ANC for 7 years and am concerned about the redistricting maps presented so far. The only one that appears to be more fair and balanced for East ANC is Map 3 but more public comment is needed. I think the issue needs to be more publicized so that more public comment can continue. Please do not separate Eagle River from East Anc. Thank you!
From: Kathi Gallagher <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 4:43 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: October 5, 2021, 4:42 am

First Name: Kathi

Last Name: Gallagher

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map3

Public Comment: I vote for map three. The people of Eagle River want to have their own representation. We have different needs and our opinions need to be heard. By combining our areas with downtown, our voices will be squashed.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 11:36 pm

First Name: Kristi

Last Name: Gartman

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Voting on maps for district 24

Public Comment: I believe keeping Eagle River on its own is the best option for our community! I vote Map 3.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 6:16 pm

First Name: James

Last Name: Gentemann

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

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

Public Comment: No. Don't redistrict Eagle River. Leave us alone!
From: Lisa Gentemann <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 5:11 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: October 4, 2021, 5:10 pm

First Name: Lisa

Last Name: Gentemann

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

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

Public Comment: Please leave Eagle River on its own! I absolutely do not want us to join any other district!!!!
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 3:55 pm

First Name: REBECCA

Last Name: GEURTS

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: 99567

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3 redistricting

Public Comment: Eagle River/Chugiak is a unique place and lumping us in with JBER and downtown Anchorage isn't in our best interests.
Howdy from South Anchorage. I am formally submitting the following testimony for the Oct 4 hearing. Please let me know if you need any additional information. Regards –

- AG
  John A (Alex) Gimarc
  Anchorage AK 99515

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Redistricting Board comments –

My name is John (Alex) Gimarc. I am a registered voter in South Anchorage and a retired USAF officer. I am speaking today in opposition to the proposed Board v3 and v4 maps for the following reasons:
- V.3 ignores constitutional language to use drainage / other geographical features in boundaries wherever possible, for example Anchorage creeks, highways and roads.
- The Alaska constitution requires each House district to formed contiguous, compact and integrated socio-economic area. Existing House Districts 18 and 32 are via AK Supreme Court ruling sufficiently integrated.
- Any attempt to combine Northern Kenai with Anchorage will not improve any district.
- Both v.3 and v.4 maps use inadequate population (too few people) in 16 districts.
- Attempts to combine Elmendorf / Joint Base Elmendorf – Richardson (JBER) with Government Hill ignore the population of people who live and work on JBER who live just outside Boniface, Muldoon, and Arctic Valley gates and commute in from Eagle River and other locations in Anchorage. Government Hill is just as far from everything on JBER as it is possible to be, so people who are assigned and work on base commute in on the shortest route possible. Lumping in JBER with Government Hill would be an artificial solution. Note that much of the land of the Fort Richardson portion of JBER is right across the Glenn Highway from Eagle river, meaning it is also contiguous with Eagle River.

I support the proposed Alaskans for Fair and Equitable Redistricting (affer) map for the following reasons:
- 37 of the 40 House Districts are totally or part of a Borough, which has by definition and integrated, equal socio-economic standing. There is no way withing a borough to form a more integrated socio-economic area
- The proposed affer map maximizes contiguous and compact House Districts
- The proposed affer map has minimized deviations to the constitutional one man one vote construction of districts. In other words, its population deviations are less than 1% in Anchorage.
- Affer proposed maps use drainage, other geographic features (rivers, creeks, roads and other geographic features, for instance) when drawing boundaries. The proposed v.3 and v.4 maps out of the Board do not.
- Cities matter. The AK Supreme Court in 2011 ruled that Fairbanks has the right to a state senate district. In order to construct this, Fairbanks must be assigned two house districts to construct this single senate district. The 2021 v.3 and v.4 maps do not do this.

Thank you for taking my testimony. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. Regards –

- John A (Alex) Gimarc
Date: October 4, 2021, 1:35 pm

First Name: Martha    Last Name: Ginsburg    Your ZIP Code: 99508

Email or Phone Contact: 

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Equal representation and keeping like communities together

Public Comment: I urge you to adopt the plan put forth by Alaskans For Fair Redistricting. the AFFR plan has substantially better deviations within Anchorage, ensuring that all neighborhoods are equally represented.

The AFFR plan is the only plan that respects the distinct and diverse communities in the East Anchorage and Mountain View areas. Board options 3 and 4 divide the neighborhoods of Downtown, Fairview and Mountain View.

- These neighborhoods are very diverse and feed into the most diverse schools in the state. The diversity of these communities should be respected and not grouped with JBER in a way that would erase minority representation
- Mountain View and Fairview are tight-knit communities with active community councils. The AFFR plan has Chugiak and Eagle River in their own Senate district without any portion of the Anchorage Bowl.

Board options 3 and 4 would likely pair sections of Anchorage with Eagle River.

- Chugiak and Eagle River are distinct culturally and socio-economically from the Anchorage Bowl. Furthermore, there is a well-organized movement for them to leave the MOA to form their own borough (Eagle Exit).

The AFFR plan respects community councils as much as possible. In one example, the Northeast Community Council is kept entirely in one district.

The AFFR plan recognizes the connections that JBER service members have with the off-base neighborhoods nearby. The AFFR plan structures the JBER districts around the gates so that service members can be in the same district as the services and businesses they use off-base.

- Board options 3 & 4 group JBER population together as a whole with parts of Mountain View & Downtown.
For the Anchorage area, just looking at how they were drawn you can tell there is some fancy footwork going on in map version #3, #4 on the other hand is like population blocks of population set along straight lines for the most part. Please use the #4 version for this area.
Date: October 4, 2021, 6:40 pm

First Name: Andrea

Last Name: Gosa

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3 and 4

Public Comment: I do NOT agree with Map 4. Absolutely not. Eagle River should not be lumped in with downtown. That makes no sense. We have completely different needs. It’s a NO.

From: Andrea Gosa [redacted]
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 2:28 PM
To: Testimony <testimony@akredistrict.org>
Subject: New Redistrict plan

All concerned

I like map 3 and believe it works but I am NOT in favor of rolling Eagle River and JBER into downtown. That makes no sense and we could possibly lose a seat. That’s a terrible idea.

Andrea G

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

Date: October 4, 2021, 3:50 pm

First Name: Nancy

Last Name: Grant

Group Affiliation, if applicable: 

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: 99516

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Redistricting map 3 is my preference

Public Comment: Need to keep Eagle River separate
Alaska Redistricting Board
Public Testimony Form

CAUTION: What you write will become part of the public record attributed to you by name. Anonymous comments will not be included in the public record. Profane or inappropriate comments will be immediately deleted.

Name: Andrew Gray

Affiliation (if any):

Email or Phone: [Redacted] Zip Code: 99507

Area/Map Title/Keywords: Senate Districts

Public Comment:

1. Please allow public testimony before Senate Districts are finalized.

2. I support V4 personally as it keeps me in District 17 which I like but AFFR does too and has less deviation.

3. I do not like V3 or AFFR. V3 divides up Fairview but AFFR puts Kinik into Hill with South Anchorage which makes little sense.

4. AFFR manages Homer and Seward, Cordova & Kenai better.

SCAN HERE TO OPEN THE MAP COMMENT PORTAL ➔
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 3, 2021, 8:49 pm

First Name: Jennie

Last Name: Grimwood

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99574

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Cordova district 5

Public Comment: Cordova has been under the control of Kodiak, Alaska for the last 10 years. The smallest communities in Prince William Sound are gerrymandered and attached to a distant Kodiak. Larger communities nearby are separated from us. Cordova needs to be combined with closer communities and break up the Kodiak power hold.
First of all, I’d like to thank the board members

and staff for their tireless work on this critical redistricting

process - I celebrated my first birthday in Eagle River.

I grew up, went to school and spent most of my life

in Eagle River and recently moved to East Anchorage. I have included

my points of testimony below.

- I believe the Eagle River area district should not

  consist of East Anchorage or other parts of Anchorage.
- If additional residents are required, JBER’s

  Eagle River since many of the same socioeconomic characteristics,

  including high achieve retired service members, similar economic

  factors, and school district boundaries.

- Including E. Anchorage with Eagle River would likely lead

  to disenfranchise these voters and could result in an

  E. Anchorage legislators represent by Eagle River or an Eagle River

  representative for E. Anchorage which hold unique’s distinct

  Interests.

SCAN HERE TO OPEN THE MAP COMMENT PORTAL ➔
**Date/Time:** 10/4/2021

**Name:** Don Habeger

**Email or Phone:** [Redacted]

**Public Comment:** Alaska Redistricting Board: Thank you for the opportunity to provide input. Having looked at the various options, I believe the Board's v.4 is the best alternative.
Hello Alaska Redistricting Board,

Please find attached a resolution adopted by the Spenard Community Council regarding statewide redistricting. The SCC recommends that the Redistricting Board bring the new state redistricting plan into closer alignment with local neighborhood boundaries, including the Spenard Community Council boundaries and the slightly expanded boundaries contained in the Spenard Corridor Plan.

Thank you,
Lindsey Hajduk

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Spenard Community Council
1057 West Fireweed Lane, Suite 100
Anchorage, Alaska 99503
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Spenard Community Council Resolution

2021-05

A Resolution for Statewide Redistricting

WHEREAS, the Spenard Community Council ("SCC") is an organization representing the interests of the residents of the Spenard neighborhood of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Redistricting Board ("Board") is drawing new legislative districts; and

WHEREAS, each house district must be of contiguous and compact territory containing (as near as practicable) a relatively integrated socio-economic area; and

WHEREAS, Spenard, which was once an independent community, is a unique neighborhood in Anchorage, consisting of “eclectic businesses, cultural diversity, and enduring entrepreneurial spirit” (Introduction, Spenard Corridor Plan, adopted October 2020); and

WHEREAS, community council districts in Anchorage must consist of natural communities, with common interests and a distinct identity (AMC 2.40.040(A)); and

WHEREAS, the current boundaries of the Spenard Community Council ("Council") consist of three house districts and three senate districts, which makes it difficult and burdensome for the Council, an all volunteer entity, to coordinate on state projects and issues that directly affect Spenard;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SCC recommends that the Redistricting Board bring the new state redistricting plan into closer alignment with local neighborhood boundaries, including the Spenard Community Council boundaries and the slightly expanded boundaries contained in the Spenard Corridor Plan.

Resolved, this 6th day of October 2021.

[Signature]
Spenard Community Council President 10/6/21

Vote: 21 in favor, and 0 opposed.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 3:40 pm

First Name: Lynn

Last Name: Hallford

Group Affiliation, if applicable: none

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99645

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: Keep Eagle River a separate, stand alone district. DO NOT combine with east Anchorage
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 3:37 pm

First Name: Robert

Last Name: Hallford

Group Affiliation, if applicable: none

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99645

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: Keep Eagle River a separate, distinct district - DO NOT combine it with East Anchorage.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 2:49 pm

First Name: Clint

Last Name: Hamann

Group Affiliation, if applicable: n/a

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99507

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): map 3 redistricting question

Public Comment: yes to map 3.

No to map 4.
From: Chelsea Haponski <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 10:25 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: October 4, 2021, 10:25 pm

First Name: Chelsea

Last Name: Haponski

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: 99504

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: Looking at the maps, I think that Eagle river should remain its own district as shown on map 3 rather than be merged with a section of Anchorage.
Name: Jordan Harvey
Affiliation (if any): Self
Email or Phone: [Redacted] Zip Code: 99507
Area/Map Title/Keywords: In Favor of Doyen Coalition Map

Public Comment: Do the words E Pluribus Unum mean anything to you? They should... they're written on the currency of this country. For those that don't know, it's Latin meaning Out of Many, One. But that's not the world we live in anymore is it? You're either a hardcore left-leaning liberal Democrat (also known today as a communist), or a hardcore right-leaning conservative Republican (also known today as a Foolist). There's no middle ground anymore... everything has become polarized. Anyone telling you otherwise is either completely ignorant or is trying to sell you a hot steaming pile of horse manure. Compromise, E Pluribus Unum, United States, have sadly fallen out of the national and state discourse. You have 6 maps here, that are being proposed by who? Politicians and political groups mostly. Which politicians and political groups? That's a good question... are everyone here should be deeply assessing. Let's not help the Democrats get more power, let's not help Republicans more power. Let's instead restore power back to the people. Let's create for a common goal of making sure everyone is represented and bring back E Pluribus Unum. That being said, it appears to from my research and investigation that the Doyen Coalition map is the most fair, the most competitive, and the most non-partisan. This map also has a very low deviation with only a couple districts showing as less than 4% with the rest being around 1% or less. Please select this map as the board's choice for the next 10 year cycle.

SCAN HERE TO OPEN THE MAP COMMENT PORTAL ✨
Redistricting Board Members -

Thank you for the time you have committed to drawing new district lines, and for reviewing extensive public comments on this issue. I live in Anchorage and believe there is significant opportunity to improve the process of adopting new maps compared to 2010, when initial maps had legal problems and had to be redrawn after an election conducted under provisional maps. Please follow the plain language of the Constitution in maximizing compactness and socioeconomic integration while minimizing population differences across districts. Given the current technology available to review this data, it seems obvious to me that Alaskans for Fair Redistricting has the most constitutional map for Anchorage: It has the lowest population deviations with compact lines. As someone who lives in Anchorage and works in Chugiak, I also think AFFR’s lines for Eagle River/Anchorage make the most sense. Eagle River/Chugiak is distinct from Anchorage culturally, and may in fact secede to be a separate local government. It makes sense to keep Eagle River/Chugiak districts together (as in AFFR’s map), which follows the Constitutional requirement of maximizing contiguity of districts.

Thank you
Gabriel Hardy
From: Gordon Hays <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 6:37 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: October 5, 2021, 6:37 pm

First Name: Gordon

Last Name: Hays

Group Affiliation, if applicable: Constituent

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map #3

Public Comment: I want to keep Eagle River separate for District #24
Good afternoon,

My name is Kim Hays and I am an Anchorage Resident. I live in the Westpark subdivision in southwest Anchorage. I am an involved community member and I have spent my entire life in Anchorage. I have a substantial understanding of the important identities of our neighborhoods. After looking at all the maps adopted for public comment, the map I prefer for many reasons is the one submitted by the Alaskans For Fair Redistricting Coalition:

- It has the least deviation among the options which is important to ensure equal representation of citizens.
- In the AFFR map, my neighborhood is grouped with our "lake" areas like Lake Hood, Jewel Lake, Sand Lake, etc. This really honors the history and feel of our area as the residents in our community recreate at these lakes and participate in aviation activities involved the lakes as well.

If the AFFR map is not the map you choose to consider, I ask that you take a look at your own version 4 and adopt the Lakes district of the AFFR map as part of it to ensure my community is grouped with like areas. Taking a statewide view with Version 4, it has too much deviation with almost 300 more people per district than it should. This means Alaskan residents' representation is diluted.

Thank you for your time,

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

Date: October 5, 2021, 6:34 pm

First Name: **Stephanie**

Last Name: **Hays**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Constituent**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Map #3**

Public Comment: *I want to keep Eagle River on it's own for District 24.*
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 10:26 am

First Name: Gail

Last Name: Heineman

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99502

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): I support the AFFR plan, not any other

Public Comment: I support the AFFR plan.

Statewide it has a much lower population deviation than Plan 3, Plan 4, and the Doyon plan.

In Anchorage, where I live, the AFFR plan has no district more than 36 persons from ideal, much better than the Board options 3, 4, and AFFER.

The AFFR plan respects the distinct neighborhoods of East Anchorage/Mountain View. Board options 3 and 4 would create a huge gerrymander to divide them and artificially group parts in with JBER to erase minority representation.

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

Date: October 5, 2021, 12:05 am

First Name: Todd

Last Name: Heininger

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99577

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

Public Comment: Keep eagle river separate from Anchorage
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 3:47 pm

First Name: Kenneth

Last Name: Hendricks

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99516

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: Keep Eagle River on its own!!
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 2:30 pm

First Name: Catherine

Last Name: Henning

Group Affiliation, if applicable: 

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map3

Public Comment: DO NOT combined Eagle River with any Anchorage districts.
From: Gar Henning <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 1:07 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: October 4, 2021, 1:06 pm

First Name: Gar

Last Name: Henning

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: ***************

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): I support Map 3

Public Comment: Please leave eagle river Its own district. (how it presently is. Do not combine with any Anchorage zones. Thank you.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 3:40 pm

First Name: Phyllis

Last Name: Hensley

Group Affiliation, if applicable: 

Email or Phone Contact: XXXXX

Your ZIP Code: 99516

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: I want Eagle River to stay separate on its own!
Dear redistricting board,

First, thank you for your time and effort to parse through a complicated set of criteria for assigning districts based on the most recent census information. I am sure this was a challenging task, and I appreciate that you are striving for a balance for Alaska’s future.

As an Anchorage resident of the last 18 years, I focused my attention on the plans as they pertain to this part of the state. I hope that residents from other parts of the state weigh in on which options best suit their local communities.

I am writing to support the AFFR redistricting proposal as it pertains to the Anchorage area. This version maintains tight deviations, keeping like numbers of residents per district, as well as maintaining population pockets with similar characteristics, such as the diverse communities in the Mountain View and Downtown areas. I believe this matches the spirit of districts - allowing residents with similar interests to have a stronger voice than if they were broken into pockets in larger districts. I also appreciate that this version allows Chugiak and Eagle River a Senate district that would allow its perspective to be represented without influence from the Anchorage municipal bowl - this could be especially useful to these residents if they continue to pursue separation from the Municipality. Lastly, I value the emphasis this version placed on maintaining community council regions where possible - I think that districts and community councils can align in ways that most accurately represent the values of the residents in those areas.

I know you are able to modify the plans so your ultimate choice may incorporate options from different versions. It appears there are benefits and drawbacks to each of the proposals, but in the time I had available to review them, it appears the AFFR version is the best fit for Anchorage’s diverse population.

Thank you for taking public feedback on this important process.

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

Date: October 4, 2021, 10:34 am

First Name: Christine

Last Name: Hill

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99518

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): I support Board Proposed Plan v.3

Public Comment: I have lived at the same address for almost 40 years. In looking at all the redistricting maps I have concluded for my district and area the board proposed plan v.3 best suites my area. I urge you to please select this map.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 10:36 am

First Name: Duane

Last Name: Hill

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99518

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Please vote for Board Proposed Plan v.3

Public Comment: I have lived at [Redacted] for 40 years. Please vote for Board Proposal v.3
From: Linda Hill <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 12:51 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: October 5, 2021, 12:51 pm

First Name: Linda

Last Name: Hill

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99515

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

Public Comment: Eagle River needs to stand alone. Do not combine it with another district.
As a voter in Eagle River, I am asking the Board to maintain the voice and contributions that the Eagle River area provides by using Map 3 for the district and putting Eagle River with east Anchorage. Our voice will mostly be lost if we are included with the downtown district which has its own interests. Maps 1 and 2 were also good in this regard.

Taking away anyone’s voice, including that of Eagle River, is a disservice to the democracy that we hold dear.

Thank you for your consideration in this important matter.

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Ron Hoggard
From: Britt Holloway <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 5:56 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: October 5, 2021, 5:56 am

First Name: Britt

Last Name: Holloway

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map3

Public Comment: Keep ER separate! Do not join it with downtown! Iâ€™ve lived here 40 years and will not stand for that. ear is my home and my future. Thatâ€™s would change it drastically!
To Whom it may concern,

I am a lifelong, born in Alaska resident. My parents have been here since the early 70's. Our family has had businesses in the state of Alaska since then. We have lived in Anchorage, Eagle River, Chugiak, and we own remote property on the Denali Highway. We have been witness to many changes in all areas business in this state. As a current resident of Eagle River I am shocked that planning has grouped my town of Eagle River with Downtown, and possibly JBER. Our concerns in Eagle River are completely unlike those of the other two areas, downtown and JBER. At the very least it's most similar to East Anchorage, and for that, I request that the Map 3 be used going forward. Maps 1 and 2 were good, but the Map 3 would be acceptable, only if Eagle River is lumped in with East Anchorage. We share so many demographics as family members in Eagle River with those military members who do not live on base, but instead choose the nearby areas of East Anchorage and Eagle River to commute to base from. We share absolutely nothing with the residents of downtown Anchorage.

Thank you so much for taking the time to ready my testimony

Andra Holmstrom
Honorable Board members,
Please help Alaska to be a strong democracy by keeping deviations to 3-4%.

Thank you for putting the interests of all Alaskans above partisanship interests.

Sincerely
Sherrell Holtshouser
Anchorage, AK.  99515

Sent from my iPhone
CAUTION: What you write will become part of the public record attributed to you by name. Anonymous comments will not be included in the public record. Profane or inappropriate comments will be immediately deleted.

Name: Davis Hovey

Affiliation (if any): Resident of Anchorage, formerly of Nome

Email or Phone: [Redacted] Zip Code: 99518

Area/Map Title/Keywords: Doyon Coalition

Public Comment: In terms of what is best for Western Alaska, as a Resident of Nome, I believe that the Board's proposed version 3 is the best breakdown for 39T; the Bering Strait Region, 40-T the North Slope and Arctic, and North Slope, as well as 36 the Interior/Fairbanks. However, given the way that proposal divides Anchorage, I believe the better option for Western Alaskans and urban residents is the Doyon Coalition's proposal. This version is similar in breakdown for 39-T, 40, 36, etc but also has a more straightforward line for Anchorage districts.

In order to provide the most relevant and fair representation for Western Alaskans, please select Doyon Coalition's Proposal.

Thank you for your diligent work on this difficult task.
From: Joelle Howald <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 9, 2021 12:39 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: October 9, 2021, 12:38 pm

First Name: Joelle

Last Name: Howald

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: 99504

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Board Proposed v.4 of Anchorage

Public Comment: Basher Heights and Hillside being lumped in with the scenic foothills doesn't make sense, they are so different. I comment in support of the Board Proposed v.4 of Anchorage.
From: Lee Hulme <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 4:03 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: October 4, 2021, 4:03 pm

First Name: Lee

Last Name: Hulme

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99567

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Use map 3

Public Comment: Against rezoning ER with downtown Anchorage. My vote is for map 3.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 5:44 pm

First Name: Lesa

Last Name: Hultquist

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99516

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Eagle River joining East anchorage district 24

Public Comment: NOT IN FAVOR OF EAGLE RIVER JOINING DISTRICT 24. they should be their own district.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 7:01 pm

First Name: Jenn

Last Name: Hurt

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99567

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map3

Public Comment: Please do not combine Eagle River with East Anchorage! The needs of these two communities are very different and should not be combined.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 6, 2021, 1:11 pm

First Name: Louis

Last Name: Imbriani

Group Affiliation, if applicable: None

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Please accept V3

Public Comment: Please accept Map V3. The needs of Eagle River residents need to be heard. They have different needs, wants and lifestyles than those in East anchorage and downtown anchorage and do not need to be drowned out in Juneau. Please accept MAP V3
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 1:23 pm

First Name: Dan

Last Name: Inman

Group Affiliation, if applicable: 

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Vote for map 3

Public Comment: 
From: Monica Inman <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 1:22 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: October 4, 2021, 1:21 pm

First Name: Monica

Last Name: Inman

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): We must keep Eagle River on its own. Vote for map 3

Public Comment: Do not silence our voice!

Eagle Rivers’ demographic reflects map 3

Vote for map 3
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 4:24 pm

First Name: Debra

Last Name: Isel

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99504

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 4

Public Comment: This plan dumps East Anchorage and Eagle River together. Eagle River is a separate entity and culture. East Anchorage is a loss collection of neighborhoods. These do not go together well.
From: Maria Ivanov <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 8:54 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: October 4, 2021, 8:53 pm

First Name: Maria

Last Name: Ivanov

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99623

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: I want eagle river to stay its own district.

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

Date: October 4, 2021, 2:10 pm

First Name: Christy

Last Name: Jen

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99507

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): i vote for map 3

Public Comment:
From: John Jensen <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 12:44 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: October 4, 2021, 12:43 pm

First Name: John

Last Name: Jensen

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99516

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

Public Comment: The most important part of this process is to resist any attempt, subtle or otherwise, to gerrymander, to gain a 10 year political advantage which does no reflect the criteria for redistricting. To put this in the positive: please just produce maps that reflect fairness.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 8:01 pm

First Name: Julia
Last Name: Jette

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map #3

Public Comment: I do not agree with Eagle River being redistrict to be part of Anchorage; we deserve and need our own representation. Map #3 is appropriate for Eagle River residents to have a voice.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 9, 2021, 8:14 pm

First Name: Steven

Last Name: Johnson

Group Affiliation, if applicable: ARP District 11 Chair

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99645

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3, Map 4

Public Comment: I have deep concerns with map 3&4 dealings with western edge of District 25 & 28 current District11. New Trunk Road is the natural western boundary, current map takes inexplicable turn down Old Trunk Road splitting UAF experimental Farm in part and putting Mat Su Regional Hospital which is part of City Of Palmer water district in another district. This area is non residential and by moving line to New Trunk Road near zero residents would be involved. Map 4 has additional issue of a long narrow tail of District27 extending all the way up to core area of Palmer to Bogard Road to include Colony High School. This District would include Big Lake, Knik, Goose Bay, Gateway, and Palmer core areas? These are all very distinct areas and would not be well represented by one Representative. The natural historic lines should be New Trunk Road and Bogard Road.

Thank you for your attention.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 3, 2021, 8:42 pm

First Name: Trina

Last Name: Johnson

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99517

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Re-districting. https://www.akredistrict.org/files/4216/3227/3230/EagleRiver-v.3.pdf

Public Comment: Keep Map 3- Eagle River needs to be left alone. I have lived in Alaska my entire life so I hope my two cents matter here. Leave Eagle River alone!!!!!
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 7:38 pm

First Name: Sara

Last Name: Jokela

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99516

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3 redistricting

Public Comment: Please DO NOT combine Eagle River with any part of Anchorage. It is itâ€™s own district and it needs to stay separate. You will be doing all of these areas a severe disservice.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 5:42 pm

First Name: Tawana

Last Name: Jolin

Group Affiliation, if applicable: 

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99516

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: I support this map for redistricting. Thank you.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 5, 2021, 2:43 am

First Name: Jerry

Last Name: Jordan

Group Affiliation, if applicable: 

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: 99516

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 4

Public Comment: Map 4 is a blatant attempt to remove a conservative voice by combining Eagle River with downtown Anchorage. This is not acceptable. These two areas are distinctively different and should not be combined.
Good afternoon. Thank you for the opportunity to testify here today. My name is Alex Jorgensen, and I am a resident of the Taku/Campbell community.

The Redistricting Board proposal map #3 districts my community with several other communities that do not share a common set of interests. Board map #3 lumps my neighborhood at the southeast corner of the proposed district with Woronzof Dr at the end of Turnagain Arm, the entirety of the Ted Stevens International Airport, and upper Kincaid Road neighborhoods. My neighborhood has little association with the airport, as that area has been traditionally districted with either Turnagain Arm or Sand Lake communities. The three areas I mentioned above patronize different commerce areas and feed into different schools. These are different communities and should not be combined into a single district. The AFFR proposal keeps the Taku/Campbell area together.

I am also concerned that board proposed maps #3 and #4 have a significant deviation from the ideal number, containing 199 and 330 more people per district, respectively. This dilutes my representation and works against the concept of "one person, one vote." I understand that creating the perfect district may be impossible; deviations must be kept to a minimum.

After full consideration of the board's proposals and those by 3rd party organizations, I truly believe the AFFR map is the strongest. If we're following historic constitutional guidance, the AFFR map maintains the strictest deviations for Anchorage, meaning there is a more equitable level of representation per district. The AFFR map also maintains compact districts, uses geographic and strategic roads as borders whenever possible, and factors in socio-economic continuities.

Thank you for allowing me to testify,

Alex
Good afternoon,

I have tried multiple times to reach the website dedicated to redistricting but it will not download onto our computer. I hope my comments related to the Alaska redistricting process can be entered into the official record.

I have reviewed the five maps related to redistricting (Board versions 3, 4, AFFER, AFFR, Senate Minority). My concerns from an Anchorage perspective:

1) Both board options 3 & 4 have high population deviations throughout the state (especially in Anchorage and Fairbanks)

2) Both board 3 & 4 options appear to combine Eagle River with portions of the Anchorage bowl. Not only are the populations socio-economically very different, there are ongoing, well known efforts from the Eagle River community to leave the Anchorage Municipality to form their own borough.

3) Both board 3 & 4 options group JBER population together with parts of Mountain View & Downtown. The neighborhoods of Fairview, Mountain View, Downtown are unique and very diverse. The groupings proposed will erase minority representation.

As an almost 40 year resident of Alaska, I believe the maps from AFFR and the “Senate Minority” (or a combination thereof) will address the high population deviations arising from Board versions 3 & 4 and the gerrymandering efforts from AFFER proposal.

Thank you for taking my testimony,

Becky Judd
Anchorage 99516
From: Carrie Keil <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 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: October 4, 2021, 2:20 pm

First Name: Carrie

Last Name: Keil

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99508

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Keep Eagle River in map 3

Public Comment: Keep Eagle River in map 3
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 9:28 am

First Name: Kathy

Last Name: Kelly

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99517

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

Public Comment: I strongly support the AFFR redistributing plan, as it provides the most equal representation for ALL neighborhoods, including good representation for west Anchorage, where I live. I would hope that our main objective is equal representation (smallest deviations) for all citizens/neighborhoods/areas. Thank you.
I prefer Map 3 (as I believe it to be pretty good for most of Anchorage) however, I do not like Eagle River being combined with JBER and Downtown.

I did like the other maps 1 and 2 that you had before that showed Eagle River and East Anchorage merged together.

Please feel free to contact me if you’d like additional information.

Michael Kennard
Midtown 99508
Sent from my iPhone
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 5, 2021, 2:40 pm

First Name: Stephanie

Last Name: Kesler

Group Affiliation, if applicable: Government Hill

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99501

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Maps 3 & 4

Public Comment: Goodness - the level of gerrymandering in both these versions are untenable and will not survive a court challenge. They certainly violate the constitution. Specifically,

â€¢ Version 3 has extremely high population deviation throughout the state, which should disqualify it. There is also the bizarre gerrymander of the Mendenhall Valley. There is no reason to split the Mendenhall Valley, and a map that follows the Constitutional guidance of socioeconomic integration, and lines following geographic features, would keep the Mendenhall Valley together

â€¢ Fairbanks districts have huge population deviations (are over populated), which discounts votes from Fairbanks. Other maps (AFFR, Senate Minority, Doyon) achieve a fairer population split across districts in Fairbanks while maintaining compactness and contiguity.

â€¢ Board Version 4 has the highest population deviations of any map being for districts in Anchorage. This high level of population deviation is unnecessary and should be rejected (high Anchorage District deviations have been rejected by the Court in the past).

â€¢ Board Version 4 pairs Anchorage House seats in Government Hill and East Anchorage with Eagle River House seats. This is clearly a transparent attempt to create another Republican senate seat. District 21 should be paired with the NE which should be numbered 22. It is more logical to pair the two Eagle River House seats, which more closely matches the Constitutional mandate to pair contiguous seats to the greatest extent practical.

I've been a Government Hill Resident and property owner for 30 years. From 2001-2011, Government Hill was lumped in with Eagle River. It was absolutely ludicrous. The needs and concerns of Government Hill and Eagle River are very very different. Which one would expect. They are not remotely physically close to each other. This certainly would fail a court challenge. I'm disappointed - a supposedly non-partisan redistricting board is clearly partisan. To point of absurdity.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 3:25 pm

First Name: Richelle

Last Name: Killian

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99516

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

Public Comment: I do not support the assemblies ordinance to redistrict Eagle River, East Anchorage, downtown. This is a clear play at garnering more liberal control as now the only two conservative assembly members reside in Eagle River.
My name is Linda Klynstra, and I have lived in The Soldotna area for the past 38 years. I am just voicing my opinion for the redistricting of Alaska in 2021. I really want to see the small communities be able to keep their voice. I do not want to incorporate more areas into the larger cities. I think that the smaller cities have many different needs and concerns then those living in the large cities. I also realize that certain areas have grown more than others and you need to re-district but please keep Anchorage, Wasilla, Eagle River, the hillside etc. grouped together. I will keep the numbers as close as possible to equal. Thank you for honoring my thoughts, Linda Klynstra

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone
From: Jon Knight <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 3:52 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: October 4, 2021, 3:51 pm

First Name: Jon

Last Name: Knight

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99623

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: Best option as it gives the people of eagle river a voice rather than things being decided by the much larger anchorage. Keep anchorage politics out of Eagle River
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 6, 2021, 9:30 pm

First Name: Trista

Last Name: Koenig

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99567

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Please don’t redistrict Eagle River with downtown or JBER

Public Comment: Leave us be please
From: Kristen Kolp <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 11:28 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: October 4, 2021, 11:27 pm

First Name: Kristen

Last Name: Kolp

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99567

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

Public Comment: Regarding redistrict considerations. I strongly oppose Eagle River being redistricted to include East Anchorage.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 5, 2021, 11:46 am

First Name: Daniel

Last Name: Kosterman

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99577

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

Public Comment: As a resident of Eagle River, I am comfortable with the present situation, which include Eagle River with East Anchorage. I do not believe it will be appropriate to include Eagle River with downtown Anchorage.
First Name: Marcia Last Name: Kuszmaul
Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted] Your ZIP Code: 99603

Date: October 6, 2021, 2:18 pm
Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Board Plan 4
Public Comment: Board Plan 4 inexplicably carves out a portion of the north shore of Kachemak Bay from the rest and artificially and unnecessarily divides the Kachemak Bay communities.

Date: October 6, 2021, 2:12 pm
Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Doyon Plan
Public Comment: The Doyon Plan artificially and unnecessarily divides the Kachemak Bay area communities from each other.

Date: October 6, 2021, 2:17 pm
Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Board Plan 3
Public Comment: Board Plan 3 inexplicably carves out a portion of the north shore of Kachemak Bay from the rest and artificially and unnecessarily divides the Kachemak Bay communities.

Date: October 6, 2021, 2:15 pm
Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): AFFR Plan
Public Comment: The AFFR Plan artificially and unnecessarily divides the southern Kenai Peninsula.

Date: October 6, 2021, 2:06 pm
Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): AFFER Plan
Public Comment: The AFFER Plan is the only one of the six that honors and promotes the community integrity of the southern Kenai Peninsula. It keeps the communities of Kachemak Bay intact and does not artificially carve out a section of the northern shore from the rest, as Plan v3 and v4 does.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 6:33 pm

First Name: Jeff

Last Name: Lacey

Group Affiliation, if applicable: Republican

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: Keep ER separate from Anchorage.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 6:32 pm

First Name: Trish

Last Name: Lacey

Group Affiliation, if applicable: Republican

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

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

Date: October 4, 2021, 12:59 pm

First Name: Theresa

Last Name: Langberg

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99515

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

Public Comment: This does not represent the people in fairness.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 6, 2021, 8:35 am

First Name: Angela

Last Name: LaPrise

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99502

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map3

Public Comment: Not in favor of combining Downtown Anchorage with JBER and Eagle River
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 9:19 am

First Name: Christopher

Last Name: Lawn

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99501

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Fairness - only Senate Minority and AFFR make any sense

Public Comment: Considering the borders (particularly in Anchorage) the compactness geographically and the community integration only the Senate Minority map and AFFR make sense. Also important is making the districts equal in population to ensure fair representation. In this measure AFFER, AFFR, and the Senate Minority maps are the only ones that have a population deviation of less than 5% disqualifying the the board proposed v3 and v4 which are too unequal in the population of the districts to pass muster. Of them all the most fair is the Senate Minority map then the AFFR map. Please make sure redistricting is fair and equitable.
From: Thea Lawton <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 2:18 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: October 4, 2021, 2:17 pm

First Name: Thea

Last Name: Lawton

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 98504

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

Public Comment: I support the Senate Minority maps. I feel these represent sensible, legal, compact and contiguous districts.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 3:56 pm

First Name: Sheryl

Last Name: Lentfer

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99516

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

Public Comment: I vote to maintain map 3. With Eagle River being separate, it is such a different community then East Anchorage and needs to maintain its representation.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 5, 2021, 2:02 pm

First Name: Kyra

Last Name: Lewis

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99504

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: Please keep Eagle River itâ€™s own.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 11:42 am

First Name: HILARY

Last Name: LOCKHART

Group Affiliation, if applicable: 

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: 99502

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Combining eagle river and downtown

Public Comment: No, I do not want to combine Eagle River in downtown. They need to be separate.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 6:35 pm

First Name: Victoria

Last Name: Loep

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99516

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

Public Comment: I support the AFFR plan which ensures all neighborhoods are equally represented.
Public Comment: The board maps have high population deviations, which according to the constitutional requirements, districts are to be drawn to have the same number of people in each district. Board 3 option has a deviation of 0.93% with a district 199 people from ideal. Board option 4 has an Anchorage deviation of 2.23% with a district 330 people from ideal. Board options 3 and 4 divide Downtown, Fairview, and Mountain View. These three neighborhoods are very culturally diverse - some of the most diverse in the state. These three neighborhoods should have their diversity respected, and not be lumped in with JBER, thus essentially erasing minority representation. Map 3 places the Muldoon curve in a district with South Anchorage. Both East and South Anchorage are socioeconomically distinct and should not be combined within one district. There are large income inequalities between the two areas. This pairing results in East Anchorage residents losing representation.
From: Patricia Lonergan <patricia99801@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 3, 2021 2:17 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Redistrict Comments

Hello,

I would like to provide comments regarding redistricting.

Gerrymandering needs to end.

How any of you can look yourselves in the mirror and say your political party power/agenda is more important than doing the right thing, just proves how broken America is.

You have a choice to be part of the solution or a choice to continue the corruption that has been allowed, for far too long.

Respectfully,
Patricia Lonergan
Juneau, Alaska 99801
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 3:51 pm

First Name: Angela

Last Name: Lopuhovsky

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99504

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: I vote for Map 3. Do not want ER combined with East Anchorage.
From: Cheryl Lovegreen <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Sunday, October 3, 2021 4:46 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: October 3, 2021, 4:45 pm

First Name: Cheryl

Last Name: Lovegreen

Group Affiliation, if applicable: none

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99517

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): AFFR and Sen. Minority Plan

Public Comment: I appreciate everyone’s work on the redistricting plans and acknowledge that every plan has its pros and cons. When comparing the six map plans, I like the AFFR and Senate Minority plans best because they seem the fairest across the state. I have a couple comments about the Anchorage bowl. The Senate Minority plan does a good job in the Eagle River/Chugiak area, giving these distinct populations their own districts. The AFFR plan keeps many of the Anchorage neighborhoods intact, which gives them more compactness and socio-economic integration.

I also encourage the Board to propose the Senate paintings early on so the public has a chance to consider them well before the deadline. Thank you.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 1:54 pm

First Name: Zoe

Last Name: Lowery

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99501

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Alaskans for Fair Redistricting

Public Comment: I support the AFFR maps for redistricting Anchorage. They do the best at keeping communities and neighborhoods intact. Every community is different and has unique issues and should have their own representative bringing those issues to the legislature.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 6:21 pm

First Name: Jennifer

Last Name: Luce

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map3

Public Comment: Keep Eagle River separate
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 4:03 pm

First Name: Courtney

Last Name: Luff

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: 99516

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): I vote for Map3

Public Comment:
From: Lorene Lynn <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 11:35 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: October 6, 2021, 11:34 am

First Name: Lorene

Last Name: Lynn

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99645

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Lazy Mountain Community divided (Senate Minority)

Public Comment: In the last redistricting effort, the Lazy Mountain Community was divided at Wolverine Creek. Those living east of the creek were cut out of the Lazy Mtn. Community and grouped with voters across the Matanuska River. Not only did this divide the community politically, it meant that those living in the most rural portion of the community could no longer vote at the local voting place (Lazy Mtn Bible Church) and instead had to drive over 15 miles to vote at Farm Loop Christian Center. The Board Proposed V3 and V4, Doyon Coalition, AFFER, and AFFR maps all group the entire Lazy Mountain Community together, which is preferred. The Board Proposed V3 and V4 maps also group Lazy Mountain with the City of Palmer, the community in which we shop and work, which is also preferred.
Hello,

I am writing to express my opinion and concern regarding the redistricting proposals. I have lived in Alaska for well over 30 years, and I am the proud mother, sister, and mother-in-law to the finest Alaskan veterans and service members.

I have watched each of my family members proudly serve their nation and their communities, be it East, South or West Anchorage. So, I know firsthand that the needs of our military families, which are vastly different than the needs of downtown Anchorage, an area that has suffered a great deal. It's as if our elected officials have forgotten about the people that live in the downtown area because crime, poverty, and homelessness has increased tenfold here. It must change and combining downtown with JBER and Eagle River is not the way to change it.

So many of the service members outright avoid downtown for fear of the troubles that lurk in this area. It would be a disservice to our military families to combine them with downtown, and a sign that we do not have their best interests at heart; how profoundly unpatriotic!

I am in favor of Map 3 being adopted, and I strongly discourage combining JBER, Eagle River, and Downtown.

Sincerely,

Gloria Lyons
Date: October 4, 2021, 2:44 pm

First Name: Rodmond Last Name: Maddox

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Redistricting Map 3

Public Comment: Regarding districting proposals, particularly combining JBER/Eagle River/Downtown:

I am writing to express my opinion and concern regarding the redistricting proposals. I am an African American veteran, Alaskan, family man, and I hope that you take my opinion on redistricting into consideration.

The needs of Joint Base Elmendorf/Ft. Richardson (JBER) are not the same needs as Downtown and Eagle River. It breaks my heart what downtown has become, a good portion of my childhood was spent in Fairview, and I do not believe any of our elected officials have the best interest of Downtown at heart.

Downtown has become repulsive and it repels many military families like mine. Rather than living in downtown or near it, we opt for East Anchorage or Eagle River because the living conditions are more suitable for those of us dedicating our lives to this nation and the great State of Alaska.

Combining JBER, Eagle River, and Downtown will mute the voices of military families, which is deeply unpatriotic.

For this reason, I would request the Map 3 proposal be adopted. My second choice would be from the previous map drawn up, Map 1, and my third choice would also be from the previous maps drawn up, Map 2.

I strongly disfavor combining JBER, Eagle River, and Downtown and I hope that you all will not make this move.

Sincerely,

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

Date: October 4, 2021, 2:16 pm

First Name: Jessica
Last Name: Mangano

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99508

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map3

Public Comment: I do NOT approve of Eagle River being combined to East Anchorage for District 24.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 6, 2021, 10:15 am

First Name: Dana

Last Name: Martens

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99503

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3 is better for Anchorage

Public Comment: I am a life long Anchorage resident. I do not want to combine Eagle River with East Anchorage for district 24
From: Hresya Martishev <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 11:31 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: October 6, 2021, 11:30 pm

First Name: Hresya

Last Name: Martishev

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map3

Public Comment: Keep eagle river separate! Do NOT combine eagle river to anchorage. They are separate cities!
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 10:06 am

First Name: Barbara

Last Name: Maryan

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: 99517

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Concern with V3 and V4

Public Comment: These revised map proposals continue to appear as gerrymandering and do not meet the Constitutional requirements of redistributing. The AFFR and the Senate proposal better suit the requirements. The V3 AND V4 are politically biased.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 4:14 pm

First Name: Wendy
Last Name: Matson

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): MAP3

Public Comment: please keep eagle river on its own and do not combine us with east anchorage!!!
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 5:22 pm
First Name: Barry
Last Name: Matteson

Group Affiliation, if applicable: 

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: 99517

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map no. 3

Public Comment: Eagle River is approximately 20 miles from downtown Anchorage. ER residents enjoy open spaces and wilderness. The ER business community is comprised mostly of small businesses compared to the corporate geography of Anchorage. Eagle River should not be included with downtown Anchorage.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 11:40 am

First Name: Dia

Last Name: Matteson

Group Affiliation, if applicable: 

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99516

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): MAP 3

Public Comment: Please keep Eagle River separate. Map 3 is most reasonable.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 5:05 pm

First Name: Sandy

Last Name: May

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99654

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

Public Comment: I totally support Map 3
To: Members of the Redistricting Board
From: David and Janet McCabe

The two of us support the AFFR map for the following reasons:

1. It satisfies the constitutional requirement for **low population deviation** - only 4.79%
2. It is reasonably **compact**
3. It satisfies the constitutional requirement for **socioeconomic integration** - Keeping Eagle River seats together and having Homer and Seward in one house district gives people with similar needs for state services appropriate representation in the legislature.
4. **Contiguity**
5. **Pairings**

Thank you for considering our testimony.

   Janet and David McCabe
To Whom it May Concern,

I grew up in the Copper River region and have lived for many years in Anchorage. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on proposed maps and believe that protecting all Alaskans’ franchise is of the utmost importance. Our district lines should ensure as equal of population as possible, while keeping communities together whenever possible. With those goals in mind, I believe AFFR’s map does the best job keeping lines as compact as possible while recognizing communities of interest. AFFR keeps Valdez in with other road-system communities along the Richardson Highway, which provides greater socioeconomic integration than connecting it with off-road system coastal villages. By keeping Valdez in a road-system district, AFFR can assemble a Senate district composed of a Kodiak/Cordova and a Homer/Seward House district. This is the best possible solution to provide socioeconomic integration, equitable population, and as compact of lines as possible along the Gulf Coast. Finally, it seems clear AFFR’s map for Anchorage has the most equal population with compact district lines and is the obvious choice to use. AFFR’s maps on the Kenai are very compact and integrated as well, far more so than any other map alternative for the Kenai. Thank you again for the opportunity to comment.

Suzanne McCarthy
From: Kathy McCollum <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 2:44 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: October 4, 2021, 2:44 pm

First Name: Kathy

Last Name: McCollum

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99623

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): I believe Eagle River deserves itâ€™s own district, not included with downtown Anchorage.

Public Comment: I vote for Map 3
I much prefer that you all accomplish the redistricting process using the least possible variation in population figures so that each Alaska citizen has the most nearly equal voice in their representatives. Socio-economic factors should be considered last, if not at all, in my opinion.

Thank you.

Janet C. McCullough
Anchorage AK 99504
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 5, 2021, 1:36 pm

First Name: Wreatha

Last Name: McDonald

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99503

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map3

Public Comment: Yes on Map3.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 3, 2021, 4:18 pm

First Name: **Karen**

Last Name: **McGahan**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99611**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Nikiski redistricting included with South Anchorage**

Public Comment: *I have lived in Nikiski for 57 years. I am particularly concerned with the proposal from AFFER with attaches Nikiski to Girdwood and South Anchorage. This was tried before. We are a commercial fishing and oil and gas area. We have commercial fishing ties with the rest of the coastal communities on the whole Kenai Peninsula, along with oil and gas interests. These interests tie us together socially and economically. We shop in Kenai. We have no ties socially or economically to Girdwood or South Anchorage.*

*The best proposal for Nikiski is the proposal by AFFR, which puts us together with Kenai and Soldotna for our representation. The others, we could live with, but please, NOT the AFFER proposal.*
Dear Members of the Board,

On behalf of the Anchorage NAACP, I am submitting these comments regarding redistricting. My comments focus on protecting the core civil rights principle of "one person, one vote," which is reflected in the Alaska Constitution by requirements for low population deviation, socioeconomic integration, compactness, and contiguity. Together, these Constitutional requirements should prevent the kind of partisan and racist redistricting that has been used in other states (and, in some cases, in Alaska's history) to disenfranchise voters. Simply following our Constitutional guidelines for maps will have the effect of protecting all Alaskans' franchise, including minority voters.

The Alaskans for Fair Redistricting (AFFR) map does the best job of balancing low population deviation, compactness, socioeconomic integration, and contiguity overall. It has substantially lower population deviation than either Board map (V3 or V4), and slightly stronger socioeconomic integration. For example, AFFR would establish a Homer/Seward-based House district, which in turn would pair with a Kodiak/Cordova House seat to establish as compact and integrated Senate District as possible. In the past, partisan motivations have led to a Homer/Ninilchik-based district, instead of marrying mid-size coastal communities and small coastal Alaska Native communities that have far more in common with one another than Ninilchik's exurban Kenai road system culture and economy.

In addition, AFFR's map avoids the partisan gerrymander targeting Andi Story/Sara Hannan (present in Board V3, V4, and AFFER maps), instead establishing lines that balance population with a logical delineating between a Mendenhall Valley and downtown Juneau/additional coastal communities seat. The Senate Minority map also has close to perfect lines for Southeast, assuming our goal is Constitutional fidelity.

While protection of minority voters' franchise has historically focused on the four Western Alaska "Bush" districts, significant populations of Alaska Native voters of course live throughout the state, and fair lines are essential to protect the franchise, from Metlakatla to the North Slope. There have been clear attempts to target Reps. Story, Hannan, Kreiss-Tomkins, and Ortiz throughout this process (including with the advertised AFFER map), and these partisan aims are not legitimate bases to draw a map. Instead, the Board is compelled to follow Constitutional criteria, and AFFR does the best job statewide, with the Senate Minority providing a strong map for Southeast.

We should also recognize the imperative to protect minority voters' franchise in Southcentral Alaska. Once again, attempts at partisan gerrymandering would come at the expense of meeting Constitutional obligations. For example, attempts to mix add Eagle River population to an East Anchorage House seat, or to pair a Government Hill House seat with an Eagle River House seat, are clearly motivated by partisanship but disenfranchise minority voters who make up a large percentage of Government Hill, JBER, and East Anchorage voters (to the Board's credit, V3 does present logical and
Constitutional lines for Eagle River. The best option advertised is AFFR's map, which establishes two contiguous Eagle River House seats that pair as a Senate seat, and properly (considering the military, heavily minority population) integrate multiple East Anchorage seats with JBER, based on proximity and thus the Constitutional mandate of compactness. Critically, AFFR also achieves lower levels of population deviation, without sacrificing compactness. Achieving a reasonably low level of population deviation in Anchorage is both necessary and achievable, and the Board should reject the unnecessarily high levels of deviation in V3 and V4.

The Doyon Coalition has a statewide map shaped around representation within the Doyon Region. It appears Doyon's intent is for the significant population of minority voters in rural villages to have meaningful representation, and not be marginalized by, say, a Senate District in which results are essentially dictated by North Pole voters. This desire to protect the interests of Doyon Region voters must be melded with protection of minority voters' interests throughout the state, and that demands rejecting the transparent partisanship of AFFER's map, the unnecessarily high deviations of V3 and V4, and the localized problems of V3 and V4 (e.g. targeting Reps. Story and Hannan, linking Ninilchik with Homer in a House seat). I encourage the Board to examine ways to utilize the Constitutional strengths of AFFR's map while considering potential adjustment to districts in the Interior to be consistent with Doyon's objectives.

While we no longer have the clear protection of the Voting Rights Act, following our Constitutional guidelines should bring the Board to the same conclusion: Protection of every Alaskan's vote, with low population deviation, compactness, socioeconomic integration, and contiguity. Thank you for your consideration as you work toward this objective.

Kevin McGee
President
Anchorage NAACP
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 12:16 am

First Name: Val

Last Name: McKay

Group Affiliation, if applicable: Undecided

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99502

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

Public Comment: Redistricting Eagle River- Eagle River does have anchorage problems, but not on that large of a scale. Putting Eagle River in the same district as a place more than 12 miles away is wrong. They are not the same.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 3:22 pm

First Name: Jean

Last Name: McKinney

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99515

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3- Eagle River

Public Comment: Please vote No on redistricting and combining Eagle River with Downtown. Eagle River is a vastly different demographic and needs their own representation. Please leave Map 3 as it is.

Thank you for Ensuring Eagle River they change their own voice, as do the other areas concerned.

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

Date: October 4, 2021, 2:13 pm

First Name: Farrah

Last Name: Mclaughlin

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99516

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Re-districting of map 3

Public Comment: I am NOT for combing East Anchorage with Eagle River. Map 3 keep Eagle River on its own.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 2:18 pm

First Name: Suzanne

Last Name: McLaughlin

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99516

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map3

Public Comment: I DO NOT want Eagle River combined with any other district! Leave ER as it is.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 2:32 pm

First Name: William

Last Name: McLaughlin

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99516

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

Public Comment: I want Eagle River to maintain its current status as it pertains to redistricting. I do not want it combined with downtown Anchorage.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 1:29 pm

First Name: Dawn

Last Name: McQuay

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99567

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

Public Comment: I do not want my district combined with downtown Anchorage. Eagle River needs to be represented by someone from Eagle River/Chugiak. This redistricting is not a good choice for Eagle River or itâ€™s constituents.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 7:54 pm

First Name: Cathy

Last Name: Medland

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: I am gravely concerned that there are those who want to throw Eagle River in with Anchorage in a redistricting attempt which is totally unwarranted and unwanted! Eagle River is nothing like Anchorage, as we have distinctly different issues...Rural versus city, small town versus big town, conservative vs. liberal, etc.

Things would be SO much better if Eagle River were totally separate from Anchorage, especially as distinct municipalities, and we are currently working on doing just that. Please do not allow a small number of devious people to make us lose our Senate seat which is vital to the integrity and representativeness of our people...It is exactly these underhanded attempts at Anchorage people trying to force unwanted decisions on to Eagle River, under the cover of darkness and unannounced times for opinions to be made, that prove that this is not the will of the Eagle River people, and MUST be stopped! We say a vehement “NO”!  


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

Date: October 6, 2021, 9:55 am

First Name: Kathleen

Last Name: Millar

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99516

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

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

Date: October 6, 2021, 9:36 am

First Name: trevor  Last Name: millar

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: Y

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

Public Comment: I want to vote for map 3 it does a much better job of keeping common constituents in a common community giving them a real voice, if you take away their voice I think we risk upsetting them unnecessarily and denying them true representation.
From: Clint Miller <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 3:11 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: October 5, 2021, 3:10 pm

First Name: Clint

Last Name: Miller

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99508

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

Public Comment: I want Map number 3.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 5, 2021, 3:06 pm

First Name: Courtney

Last Name: Miller

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99504

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: I want to put my voice in for map 3. Eagle river should be kept on its own.
From: Michael Miller <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 2:52 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: October 4, 2021, 2:52 pm

First Name: Michael

Last Name: Miller

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99567

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Redistricting/Map 3

Public Comment: As a resident of Chugiak I do not feel that Anchorage represents my values. I support map 3.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 6:47 pm

First Name: Miguel

Last Name: Montalvo

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99515

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

Public Comment: Do not want Eagle River to be combined with downtown Anchorage as a district.
I like maps 1 and 2. Map 3 is my selection. Eagle River and East Anchorage is okay but I do not like Eagle River with JBEAR and Downtown.

Many military live in East Anchorage.

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

Date: October 4, 2021, 2:53 pm

First Name: Robert
Last Name: Moore
Group Affiliation, if applicable: Self

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]
Your ZIP Code: 99507

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

Public Comment: At this time it is not appropriate to change district boundaries
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 2:13 pm

First Name: Russell

Last Name: Moore

Group Affiliation, if applicable: 

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: 99517

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Support the Senate Minority map

Public Comment: Thank you for your time and efforts. After reviewing all 7 maps found on the Redistricting Board's website, it has become clear to me that the Senate Minority plan is the most reasonable and equitable one. Please adopt the Senate Minority Plan.

While I am sure that this Board would never intentionally undertake any partisan activity, it is impossible not to observe that both Proposed Plan 3 and 4 appear to starkly and deliberately biased in favor of Republicans. In light of how damaging even the appearance of partisanship would be to this Board's credibility, I urge you to abandon both Proposed Plan v. 3 and Proposed Plan v. 4
Alaska Redistricting Board - First off, Thank you for your service to the State of Alaska.

I would like to speak in favor of the most recent AFFER Map that was presented on the redistricting website: [https://www.akredistrict.org/map-gallery/affer/](https://www.akredistrict.org/map-gallery/affer/). I feel it is the most constitutionally drawn map, and being a resident of Anchorage for the past 7 years I believe this map is the most reasonable map that I have viewed. I specifically live in East Anchorage and the way the AFFER map is drawn, it would connect us with Eagle River, which I believe will do the best to keep the muni and state districts connected in their representation (Assembly, House, Senate). I can only speak to where I live, but the AFFER Map makes the most logical sense to myself and my family.

Thank you,

Spencer Moore
East Anchorage Resident
Alaska Redistricting Board
Public Testimony Form

CAUTION: What you write will become part of the public record attributed to you by name. Anonymous comments will not be included in the public record. Profane or inappropriate comments will be immediately deleted.

Name: Agnes Moran
Affiliation (if any): Self
Email or Phone: [Redacted] Zip Code: 99928
Area/Map Title/Keywords:

Public Comment:
1st Choice - Doyon Coalition
2nd Choice - Senate Minority
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 5:46 pm

First Name: Nora

Last Name: Morse

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99516

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

Public Comment: Hi, my name is Nora Morse and I am a lifelong Anchorage resident.

I want to testify in support of the AFFR proposed map. There are two specific areas of interest to me on that map.

I used to live at 1138 Street at 11th and I downtown. Looking at the board proposed map version 3 the board drew district 13 to include most of Turnagain, West Chester, the Spenard Corridor, North Star, South addition and parts of downtown and Fairview all together. These are all very distinct neighborhoods with very different community needs. For perspective those neighborhoods encompass 7 different community council boundaries and two separate assembly districts. The AFFR map breaks these up into 4 distinct districts that follow more closely the Anchorage Assembly and Community Council boundaries. Doing so would allow for more community engagement on a local and statewide level and allow people to address their issues and neighborhood concerns in a more cohesive manner.

Currently, I live off Omalley Road near the zoo. The AFFR map clearly divides this area of town by major road and keeps schools in the same districts. This area of town is also centered around parks and trails and often residents are vocal about those issues on a state and local level. It makes the most sense to build maps around these parks and recreation areas like the Campbell Track, Abbott Loop community park, and Far North Bicentennial Park.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 5:01 pm

First Name: Cathy K

Last Name: Mosher

Group Affiliation, if applicable: Valley Republican Women of Alaska, Matsu Republican Women

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99654

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Keeping Esgle River in its own voting district to keep Lara Reinbold as a Republican Senator. Map3

Public Comment: Keep Senator Lara Reinbold as senator for Eagle River.
Date: October 6, 2021, 5:20 am

First Name: Kerri Last Name: Mullis

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99737

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Why redistrict? Are you bored?

Public Comment: There is no need to redistrict. It is just a ploy -and I must say -the Non biased group chosen to “decide the redistricting” is laughable -and is a pathetic attempt to change the diversity of the districts. I’m tired of the constant attacks.

From the lower 48 on our Great State. It’s bad enough we have to say that we have a President that is non supportive of our states main resources. Now we have to deal with this continued craziness here in our state. I would like a Solid reason as to why we need to redistrict Our State. If non is given -that will be considered by myself and potentially others a denial of information to defraud the voters in this state.

Thank you-looking forward to the information
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 6, 2021, 1:13 pm

First Name: Rebekah
Last Name: Mumma

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99502-5510

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: Please keep Eagle River on its own. Do not combine with downtown.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 3, 2021, 2:01 pm

First Name: CHRISTINA

Last Name: NEAL

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99504

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

Public Comment: I have reviewed the proposed redistricting maps and thank you for the opportunity to comment.

My concerns are primarily as an East Anchorage resident wanting to see like communities stay together, respecting historical boundaries, and preserving as much of a sense of community as possible for areas with common socio-economic status, issues of transportation, schools, and services.

To me, the AFFR proposal for Anchorage comes closest to this goal. Other versions split neighborhoods that have been long contiguous in terms of representation and common issues of concern like road maintenance, parks, schools, and the availability of services.

Board options 3 and 4 divide the neighborhoods of East Anchorage, Downtown, Fairview, and Mountain View, neighborhoods with significant ethnic and socio-economic diversity. The AFFR map does not.

Additional specific comments on the AFFR maps follow:

AFFR’s Map reflects the diversity of Anchorage’s neighborhoods; the city’s minority population is growing quickly, and it is a disservice to dilute minority representation through redistricting.

The AFFR plan recognizes the continuity of JBER with nearby neighborhoods that contain services frequented by JBER residents, rather than as in board options 3&4 which cluster JBER with parts of Mountainview and Downtown, communities very distinct from military families.

My neighborhood south of 36th and east of the Tudor-Muldoon curve, has little in common with any part of south Anchorage. Houses here are less expensive, with denser development, and more diversity. The AFFR map does not lump Chugach Foothills with south Anchorage, and it keeps the current northeast community council within a single senate district. The Far North Bicentennial Park is a natural watershed and longstanding political division between districts in Anchorage that should be respected.
The west side of Anchorage should be as contiguous as possible, and the AFFR map is the only one that keeps all of the neighborhoods along the Coastal Trail in one House district as well as Spenard and Turnagain areas within one Senate district.

South and west Anchorage lakeside communities near Lake Hood, Jewel Lake, Delong Lake, and Sand Lake are within one House district in the AFFR map. AFFR puts the neighborhoods of Southwest Anchorage within one Senate district allowing all the neighborhoods along the Turnagain Arm bluff to be within the same district.

AFFR keeps the Fairview neighborhood within one House district and the Mountainview neighborhood within one Senate district (J), allowing these increasingly diverse neighborhoods to be within the same Senate district.

Hillside neighborhoods have strong commonalities regarding roadways, lot size, water issues, development, and higher general housing prices. The AFFR map puts the Hillside neighborhoods within one Senate district and does not incongruously lump them with lower-income East Anchorage or Midtown.
I live in Independence Park, Part of the Abbott Loop community. My neighbors will be best represented by map v4 because it keeps my neighborhood of Abbott Loop intact. v3 is second best. The other maps isolate me and my neighborhood from the rest of our community or isolate other neighborhoods such as those in the Bayshore Klatt and Taku Campell Community Council areas. Independence Park and Abbott Loop may look like they are contiguous with neighborhoods on the other side of the Seward highway but for practical purposes, because of the highway, they aren't.

If there are too many parts of community council areas in a district, representatives are unlikely to attend community council meetings. Too many districts in the same community council multiplies the problem across districts-- 4-5 representatives needing to attend the same 4-5 meeting and not doing so.

I prefer V4 then V3. They respect the boundary of the Seward Highway and keep community council areas intact. Particularly if the Independence Park and Abbott Loop districts are paired. To me, keeping communities intact is more important than equal numbers, competitiveness, or which party comes up out ahead.

We can't be effectively represented if we don't have a chance to meet with our representatives or our fellow constituents.

Elizabeth Newell

Anchorage AK 99507
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 8, 2021, 11:08 am

First Name: Leiani

Last Name: Nichols ~Okinello

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99504

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): There are no reasonable explanations that I’ve heard that would make the changes requested even make this justifiable. Leave it as it is!

Public Comment: Who is driving this change being requested. & why? I’d like to see who is pushing for this redistricting.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 4:29 pm

First Name: Petra

Last Name: Nickerson

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99507

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: I support the plan laid out in Map 3. Thank you
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 6, 2021, 10:10 am

First Name: Amanda

Last Name: Niewendorp

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map #3

Public Comment: I vote for Map #3. It makes no sense to combine downtown and Eagle River together. Eagle river is too far away from downtown. Remaining on its own makes the most sense to me for Eagle River. Hope you let my vote stand!
From: Verena Nilsson <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 4:31 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: October 4, 2021, 4:30 pm

First Name: Verena

Last Name: Nilsson

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99508

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: I feel that we need more representatives and Eagle River should have their own. The more we have the better our state can represent the people. So let's keep what we have.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 2:17 pm

First Name: Angela

Last Name: Oberlitner

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99502

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

Public Comment: I am very concerned about the grouping of East Anchorage and Eagle River. They do not have common concerns and interests. Redrawing the map in this way does not serve either community.
Public Comment: I have already submitted comments for each of the six maps referenced online by the redistricting board. This final comment is more general and covers the process by which you are collecting comments. The process does not provide clear guidance for submitting comments. The version 3 and 4 maps do not include separate links for each map to provide comments unique to these two maps. This is inconsistent with the four additional maps from Doyon, AFFER, AFFR & the Senate Minority Caucus maps with each including a link for comment specific to each map. Since I submitted a comment for each of the six maps I do hope they are each considered in your review of comments. However, just to be clear, I can honestly say that I have little faith in any of the six maps to to eliminate gerrymandering and fairly represent the diversity of the Alaskan people for the next decade.

Please, you can do better....

Public Comment: After reviewing this map, I am concerned that the reflected districts do not meet all the constituiional requirements for redistricting. Not all districts are compact and contiguous. Additionally, District 9 spreads out in such a way as to disregard the the socio-economic integration and local boundaries of the local governments of Anchorage and Whittier. I do not support the use of this redistricting map for Alaska.

I do not support the use of this redistricting map for Alaska.

Public Comment: After reviewing this map, I am concerned that the reflected districts do not meet all the constituiional requirements for redistricting. Not all districts are compact and contiguous. Additionally, District 23 spreads out in such a way as to disregard the unique socio-economic integration by combining populations from urban Anchorage, Elmendorf military base, and rural Chugiak.

I do not support the use of this redistricting map for Alaska.
Date: October 4, 2021, 4:18 pm    Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): AFFR Plan

Public Comment: After reviewing this map, I am concerned that the reflected districts do not meet all the constitutional requirements for redistricting. Not all districts are compact and contiguous. Additionally, District 23L spreads out in such a way as to disregard the unique socio-economic integration by combining populations from urban Anchorage, Elmendorf Military Base, and rural Chugiak.

I do not support the use of this redistricting map for Alaska.

Date: October 4, 2021, 4:12 pm    Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): AFFER Plan

Public Comment: After reviewing this map, I am concerned that the reflected districts do not meet all the constitutional requirements for redistricting. Not all districts are compact and contiguous. Additionally, District 32P spreads out in such a way as to disregard the unique socio-economic integration and local boundaries of the local governments of Nikiski, Whittier and Anchorage.

I do not support the use of this redistricting map for Alaska.

Date: October 4, 2021, 4:10 pm    Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Doyon Plan

Public Comment: After reviewing this map, I am concerned that the reflected districts do not meet all the constitutional requirements for redistricting. Not all districts are compact and contiguous. Additionally, District 5C spreads out in such a way as to disregard the socio-economic integration and local boundaries of the local governments of Seward and Kodiak.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 2:05 pm

First Name: Heidi

Last Name: Ostby

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99507

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map3

Public Comment: I do not think Eagle River should be combined with downtown Anchorage, they are two totally separate communities and have absolutely different needs. I strongly encourage you to keep Eagle River separate.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 2:06 pm

First Name: Jesse

Last Name: Ostby

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99507

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map3

Public Comment: I strongly disagree with combining Eagle River and downtown Anchorage. Please keep Eagle River separate.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 6, 2021, 10:17 am

First Name: Scott
Last Name: Owen

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99515

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Support for board proposed plan V.3

Public Comment: I am writing to support Eagle River maintaining its own district. The redistricting plan needs to account for the unique needs and political views of the citizens of Eagle River. Combining them with a more densely populated district with significantly different political views is unsatisfactory.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 8:23 pm

First Name: **Scott**

Last Name: **Palmer**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99654**

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

Public Comment: **Map number 3 is the best and most fair choice.**
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 8:20 pm

First Name: Tammy

Last Name: Palmer

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99654

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

Public Comment: Map number 3 is the best and most fair choice.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 12:45 pm

First Name: Lindwood

Last Name: Parker

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99504

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

Public Comment: Eagle river does not share the same issues as Downtown Anchorage. Eagle river should stay on its Own.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 3, 2021, 7:59 pm

First Name: **Linda**

Last Name: **Parrigin**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99508**

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

Public Comment: I prefer Map 3 but I DO NOT like ER with JBEAR and Downtown! I like two previous maps #1 and #2 that were drawn before this one. SO you will accept Map 3 if the Eagle River CHANGE is putting ER with East Anchorage.

The military that live off base live in east Anchorage and Eagle River and that I share very similar demographics. You most certainly do not share much with downtown.
ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
PUBLIC TESTIMONY FORM

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Name: Katie Panott
Affiliation (if any):
Email or Phone: [Redacted] Zip Code: 99901
Area/Map Title/Keywords: Ketchikan
Public Comment: In support of Board proposed v.4 SEA & Senate Minority Proposed D36-R
Strongly Against AFRD District IA (opposed)
Metlakatla & Saxman are closely linked with Ketchikan
Economic tied w/ Wrangell for Ketchikan
But Social / Migration files between Ketchikan and Prince of Wales (especially southern part)

SCAN HERE TO OPEN THE MAP COMMENT PORTAL →
I think we should maintain the district boundaries in Juneau as they are presently. These boundaries make good sense; the proposed new ones look like gerrymandering to me!

Sincerely,
Ellen Pavitt
Sent from my iPhone
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 11:13 am

First Name: Laura

Last Name: Perry

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Eagle River V3 and V4

Public Comment: Because of the physical distance between Anchorage and Eagle River, there should never be a situation where a district straddles both. People who live in each respective area have different concerns and their prospective representatives should be able to represent those concerns wholistically and not be torn between two contrasting stakeholder groups. No district should ever encompass residents both of Eagle River proper and Anchorage proper.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 6, 2021, 7:51 am

First Name: Lesly

Last Name: Peters

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99504

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map3. Keep Eagle River on its own.

Public Comment: The Eastside district should not be combined with Eagle River.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 1:10 pm

First Name: **Kelsey**

Last Name: **Phillips**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99567**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Map 3**

Public Comment: **Keep eagle river separate!**
Date/Time: 10/4/2021
Name: Patricia Phillips
Email or Phone: [redacted]
Public Comment: I support the AFFER proposal, it redistricts equitably across the region with combining like communities and prevents the dilution of the rural vote.
Redistricting

Subject: Redistricting

I'm a registered and relatively informed voter and a 45 year resident of Anchorage. I'm again concerned about the redistricting efforts of the board. Again it 'smells' of partisanship. Again it impacts the composition of the Alaska Legislative bodies. If Anchorage was minimally impacted by the population shifts, why change the map and force incumbents of both parties to run against each other? Version 3 is blatantly partisan and should be discarded. Version 4 is less partisan but has 2 districts with incumbents running against each other. The board can do better than this. Thank you for consideration

Idamarie Piccard  
Anchorage 99508

I will not be attending because of CoVid and limited controls.
From: Karen Pletnikoff <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 12:32 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: October 4, 2021, 12:31 pm

First Name: Karen

Last Name: Pletnikoff

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99517

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

Public Comment: As a voter in what would be 16H under the AFFR proposal, I fully support having the best representation for all neighborhoods. You can help keep our democratic process strong with the AFFR proposal. Thank you for your important work and consideration for this support, Karen Pletnikoff 907-250-9686
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 3:26 pm

First Name: Charles

Last Name: Preston

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): MAP 3

Public Comment: Eagle River is a different community, culture and climate than downtown Anchorage or even JBER. Please keep Eagle River on its own separate map. Thank you!
First Name: Irene Last Name: Quednow

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: 99502

Date: October 5, 2021, 12:03 pm

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: After further consideration the only Map I am in favor of is map 3 with Eagle River staying as a district by itself.

Date: October 4, 2021, 7:21 am

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

Public Comment: I like Map 3 (Pretty good for most of Anchorage) but I do not like Eagle River with JBER and Downtown which is your attempt at turning that district blue.

I like the other maps 1 and 2 that you had before that have Eagle River and East Anchorage together. That makes more sense than throwing in downtown and JBER.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 5, 2021, 5:11 pm

First Name: Heman

Last Name: Quinones

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map3

Public Comment: Keep on its own.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

**Date:** October 4, 2021, 3:41 pm

**First Name:** Tiffany

**Last Name:** Quirk

**Group Affiliation,** if applicable:

**Email or Phone Contact:** [Redacted]

**Your ZIP Code:** 99577

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

**Public Comment:** Eagle River should NEVER be combined with Anchorage. Not only is this proposed change unnecessary and undesirable, but it’s also being heavily objected by not only Eagle River, but Anchorage residents as well. Listen to the people and do the right thing and leave Eagle River alone.
Date: October 5, 2021, 3:21 pm

First Name: Alison Last Name: Rapp

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99686

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Socio-economic connections

Public Comment: I was at the hearing in Valdez and shocked that every person that testified stated that Valdez has more of a connection to the Richardson Highway and Fairbanks than MatSu. Anybody that stated they traveled to shop said they did so in Fairbanks. Every person that testified besides the high school coach said "we" not "I". Only one person, the Museum director, made it clear it was her opinion and not the opinion of the Museum.

This hearing and these redistricting proposals are not being publicized in Valdez. I am the only one posting about it in our public forums. I found it very interesting so many Valdez City officials showed up (during working hours) and testified. They all said "we" but when asked who they represented they said just themselves.

When speaking to people at random in the community, and asking them where they go when they go shopping, not a single person has said Fairbanks. Every last person says they go to the Valley or Anchorage.

At the meeting during discussion afterwards I was speaking with the others expressing surprise at the number of people that said they shop in Fairbanks exclusively. I stated I have to fly Outside every 8 weeks and I fly out of Anchorage because I can't count on the road to Fairbanks being passable. Quite frequently the highway is closed at Paxson.

One woman said to me the road to Fairbanks was safer and easier to travel than the road to Anchorage. I found that quite surprising considering the stretch of highway before Delta is frequently closed in the winter and the only place I've encountered travel so difficult our 4WD with studs could not get through.

ADDITIONALLY! We have zero in common with communities in the interior. I believe of all of the maps AFFER is the closest match for Valdez. Second would be the Doyon proposal and third would be Version 4.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 2:59 pm

First Name: Elaine

Last Name: Rasher

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99516

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

Public Comment: I like this map the best as Eagle River has its own rep and Rabbit Creek/Potter is not grouped with Girdwood, Whittier, or any other towns outside of Anchorage proper who will, most likely, have different community needs because of their distance from Anchorage itself.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 8:24 pm

First Name: Rebecca

Last Name: Raso

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99567

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: Eagle River should remain its own district and in no way be combined with east Anchorage. Eagle River/Chugiak has a very different set of concerns and community mind frame.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 5, 2021, 8:58 am

First Name: Barbara

Last Name: Reagle

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99504

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): I support map 3

Public Comment: I support map 3
From: Joel Reeves <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 2:55 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: October 4, 2021, 2:54 pm

First Name: Joel

Last Name: Reeves

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99507

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Redistricting- I vote yes on Map 3

Public Comment: I do not want Eagle River to be included with downtown Anchorage as part of redistricting
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 5, 2021, 9:16 pm

First Name: Rebecca

Last Name: Regan-mckeever

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: 99516

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map3

Public Comment: I support map 3 not map 4 for redistricting. Map 4 mixes areas, social classes, and lifestyle that are not compatible. For everyone to be represented fairly we should go with map 3
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 6:15 pm

First Name: Michael

Last Name: Rehberg

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99504

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

Public Comment: Among the plans presented, as a Northeast Anchorage resident for 22 years, I support this AFFR map for Anchorage. Many other proposals Swiss cheese our neighborhood, including some that wipe out 2 of our seated legislators for partisan reasons. Keep Muldoon together, itâ€™s diverse student populations at East High attest to the need for this community not to have its voice diluted by splitting and combining us with Eagle River - miles away - JBER - and Southern parts of town. Weâ€™re a neighborhood. And we should be able to speak as one. And not split up to get rid of a few inconvenient legislators and to dilute the voice of this community for political gain. Thank you.
From: Gerald Reier <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 7:13 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: October 5, 2021, 7:12 am

First Name: Gerald

Last Name: Reier

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [optional]

Your ZIP Code: 99516

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

Public Comment: I am in favor of map 3
Good afternoon,

For redistricting in Anchorage, I am writing to support Map 3 with a caveat. The intent of redistricting is to maintain fair and balanced representation though a 1:1 ratio within compact and contiguous districts that accurately reflect the economic pursuits within any given geographical area.

Based on the options available Map 3 is the best option IF Eagle River is aligned with East Anchorage. Particularly when you consider the location of most off-base military residences are East Anchorage and Eagle River. As a result, these two areas have better socioeconomic integration which satisfies that specific requirement of Hickel v. Southeast (1993), with no negative consequence for upholding compactness and deviation.

The greatest deviation in version 3 for Anchorage is negative 1.08% for proposed district 13, from an ideal population of 18,335, with the actual proposed population being 18,137. This is well within the federal mandate of 10%. Especially when you consider the proposed adjoining district 8 shows a complimentary positive 1.22% deviation. The lines as shown respect a natural water boundary and balance the deviation overall which supports the requirements for compactness.

This makes the case for Map 3 being the most fair and balanced option available when compared against the other map versions. Especially as it relates to the Municipality of Anchorage.

Thank you for your time.

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

Date: October 4, 2021, 7:28 pm

First Name: Amanda

Last Name: Riley

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Voting for map 3

Public Comment: We do NOT want to combine Eagle River with east Anchorage for district 24. ER is a unique community that needs to stand on its own.
To the Alaska Redistricting Board:

Many thanks to the Board for your fair and equitable efforts in developing the 2021 Alaska Redistricting Maps.

I was surprised to read in the October 3 Anchorage Daily News that our Redistricting Board Chairman was quoted as saying that population deviation is the least important criterion for redistricting. I must say I believe this is contrary to the intent of the Alaska Constitution to empower voters equally by minimizing population deviation in districts. For this reason I support the approach of the AFFR or the Senate Minority redistricting proposals. Both of these maps demonstrate that the high population deviations in board V3 and V4 district maps are unnecessary and are attempts to gerrymandered districts for political gain. It also seems far more logical to pair the two Eagle River House seats to maintain the requirement for contiguity.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

John Riley

Anchorage, AK 99516
I am a retired petroleum geologist living in Southeast Anchorage, currently HD-28. My wife and I have lived in this house for the past 13 years.

According to socioeconomic data published by the state, HD-28 is unique among Alaska communities in a number of most important social parameters. All of the proposed maps bring in unrelated communities to the south, violating the Anchorage Municipal boundary and integration with our community. Of all of the maps, I favor the Board Map Version 4 for South Anchorage, which is the best at maintaining the socioeconomic integration of our community.

I encourage the Board to observe the boundaries of the principal integrated Anchorage area as much as possible. Socioeconomic integration should mean gathering together areas where people live, work, shop and recreate. Anchorage should not include areas from Kenai Peninsula, where those populations live entirely separate lives. Likewise, Eagle River should be kept essentially intact, as it is largely an independent community its own neighborhoods, shopping, work and entertainment.

The current HD-28 in Southeast Anchorage is a distinct socioeconomic community within Anchorage (see attached chart). This district is the highest in the state in the level of college education and median household income by a considerable margin. HD-28 also is consistently highest in the state in voter turnout. HD-28 is Alaska’s most married district, at 65.4% of the adult population, and has the lowest rates of poverty and unemployment of any district in the state. (Data from E. Sandberg, Alaska’s Electoral Districts, Alaska Economic Trends, April, 2019.) I encourage the board to work to keep HD-28 a distinct voting district to represent this community.

Working northward from Southeast Alaska, there is no reason to push population from the Kenai into southeast Anchorage. Southeast Alaska (HD 33-37) is slightly underpopulated, by 1716 people. Kenai and the Gulf Coast (HD 29-33) are slightly overpopulated, by 2022 people. Most of the population issues to the south of Anchorage should be resolved south of Anchorage. That would leave an excess of only 306 people, plus the 272 people in Whittier (HD-9) to be distributed between districts or absorbed into Anchorage.

Of the proposed maps, the AFFR, AFFER and Senate Minority maps all bring in completely unrelated communities on the Kenai into Southeast Anchorage. Southeast Anchorage has no connection to east Sterling or Nikiski in terms of socioeconomic integration, compactness, or reasonable contiguity. The Board Version 3 map adds an odd extension onto the west side of Seward Highway. The Doyon map places Girdwood, which is closely associated with South Anchorage for recreation and shopping, and is within the Anchorage Municipal boundary, with unrelated communities on the Kenai.

Board Version 4 map is the best for keeping South Anchorage intact as an electoral district consistent with its socioeconomic identity.

Regards,
S. Doug Robbins, HD 28
Median Household Income versus Percent College-Educated by House District With 2020 Voter Turnout (>40%) as Bubble Size

Voter Turnout ranges from 44% in HD-38 to 77% in HD-4.

Data from E. Sandberg, Alaska’s Voting Districts, in Alaska Economic Trends, April 2019
Board Map Version 4, District 9
Best Map for South Anchorage
Dear Redistricting Board –

I live just to the east of Arctic Blvd., off West 32nd Avenue. I looked at all 6 proposals as to the reasonableness of the proposed boundaries for my area. There was one that especially stood out as making no sense as to compactness or similarity of neighborhoods. That was the Senate Minority one, 21-K. We have nothing in common with Elmendorf AFB. Plus, the district has this long narrow arm that extends south to include downtown and mid-town. Totally not following 2 important guidelines.

The ones I liked the best for me were Board #4 (#13) and AFFER (#24-L). We are very similar to the homes between Northern Lights and Chester Creek, so having the Chester Creek as part or all of the northern boundary is important. Keeping the district squarer, extending south to Tudor or International Airport Blvd, works well. Having the southern boundary at 36th cuts off part of our mid-town housing areas. Currently our community council extends from Fireweed to International, Arctic to Seward Highway.

I lived for over 20 years in Muldoon, on the east side of Muldoon Road. That section through the decades has varied from being in Anchorage proper to being cut-off and part of Eagle River. We have very little in common with Eagle River, and it really disenfranchises that strip of Muldoon from any representation. I strongly urge you to only consider keeping all of Muldoon together! The only proposal that does that is the Board #4, with #18 and #23 districts. That follows with the community council boundaries.

Thank you for your work and consideration of my observations.

Peggy

Peggy (Margaret) Robinson
[Redacted]
Anchorage, AK 99503
[Redacted]
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 6:23 pm

First Name: Corinne

Last Name: Rollman

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [removed]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Redistricting - no thanks!

Public Comment: The people of Eagle River do not want our district to be combined with Anchorage. I have lived in this community since I was a child. Our values are completely different than Anchorage.
Date: October 6, 2021, 4:20 pm

First Name: Randy Last Name: Ruedrich

Group Affiliation, if applicable: AFFER

Email or Phone Contact: ******** Your ZIP Code: 99501

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Fairbanks North Star Districts

Public Comment: AFFER’s final plan version 2.7.4.1 can be viewed here: https://arcg.is/1ny9TK and was filed with the Alaska Redistricting Board on the Oct 4, 2021.

The AFFER map shows the two AFFER City of Fairbanks Districts 7 & 8, the AFFER North Pole District 9 to the east of Fairbanks and the AFFER Chena Ridge/Tanana Flats District 6 to the south and west of Fairbanks.

Key new development is AFFER District 10 spanning the north side of these four districts.

The AFFER District 10 shows a new northside district from west of Ester Dome towards Chena Hot Springs Rather than use populations from the eastern side or western side of the FNSB,

AFFER District 10 selects 18422 people for the more densely populated area north of the other four districts.

The remaining 4000 FNSB people to the north of AFFER District 10 to be assigned to AFFER District 5.

AFFER District 5 when paired with AFFER District 6 becomes the Interior’s third senate district.

AFFER District 5 will have 21.8% FNSB voting population.

When combined with AFFER District 6, that senate district will have 60.9% FNSB voting population.

The creation of this AFFER District 10 provides an adequate FNSB population in AFFER District 5 & AFFER District 6 to elect their choice for Senator.

Hence the FNSB will control three senate Districts in the 2021 map.

From a Fairbanks North Star Borough Viewpoint:

AFFER District 10’s area is roughly 4 times larger than the combined City of Fairbanks Districts 7 & 8.

AFFER District 6 (Southwest FNSB/Tanana River) area is roughly 8 times larger than D 10.

AFFER District 9 (Southeast FNSB/North Pole) area is more than twenty times larger than D 10.

AFFER District 5 area in Northern FNSB is nearly as large as District 9.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 4:27 pm

First Name: Cathy

Last Name: Russell

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99515

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: Please keep map 3 district as is. Eagle River should be separate from east Anchorage.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 5:44 pm

First Name: Hannah

Last Name: Russell

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

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

Public Comment: I don't want eagle river to join any other district
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 5:48 pm

First Name: R J

Last Name: Russell

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: Keep Eagle River on its own
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 4:16 pm

First Name: **Todd**

Last Name: **Russell**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: 

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99567**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **REdistricting of Eagle River**

Public Comment: *I do not want Eagle River to be included with East Anchorage as shown on map 4- please use Map 3 to keep Eagle River separate from East Anchorage.*
From: Marna Sanford <marna.sanford@sonosky.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 23, 2021 10:01 AM
To: Testimony <testimony@akredistrict.org>
Cc: NCLARK@sonosky.com
Subject: Updated Matsu Shape file

Boardmembers,

Please see the attached shapefiles of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. These unify the City of Palmer while taking into consideration maps submitted by the Mat-Su borough and the board.

We submit these as improvements to our existing map.

Thank you,

Marna L Sanford
Principal, Tuuka LLC
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 2:56 pm

First Name: Elyce

Last Name: Santerre

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99567

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: Map 3 does a good job of keeping Eagle River and what might be called “Greater Eagle River” as contiguous, homogeneous districts. Any proposal to combine pieces of ER with parts of Anchorage starts to look like gerrymandering to dilute Eagle River’s influence and “absorb” it into its larger neighbor.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 6, 2021, 8:10 am

First Name: Cyndi

Last Name: Saunders

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99516

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: Keep eagle river on its own map

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

Date: October 5, 2021, 4:57 pm

First Name: Kate

Last Name: Schenker

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99504

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

Public Comment: Do not redistrict. We want map 3 to leave it the way it is.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 9:48 am

First Name: Karl

Last Name: Schleich

Group Affiliation, if applicable: Concerned citizen

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99504

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Version 4 superior to version 3

Public Comment: I have been following the redistricting process and also read today's ADN that showed the two maps being considered. Version 4 is clearly superior in that it maintains a balance related to political outcomes and does NOT pit incumbents against one another. While I understand the Redistricting Board does "not consider where elected officials reside", it is appropriate to understand the impacts of any map in the context of the present make-up of the legislature. It seems obvious to me that version 3 redraws boundaries for my east Anchorage District (Liz Snyder is my Rep) to pit two democrats against one another, while version 4 has pretty straight boundaries. If I were a judge, I'd throw out version 3 on this alone. Thank you for your service to the State in this critically important process.
From: Linda Schmitt <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 10:24 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: October 4, 2021, 10:24 pm

First Name: Linda

Last Name: Schmitt

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 9957

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Redistricting of Eagle River with downtown Anchorage. I vote to keep Map 3 which keeps Eagle. River in its own district.

Public Comment:
Date: October 8, 2021, 7:24 pm

First Name: Gregory Last Name: Schmitz

Group Affiliation, if applicable: N/A

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99504

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

Public Comment: The Airport is not a stand alone entity and it has no residents. The residential areas carved out of its exterior should be associated with the area they are part of, not a single Airport District.

As carved out, two significant and separate residential areas are combined into an artificial construct. Where does Airport commonality end? At a street strictly due to population requirements for that Airport District?

That is patently absurd.

While they have the Airport in common, they have police, fire, homeless, street ad nauseam in clear and close association with their separate common areas. So you have every aspect of local government of many vs a total ephemeral ONE?

Move the two areas into adjacent neighbor districts and if you need to fill the map void create it as two airport districts and associate the two separate areas with their adjacent neighborhoods.

That then nudges the other boundaries but maintains a contiguous common groupings of which they are logically associated with not an artificial construct.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 6, 2021, 7:24 pm

First Name: **Heather**

Last Name: **Seabolt**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Map 3**

Public Comment: **I vote for Map 3. I do NOT want Eagle River to be zoned with Anchorage communities.**
To The Redistricting Board

I am Betty P. Sears, a Retired Registered Nurse who have lived in Anchorage since 1969. My neighborhood is the Southside. My friends are throughout Anchorage. I support the Alaskans for Fair Redistricting (AFFR) Map. The Alaskans Fair Redistricting Map allows for all neighborhoods to be equally represented. AFFR’s Map reflects the diversity of Anchorage’s neighborhoods. I urge the Board to approve the AFFR Map.

Kind regards,
Betty P. Sears
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 3:49 pm

First Name: Michael

Last Name: Seine

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99505

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: Please do not combine Eagle River with East Anchorage. It does not make since to do this as they are very different communities and we want to keep Eagle River on its own. Eventually, Eagle River should be its own city. Thank you!
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 3:41 pm

First Name: Stephanie

Last Name: Self

Group Affiliation, if applicable: Republican

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99654

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map3

Public Comment: Keep Eagle River it's own! Do not combine with downtown or JBER (who doesn't vote)
I do not want to combine Eagle River with East Anchorage for District 24.

Eagle River is its own community with different concerns than downtown Anchorage and/or East Anchorage and, as such, I strongly oppose combining it with East Anchorage and/or downtown Anchorage.

Thank you.

-----Original Message-----
From: Lara Shultz <>
Sent: Thursday, October 7, 2021 11:40 AM
To: Testimony <testimony@akdistrict.org>
Subject: Map 3

I do not want to combine Eagle River with East Anchorage for District 24”.

Eagle River is its own community with different concerns than downtown Anchorage and/or East Anchorage and, as such, I strongly oppose combining it with East Anchorage and/or downtown Anchorage.

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

Date: October 4, 2021, 3:08 pm

First Name: Timothy

Last Name: Silbaugh

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99507

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Concerns about redistricting maps Ver 3, Ver 4 and AFFER**

Public Comment: **Dear Alaska State Redistricting Committee,**

In regards to redistricting maps Version 3, Version 4 and AFFER: My understanding of the Alaska State Constitutional Redistricting Criteria is that maps should be drawn with maximal attention to low population deviation, compactness, socioeconomic integration, and contiguousness. Upon observation of these maps, it appears that Version 3, 4 and AFFER are ignoring these principles. For example, Ver 3 and Ver 4 both split and gerrymander Mendenhall Valley to eliminate current Democratic representatives. Version 4 pairs Government Hill with Eagle River, which is not practical or logical when having two Eagle River house seats is more contiguous. Version 3 has huge population deviations in Fairbanks as well. The AFFER map ignores compactness and socioeconomic integration in the Mendenhall Valley and in the Southeast district which will pit Rep Ortiz against Rep Kreiss-Tomkins.

I am concerned about these three maps lacking consistency with our constitutional criteria and I hope that you will revise them or give higher consideration to the remaining two maps under review, the AFFR Map or the Senate Minority Map.
I want to thank the board for listening to past public testimony and adjusting the maps to separate East Anchorage from Eagle River.

I have concerns that the board maps do not show senate pairings and I would like to request that the board allow public testimony on these pairings before adopting a map.

I still have concerns with map 3 regarding the part of the Scenic Foothills Community Council area located around the Muldoon Curve being placed in a South Anchorage district. This is my Community Council and as you've heard me testify before, South and East Anchorage have large income differentials and are socio-economically distinct from each other. I appreciate the changes made to map 4 in East Anchorage but do have some concerns with the way it lumps part of Fairview, Mountain View, and Downtown into a unified base district.

I like the AFFR plan. The AFFR plan fully respects the distinct and diverse communities in the East Anchorage, Mountain View, Fairview and Downtown areas and does not dilute the votes of voters in these areas. I also appreciate the low deviations of both the AFFR and Doyon Maps.

Thank you,
Yarrow Silvers
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 6, 2021, 4:21 pm

First Name: Aimee
Last Name: Sims
Group Affiliation, if applicable:
Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]
Your ZIP Code: 99504

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

Public Comment: Eagle River should not be included with downtown Anchorage. I believe that would not be to the best interest of those in Eagle River or Downtown. Downtown needs a representation that uniquely understands and intimately knows the downtown area.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 12:39 pm

First Name: Shelah

Last Name: Slade

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): I vote for map 3

Public Comment:
Redistricting Board,

We have lived in East Anchorage near Muldoon for about 7 years. Map 3 is the best, most natural district map moving forward. It does better at not dividing communities. I would like to continue my political conversations with my natural neighbors on the east side and build on the relationships we have formed.

Thank you for considering my feedback,

Leigh Sloan
Anchorage, AK 99504
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 5, 2021, 1:50 pm

First Name: Chelsea

Last Name: Smith

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99502

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map3. Eagle River doesn’t need a combination.

Public Comment: Eagle River needs to be kept on it’s own. There is no reason to combine JBER into any district or to combine Eagle River with Downtown. What would be the point of combining such different districts except to change the number of seat.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 1:35 pm

First Name: Debra

Last Name: Smith

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99654

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map3

Public Comment: Keep Eagle River on its own and separate from Anchorage. Quit trying to decrease Republican seats.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 5:42 pm

First Name: Kim

Last Name: Smith

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99516

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

Public Comment: I DO NOT want Eagle River to be redistricted. Eagle River should be itâ€™s own district.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 12:47 pm

First Name: Tammy

Last Name: Smith

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99504

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): MAP 3

Public Comment: Please keep Eagle River on its own. We DO NOT want to combine Eagle River with East Anchorage for District 24. This is nothing more than the democrats trying to take a republican held seat away from us. This affects both the assembly and the state level. If this happens, there’s a good chance we will lose the Republican senate seat now held by Lora Reinbold. Please Vote YES on Map 3!!!
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 11:21 pm

First Name: Terri

Last Name: Smith

Group Affiliation, if applicable: 

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: 99516

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Re-Districting Proposal

Public Comment: It is my preference that Map-3 is the most logical & suitable plan, which keeps Eagle River on it’s own & separate from downtown. Eagle River is considered a small townâ€”with in the municipality. Anchorage is SO divided, and doing anything other than maintaining it on its own in the current political environment will be disastrous. This town cannot afford further division.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 8:03 pm

First Name: Brittany

Last Name: Staudenmaier

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99511

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map3 I support to keep Eagle River on its own. I am against combining Eagle River with other districts.

Public Comment: Map3 I support to keep Eagle River on its own. I am against combining Eagle River with other districts.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 6, 2021, 11:42 am

First Name: Jordan

Last Name: Stevenson

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: 99504

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 4

Public Comment: Keep eagle river a stand alone district. Do not combine eagle river with east Anchorage.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 2:58 pm

First Name: Lisa

Last Name: Stewart

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99687

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

Public Comment: I vote for Map 3
From: Gretchen Stoddard <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 1:31 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: October 4, 2021, 1:31 am

First Name: Gretchen

Last Name: Stoddard

Group Affiliation, if applicable: self

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99516

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Sen. Minority Plan

Public Comment: I live in the current District 28 near Dearmoun and Elmore. What is happening with the district in South Anchorage, Moose Pass, and Nikiski here? The proposed District 28 covering Hillside&Abbott, to Dearmoun, to Goldenview, to Moose Pass and Nikiski looks crazy. We can do better and Moose Pass, Sterling and Hope residents deserve better representation than a small number of Kenai Penninsula voters stuck in with South Anchorage voters.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 4:42 pm

First Name: Penny

Last Name: Straka

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99623

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map3/Eagle River

Public Comment: I vote for Map3 to keep Eagle River on its own. Do not combine Eagle River with East Anchorage for District 24.
Hi there,

I gave in person testimony today at the Anchorage hearing. Thank you for that forum, and thank you all for your time and consideration!

I wanted to send along a written copy of my comments as well, please find those below.

Thank you!

Best,
Jenny-Marie

My name is Jenny-Marie Stryker, and I'm a resident of House District 19 in the Airport Heights neighborhood.

I’d like to speak to the socioeconomic integration within the proposed maps.

I’d like to give you a sense of my neighborhood and lived experience in Airport Heights. This is mostly an experience focused in Midtown. I live near 18th and Rosemary. Many of my friends and social circle are my neighbors in Airport Heights—I often bike or walk or ski to go see them, often meeting in Tikishla Park to start for a walk down the Chester Creek trail. Solo too, I enjoy skiing, biking, and walking starting from the trail artery of Tikishla Park, often going to Goose Lake or popping onto the gorgeous University area trails. I do most of my grocery shopping at the Carr’s or Fred Meyers next to Northern Lights and the Seward Highway, as do I think many of my neighbors. One of my favorite weekend activities is going to the Fire Island Bakery in Airport Heights: it’s a community hub where I’m almost guaranteed to see a neighbor I know from Airport Heights.

In the Version 4 map, my proposed house district would not include Tikishla, a large portion of Airport Heights, or Fire Island Bakery. These divisions don’t reflect my community.

In the Doyon map as well, my community would not include Tikishla nor Goose Lake nor Russian Jack Park nor any of the Chester Creek trail. Additionally, the proposed community would go all the way north beyond Six Mile Lake. This is a geographically massive area that lumps multiple communities of interest together.

The Alaskans for Fair Redistricting Map better reflects communities of interest by creating a new “midtown” district: district number 18. This district reflects my day to day life and natural community boundaries the best of the proposed maps.

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pronouns: she/her/hers
I am an anchorage resident and want to cast my support for the AFFER map. Thank you.

Shaun Stubbs

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

Date: October 4, 2021, 2:20 pm

First Name: Heather

Last Name: Sulte

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99515

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

Public Comment: I am opposed to redistricting as Eagle River and downtown/JBER are two entirely different areas of town socioeconomically and should be represented as two separate communities.
To Whom it May Concern,

As a resident of the Mountain View neighborhood in Northeast Anchorage, I'd like to express my strong preference for the plan proposed by the Senate Minority.

This map is one of only two proposals that respect the Mountain View Community Council's request to include our entire community council area in a single legislative district (community council map and request letter attached for reference).

Of the two proposals that respect our council's request, the Senate Minority map is the only one that keeps Mountain View in a district with the culturally and economically similar neighborhoods around it. While we may appear closely connected to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, we are in fact separated from JBER by a barbed wire fence and an ocean of socio-economic differences. I believe our district will be best served -- and most accurately represented -- by adopting a map similar to that proposed by the Senate Minority.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kirsten Swann
Mountain View, Anchorage, AK
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 4:03 pm

First Name: Shanna

Last Name: Switzer

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: 99504 (I also own have property in 99577 and 99515)

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

Public Comment: I prefer and support map 3
As a long-time resident of Anchorage - nearly 20 years of which was in East Anchorage - I have to say that I'm quite perplexed and disappointed by the adopted maps which place Stuckagain Heights in the same district as with South Anchorage. 

The Board’s proposed Versions 3 & 4, Doyon Coalition, and AFFER maps all seem ignorant of the fact that while Stuckagain Heights may appear geographically and economically similar to South Anchorage it is very much a part of the East Anchorage community. 

Furthermore, from a practical perspective, the inclusion of Stuckagain with South Anchorage is almost laughable - Stuckagain Heights is exclusively accessible from Baxter Road in East Anchorage. Placing these two areas in the same district increases the likelihood that individuals will end up being represented by someone who is not actually their neighbor or community member, which would be a detriment to folks living in either neighborhood. 

Grouping Stuckagain Heights with areas that are distinctly part of and integrated with South Anchorage harms both area’s representation. I strongly urge you to consider the above factors when making new maps and consider accepting a final map that integrates Stuckagain with East Anchorage in the same way that the neighborhood is integrated with the community. 

Sincerely, 

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

Date: October 4, 2021, 12:58 pm

First Name: Stephanie

Last Name: Taylor

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99504

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

Public Comment: Map 3 is my preference. As a 50+ year resident of Anchorage and 32 year resident in East Anchorage I have often found it perplexing how these boundaries are drawn. Anchorage is a large enough community to encompass all 16 districts. It makes no sense to combine parts of Anchorage with other communities. Draw the districts where it makes sense and is constitutional.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 11:36 am

First Name: Linda

Last Name: Thimas

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99507

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

Public Comment: **The only sensible Choice is Map 3. The Taxes to Live downtown are outrageous. I was raised in Bootleggers and it is never cheap. Are the Eagle River Folks going to have outrageous Taxes as well? We need more time to study this as there really isn’t any reason to go downtown. Seems ridiculous to me, a 65 year lifelong Alaskan.**
From: Theresa Thomas <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 4:36 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: October 4, 2021, 4:35 pm

First Name: Theresa

Last Name: Thomas

Group Affiliation, if applicable: 

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: 99516

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: My vote is Map 3.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 2:27 pm

First Name: Dave

Last Name: Thompson

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99515

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map3

Public Comment: Keep Eagle River on its own !!!
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 2:26 pm

First Name: Kim

Last Name: Thompson

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99515

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

Public Comment: Keep eagle River on its own
From: Wendi Thompson <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 7, 2021 3:15 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: October 7, 2021, 3:15 am
First Name: Wendi
Last Name: Thompson
Email Address: [REDACTED]
Comments: I was just curious what kind of developmental plans were going on and if it affects us in ketchikan, ak thank you my number is [REDACTED]
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 1:19 pm

First Name: Robert

Last Name: Timmins

Group Affiliation, if applicable: All of Eagle River

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: 99577

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

Public Comment: Map three YES!!!!!!! I want to have a representative in the Senate for Eagle River!
From: Joseph Timmreck <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 6:34 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: October 4, 2021, 6:33 pm

First Name: Joseph

Last Name: Timmreck

Group Affiliation, if applicable: None

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99515

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

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

Date: October 4, 2021, 3:20 pm

First Name: John

Last Name: Tobia

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

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

Public Comment: As a resident of Eagle River, I am STRONGLY OPPOSED to any plan to redistrict parts of Eagle River with parts of Anchorage.
From: Tamela Tobia <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 3:20 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: October 4, 2021, 3:20 pm

First Name: Tamela
Last Name: Tobia

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

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

Public Comment: I strongly oppose attempts to redistrict Eagle River to be joined with parts of Anchorage. Eagle River should be kept contiguous and not broken up and joined with non-contiguous parts of Anchorage that bear no relationship to Eagle River. Breaking up Eagle River gives, at a minimum, an appearance of gerrymandering.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 6, 2021, 11:24 am

First Name: Jennifer

Last Name: Todd

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99502

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

Public Comment: I agree with Board V3, except I think the shape of District 12 & 14 in V4 is more appropriate.
I like Map 3 (Pretty good for most of Anchorage) but I do not like Eagle River with JBER and Downtown.

I like the other maps 1 and 2 that you had before that have Eagle River and East Anchorage together.

Brittany Tompkins

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

Date: October 6, 2021, 10:37 pm

First Name: Marcy

Last Name: TOMPKINS

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: 99516

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

Public Comment: I would like to say I want Board Proposed Plan v.3 as the replacement in the redistricting decision. Thank you .... Marcy
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 7:34 pm

First Name: Rachelle

Last Name: Tovar

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: Eagle River has unique needs and concerns. Likewise those areas of Anchorage have other needs and concerns. Each area needs its own voice.
Name: Bill Tremblay
Affiliation (if any): Petersburg Resident
Email or Phone: [Redacted] Zip Code: 99833
Area/Map Title/Keywords: V 3 District 2

Public Comment: I don't like options putting Petersburg w/ Wrangell & Ketchikan. I would prefer staying connected to Sitka. It makes sense if we have to expand. To include Yakutat considering the efforts made by the Sitka Public Radio Station to expand services to that area.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 5, 2021, 9:14 pm

First Name: Lois

Last Name: Turinsky

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99517

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

Public Comment: I vote for Map3
Hello,
My name is Chris Twiford and I am writing to comment on some of the proposed redistricting changes.

I noticed that on Map 3 you have put Eagle River in with JBER into downtown Anchorage. This seems wrong to me and I am writing to state my opposition to that idea. Eagle River seems to be its own distinct area both geographically as well as economically and demographically. EAGLE RIVER IS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING LIKE DOWNTOWN ANCHORAGE and should not be lumped into a district with them. It seems to me it would make a lot more sense to put Eagle River in with JBER and east anchorage/muldoon.
I can only suspect that trying to mix downtown Anchorage into the same district with Eagle River is a sinister political ploy to weaken/dilute the conservative voice of Eagle River and turn a solid conservative Republican district blue. I am steadfastly opposed to the idea of gerrymandering the poor people of Eagle River into a democrat district to silence their conservative voices.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

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

Date: October 4, 2021, 7:40 pm

First Name: Joann

Last Name: Utt

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99645

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: Eagle River should another be joined with downtown Anchorage .. period. Thank you !!!
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 8, 2021, 12:49 pm

First Name: Kirsten

Last Name: Valentine

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99508

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Integrity of East Anchorage communities

Public Comment: There are several features I like about AFFR’s proposed map. I like how it respects the distinct and diverse communities of East Anchorage and Mountain View. Other maps divide these tight-knit communities and group them with JBER in a way that would erase minority representation. It respects existing community councils as much as possible. I also like the concept of providing Eagle River distinct representation as it’s own geographically distinct community without grouping it with portions of Anchorage, though I don’t like how AFFR’s map still excludes portions of Eagle River and Chugiak lumping them in with portions of Anchorage, I think I like Senate Minority, Board v.3 and v. 4 best for that.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 4:10 pm

First Name: Ingrid

Last Name: Varenbrink

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99501

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

Public Comment: I support the AFFR map.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 5, 2021, 10:51 am

First Name: Dan

Last Name: Venhaus

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99567

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Opposed to version 4**

Public Comment: *As a citizen of the Eagle River/Chugiak area, I am opposed to version 4 redistricting map because it splits Eagle River in two and joins south ER with other areas separated by the base and are different communities with different objectives and mindsets. I am in support of Version 3.*
Dear Alaska Redistricting board,

I am writing to voice my opinion that the voting districts should be equally sized by population to the greatest extent practicable. Ensuring one person's vote is equally important as another person's vote in local, state, and national politics should be of the utmost importance to ensure we all have an equal say in the direction of our government.

Thanks for considering my comment,

Neil Waggoner,
Anchorage, AK 99508
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 7:24 pm

First Name: Bonita

Last Name: Walker

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99502

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Yes to map #3

Public Comment: Yes to map #3
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 4:51 pm

First Name: Liz
Last Name: Walker

Group Affiliation, if applicable: 

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99502

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: Map 3 is decent for most of Anchorage. I do not like Eagle River with JBER and Downtown.

I like the other maps 1 and 2 that you had before that have Eagle River and East Anchorage together. Eagle River and Downtown have different constituencies and if combined, may cost us a senate seat.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 5:53 pm

First Name: Paige

Last Name: Wallace

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99623

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

Public Comment: This is about representing a group of people, Americans, Alaskans, and their interests. These are different areas, and different demographics that cannot be adequately represented, their interests not done justice by a single seat.
Date: October 4, 2021, 3:03 pm

First Name: Karyn  Last Name: Warner   Your ZIP Code: 99516   Email: [REDACTED]

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

Public Comment: Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the redistricting plans for Alaska. As an Anchorage (Dena'ina Eänena) resident/guest for now 22 years, rather than looking Statewide, I'm choosing to focus on Anchorage. I believe that the AFFR Plan best fits Anchorage's population.

The AFFR Plan meets the criteria for Compactness and Contiguity, as there appear to be no "bizarre designs" nor islands apart from their district plopped into another.

Criterion: Socio-economic integration

A. The AFFR Plan allows for the diverse and distinct communities in the East Anchorage Mountain View areas. It keeps more intact the neighborhoods of Downtown, Fairview and Mountain View (Fairview and Mountain View additionally have robust community councils). This is in contrast to Board options 3 and 4 which would divide these racially and ethically diverse communities - diluting minority representation by its inclusion with Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson (JBER).

B. The AFFR Plan keeps Anchorage community councils more intact, eg Mountain View, Fairview, Northeast.

C. The AFFR Plan recognizes that JBER servicemembers and their families do go off base, so includes JBER with surrounding areas to accommodate the services and businesses they may frequent.

D. The AFFR Plan recognizes that Chugiak and Eagle River are distinct culturally and socio-economically from Anchorage (Bowl) and carved Chugiak/Eagle River into its own Senate district, separate from Anchorage. There is even talk of "Eagle Exit" to separate from the Municipality of Anchorage by an organized group of residents.

Criterion: Equality of population

Ensuring that all neighborhoods are represented equally, the AFFR Plan has a better deviation within Anchorage than the Board's v.3, v.4 and AFFER's Plan. AFFR Plan deviation = 0.35% (Board v.3=0.93%, AFFER Plan=2.06%, Board v.4=2.23%). In addition to a better deviation within Anchorage, the AFFR Plan redistricts most closely to the "ideal" number of people. AFFR Plan is no more than 36 people from "ideal" (Board v.3=199, AFFER Plan=240, Board v.4=330).

The AFFR Plan submitted makes the most sense for the above-mentioned reasons for Anchorage redistricting. It is the best drawn map for Anchorage to recognize socio-economic integration, most closely represent equality of population, and while abiding by the criteria of compactness and contiguity. Thank you for your consideration.
Dear members of the Redistricting Board,

First, thank you for your hard work and for being available to speak with the public about the proposed maps and to take public testimony today in Anchorage. And special thanks to Bethany Marcum for taking the time to speak to my husband and I about the map drawing process and some of the particulars regarding the Board’s v3 and v4 maps. We learned a lot!

As I’ve stated in previous written testimony and as I told Ms. Marcum this evening, many of my initial concerns were resolved with the updates to maps v3 and v4. As an East Anchorage resident, I’m happy to see that we are no longer attached to Eagle River in the proposed house districts. I spoke with Ms. Marcum regarding questions I had with potential senate pairings and my desire to keep East Anchorage and Eagle River separate. Thanks to that discussion, I now understand the Supreme Court precedent stating that all of the Muni of Anchorage can be considered socioeconomically integrated, however I want to reiterate that I believe that both East Anchorage and Eagle River would be best served with dedicated representation at both the house and senate levels.

As for the other maps, I’d urge the Board to consider adopting the AFFR map. It has small deviations and just "makes sense" to me looking at the map of Anchorage and particularly my neighborhood.

Once again, thanks for your work. And best of luck going forward.

Regards,

Tyler Watson
East Anchorage

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Tyler Watson
From:    Debbie Weatter <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent:    Monday, October 4, 2021 1:02 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: October 4, 2021, 1:01 pm

First Name: Debbie

Last Name: Weatter

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:  [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99507

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Redistricting - Map 3

Public Comment: KEEP EAGLE RIVER ON ITS OWN.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 6, 2021, 9:41 am

First Name: Gabriel

Last Name: Webb

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99515

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Keep Eagle River as its own district

Public Comment: I do not want to combine Eagle River with East Anchorage for district 24
From: Christine West <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 2:42 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: October 4, 2021, 2:42 pm

First Name: Christine

Last Name: West

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99507

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map3

Public Comment: Keep Map3 on its own. Period .. thank you
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 6:40 pm

First Name: Patty

Last Name: Wilbanks

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99587

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

Public Comment: I would like to see Map 3
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 2:39 pm

First Name: Kathleen

Last Name: Wilhelm

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99516

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

Public Comment: I vote for map 3. Leave Eagle River by itself. I feel that the community is underrepresented as it is. Combining these very different areas of town will just add to the already increasing combative nature of our city. This also hurts our representation in Juneau.
From: Daniel Wolf <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 3:24 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: October 4, 2021, 3:24 pm

First Name: Daniel

Last Name: Wolf

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: ********

Your ZIP Code: 99567

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

Public Comment: I believe Map 3 provides a fair and equitable redistricting proposal.

Please use Map 3

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

Date: October 4, 2021, 1:46 pm

First Name: Josh

Last Name: Wood

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: Eagle river should not be tied to downtown Anchorage. We are out own little town and we like to have our own representation.

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

Date: October 4, 2021, 1:22 pm
First Name: **Tim**
Last Name: **Woody**
Group Affiliation, if applicable:
Email or Phone Contact:
Your ZIP Code: **99507**

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

**Public Comment:** Democracy is under attack in America, and the gerrymandering of voting districts is a prime example of how the Republican Party is unethically working to disenfranchise voters and disadvantage the Democratic Party.

I would like to state my strong support for the districting maps proposed by Alaskans for Fair and Equitable Redistricting.

Alaska’s voters are watching the decisions made by this board.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 6:18 pm

First Name: **Shelley**

Last Name: **Worley**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Keep Eagle River as itâ€™s own district- Map 3**

Public Comment: **I am against combining Eagle River with East Anchorage. Keep Eagle River as itâ€™s own district.**
Name: Stephen Wright
Affiliation (if any): Voter, Matsu
Email or Phone: [REDACTED]
Zip Code: 99654
Area/Map Title/Keywords: Maps Review
Public Comment: Board V. 4 is most balanced

V. 3 has odd shapes, elongated not concise or crisp

Senate Minority, drawn to protect its own

AFFER odd shapes but somewhat balanced

AFFER unbalanced odd shapes

Balance & equal population is important. Any ideas should not be political like the minority odd maps that are made with intent to protect specific areas. All maps should not take in current district ideas; reasonable population should be the most important factor.

New districts reset requirements, so where current residences like should matter.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 8, 2021, 4:42 pm

First Name: Stephen

Last Name: Wright

Group Affiliation, if applicable: Republican

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99654

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): All plans have an interesting option

Public Comment: The one I like the least is v.3 not sure if you will update, but the plans with the closest to the population total like Doyon is actually pretty well though-out. It may be the best compromise plan...
From: Kathi Y <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 11:55 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: October 4, 2021, 11:55 am

First Name: Kathi

Last Name: Y

Group Affiliation, if applicable: 

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: Y

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map3

Public Comment: Keep Eagle River on its own. I vote for map3 for redistributing.
Name: [Signature]
Affiliation (if any): 
Email or Phone: [Redacted] Zip Code: 99901
Area/Map Title/Keywords: 
Public Comment: I like P36-R-Senate Minority Proposal
1 A Noyon Coalition
Brd Proposal V.4 District
V-3 District 1

SCAN HERE TO OPEN THE MAP COMMENT PORTAL ➔
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 8, 2021, 10:38 am

First Name: Joshua

Last Name: Yeh

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99672

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Sterling is NOT Funny River (Board V. 3 & Board V. 4)

Public Comment: I have been reviewing the Board v. 3 and Board v.4 and am concerned that they both insist on grouping Sterling and Funny River together. I live in Sterling and can tell you these are two VERY distinct communities separated by more than 45 minute drive. Any time a proposal to bridge the river and connect Sterling and Funny River comes up, Funny River insists that they DO NOT want it. We use different gas stations, different post offices, and different schools.

Sterling and Funny River are very different communities. Please consider the Alaskans for Fair Redistricting map which respects the distinction between Sterling and Funny River. Thank you.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 2:47 pm

First Name: Jerri

Last Name: Young

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: 99507

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map #3

Public Comment: This is the same thing that is happening in Oregon and more specifically Portland. The liberals are doing everything in their power to take and keep control. It’s not about what’s best for our communities, it’s about power and control which is not going to be in the best interests of our city.
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 4, 2021, 4:19 pm

First Name: Tanisha

Last Name: Young

Group Affiliation, if applicable: 

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: 99504

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): I vote for Map 3

Public Comment: I vote for map 3
A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: October 6, 2021, 10:36 am

First Name: John

Last Name: Yurman

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: 99504

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map3

Public Comment: I do not want ER, JBER and downtown lumped together as a voting district.

It's absurd, these areas have completely disparate voting interests
October 7, 2021

To the Redistricting Board,

I would like to have my views on the pending redrawing of districts in Southeast Alaska reviewed and considered during your Board deliberations.

As you may be aware, when it comes to commerce, lifestyles, economic activity, recreation, etc. the neighborhoods of upper Lynn Canal have little in common with those of downtown Juneau.

By that I mean that while all three communities (Juneau, Haines and Skagway) have a certain commonality with regard to summer tourism activity and all it brings to the area, they have far less in common when it comes to their sources of income, educational and employment backgrounds, needed government services, subsistence, etc.

Juneau is primarily a government town wherein a large majority of the population is dependent upon State, Federal and/or Local government for their employment, retirement, medical care, and sustenance in general. This is especially true of downtown Juneau, which is home to numerous large, many-storied office buildings inhabited by government employees from all three levels. While there are a few small government offices in the Mendenhall Valley, there are virtually none in Haines or Skagway.

As such, the personal interests and political concerns of downtown Juneau have little in common with the other smaller and more rural areas of the region, namely “north” Juneau, Haines and Skagway.

To lump the upper Lynn Canal voter population of Haines and Skagway in with the relatively white collar Juneau population seems to me to place them at a great disadvantage, particularly when it comes to being afforded a level playing field when trying to be heard on those important issues they feel must be considered and acted upon by the State Legislature.

I believe the Board’s current version 3 for Southeast is the more equitable, and sensible approach in your efforts to level the playing field and establish of equal and fair representation for all concerned.

Thank you for your time and serious consideration of my views.

Thomas T. Zaruba, [Redacted] Juneau AK 99803

Encl: Resume’, Thomas T. Zaruba
From: BruceB Zmuda <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 6:10 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: October 4, 2021, 6:09 pm

First Name: BruceB

Last Name: Zmuda

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): map 3

Public Comment: Keep map 3. Leave Eagle River District as it is.
From: Patty Zmuda <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 6:02 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: October 4, 2021, 6:01 pm

First Name: Patty

Last Name: Zmuda

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [Redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3

Public Comment: Keep Eagle River district as is.