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

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

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

Senate Pairing Recommendations Report



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Automatic Pairings

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

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

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

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

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

Gulf Coast/ Kenai Peninsula

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

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

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

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

Municipality of Anchorage

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

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

District 10 (Oceanview) and District 11 (Bayshore)

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

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

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

District 12 (Turnagain) and District 13 (Spenard)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Matanuska-Susitna Borough

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

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

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

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

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

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

Interior

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

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

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

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

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

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

From: Virginia Allen [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:34 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Combining districts

Dear Redistricting Board,
Thank you for your service.

Of the many options presented, combining Seward (6) and Kodak (5) seems to make the most sense. Both communities are industrial fishing and marine.

We connect through the Gulf of Alaska and North Pacific giving us more in common socioeconomically. We have very little connection with the petroleum industries and much more connection with fisheries resources and management.

Our fisheries management units are related through the North Gulf Coast areas.

Please consider keeping our undeniably maritime focused communities intact.


Thank you,
James and Virginia Allen
[REDACTED]
Seward Alaska. 99664

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WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: November 8, 2021, 8:53 pm

Name: **Eleanor Andrews**
Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Email or Phone Contact: 

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

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

I am writing to express my disgust with the recent proposal to gerrymander East Anchorage and Eagle River into two Senate seats, which was presented at today's Board discussion. We have seen this movie before: This proposal is a transparent and unconstitutional attempt to suppress minority votes from East Anchorage, and mirrors partisan gerrymanders put forward in the 2010 redistricting cycle that targeted former Senator Bettye Davis. The Board should reject this partisan gerrymander and instead pair Eagle River's two House districts together, and East Anchorage's four House districts into two Senate districts.

Urban East Anchorage neighborhoods and rural Eagle River neighborhoods in the Eagle River and South Fork Eagle River valleys are not socioeconomically integrated. In addition, there is an active Eagle River secession movement called "Eagle Exit" which would establish a new local government apart from East Anchorage.

While Ms. Marcum has claimed her attempt to gerrymander is driven by JBER base gates, this claim is belied by the fact that there are multiple base gates in Government Hill and East Anchorage. Most public testimony has supported pairing Government Hill/JBER with Downtown. As a nearby resident, this is the logical pairing, and it is obvious that Ms. Marcum's proposal is driven by partisanship---just like the similar 2010 map that was thrown out by our court system.

A major difference between 2010 and this round of redistricting is that technology provides much greater transparency of map options and Board deliberations. Attempts to gerrymander East Anchorage and Eagle River for partisan objectives will be struck down by the courts--a time consuming, expensive exercise that will leave voters in limbo during legal proceedings. I strongly urge the Board to choose the most constitutional option before it for Anchorage lines, so that voters can have a legal map and understand which districts they live in for the upcoming election.

Eleanor Andrews

From: Indra Arriaga [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 11:10 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Redistricting testimony

Redistricting Board,

My name is Indra Arriaga, I live in Anchorage. I am writing to express my concern about the board's proposed Senate pairings that would pair Eagle River's House Districts with Northeast Anchorage and JBER. These pairings severely dilute the voices of already-underrepresented majority minority districts in East Anchorage and go against the spirit of dozens of voices from both Eagle River and East Anchorage who have testified to keeping their communities distinct. I also feel this violates the spirit of the Voting Rights Act, which is meant to protect the voices of majority-minority districts.

Yesterday the Board's key argument for pairing Eagle River's house districts with JBER and Muldoon appeared to be the socioeconomic integration of having active and retired military in those areas. However, no numbers were provided to justify these pairings OVER keeping Eagle River with their own district and keeping East Anchorage's 4 House Districts together. There are retired military and veterans all over Anchorage. It seems the Board is choosing to prioritize the voices of active and retired military over the many voices who have testified throughout the redistricting process about keeping Eagle River distinct from East Anchorage.

I am a research analyst and have been involved in redistricting analysis in the past. The current arguments for socioeconomic integration are flawed. Active Military may occasionally travel to Muldoon to shop, but East Anchorage residents hardly travel to the base to shop or to Eagle River for their needs. Please do not use this justification for splitting up Eagle River's voice and East Anchorage's voice. When you look at other factors such as income and ethnicity, it is clear these proposed Senate districts are NOT more socioeconomically integrated than keeping Eagle River with Eagle River and East Anchorage with East Anchorage.

The military already has ample support and voice across Alaska. 20% of the Senate is made up of people who have served in the military, while veterans make up only 11.9% of the population. Meanwhile, there are no Hmong, Samoan, Latino, Somali, Korean, Filipino Senators or representatives to speak to the needs of these communities in East Anchorage. Their voices will be diminished by these pairings with Eagle River, while the military is already very well represented and receives a lot of support throughout Alaska.

Although the Eagle River - East Anchorage pairing might seem contiguous, the vast majority of people in the Eagle River district live eight or more miles away from Muldoon, while the two Muldoon districts are MUCH closer together. Similarly, the two Eagle River House Districts are much closer together.

Instead, here is what I would like to see:

- The Board has divided East Anchorage into 4 House districts which can easily be paired into two East Anchorage Senate districts. Please pair Districts 18 and 23 and Districts 17 and 19 together. These pairings would respect the voices of majority-minority voices in East Anchorage.
- The public has spoken loud and clear that East Anchorage is a distinct community with very different needs from Eagle River and South Anchorage and the Board's Senate pairings should reflect this.
- Please do not dilute the voices of majority-minority communities along East Anchorage.

Thank you for considering this testimony on this critical issue.

Indra Arriaga Delgado

From: Robert Atkinson <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 11:21 AM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: November 9, 2021, 11:20 am

First Name: **Robert**

Last Name: **Atkinson**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Myself**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

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

Public Comment: **This is exactly why gerrymandering is a pile of crap. I've lived on government hill for almost 30 years. My concerns for my neighborhood and district have zero to do with eagle river issues and concerns. It's bull pucky and the people dreaming this up know it's just that. Robert E Atkinson [REDACTED], anchorage, ak 99501**

From: Lauren Attanas <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 3:37 PM
To: TJ Presley; Testimony
Subject: ++ Get Involved Response

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

Date: November 10, 2021, 3:36 pm

First Name: **Lauren**

Last Name: **Attanas**

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Comments: **The final map is a major fail and does not keep communities of interest together, as it's supposed to. Goldstream Valley does not belong with the rural communities of Delta Junction, Minto, Nenana, etc. There were other, better map options that accomplished both the goal of full representation for Fairbanks residents AND keeping communities of interest together. I can only hope that this gets overturned in court. Shame on the board!**

From: Steven Aufrecht <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 12:43 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: November 9, 2021, 12:43 am

First Name: **Steven**

Last Name: **Aufrecht**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99508**

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

Public Comment: **Keep East Anchorage districts paired and Eagle Rive districtsr paired.**

- 1. The key argument made for pairing the two ER house districts with JBER and Muldoon was the common SEI of having active and retired military in those areas. There were no numbers provided - just "a lot" . In fact, there are retired military and veterans all over Anchorage. There are other SEI factors like income, ethnicity, and lot and house size that shows these districts are not SEI.**
- 2. There is no shortage of support for the military in Alaska. They have discounts at most retail outlets. They have discounts at the DMV, at the University of Alaska, there's Veterans Preference for jobs, tax credits for employers who hire vets, and for fishing and hunting licenses. Discounts at state parks and on the state ferries for disabled Vets, and discounts for all vets on the Alaska Railroad. They have a special lounge at the airport.**
- 3. 20% of the Senate is made up of people who have served in the military. There are at least four more in the House. And there are committees for Veterans Affairs in the House and Senate. Plus there is a State Department of Military and Veteran Affairs.**
- 4. There are no Hmong, Samoan, Latino, Somali, Korean Senators or representatives in the Alaska Senate or House. These are the people whose suffer the most discrimination and are more likely to be in lower income levels. Their voice is diminished by these pairings, while the milit ary is already one of the most favored populations in Alaska.**
- 5. Although the ER-East Anchorage pairing might seem contiguous, the vast majority of people in the ER district live eight or more miles from Muldoon, while the two Muldoon districts are small enough together to walk across in a couple of hours. And the populated areas of the two ER districts are far more compact than the ER-Muldoon district. It seems that some Board members emphasize compactness when that favors their interests, deviation when that does. They tell us that all of Anchorage is SEI so it doesn't matter at some points and on this, they have in recent days created a SEI in military population. And they even said out loud that this would create two ER Senate seats. And we all know ER is far more Republican than East Anchorage.**

6. While the point was made that ER and JBER folks shop in Muldoon, Muldoon folks are far less likely to go to ER or the Base to shop. And if they aren't connected to the military, getting on base is a serious hassle.

7. East Anchorage, along Muldoon has a bustling and diverse community that works together. There are many people of color and immigrants in that area. Splitting them up and pairing them with the predominantly white ER weakens their representation and violates the spirit if not the letter of the VRA.

9. Last redistricting round, the Board paired an East Anchorage district with an Eagle River district for the Senate pairing. The result was that the only African-American state Senator lost her next election. This was not an accident. And it appears the same sort of gerrymandering is being attempted with these ER and East Anchorage districts again.

Please pair the two ER districts together and the East Anchorage districts together.

Sent f
From: Janice Banta [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 11:06 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Please don't split East Anchorage/ Eagle River!

The senate pairings proposed by Marcum are very concerning and slice Anchorage apart in many ways.

There are no significant ties between JBER and Eagle River, and forcing such ties makes pretty much every other part of Anchorage suffer:

- Eagle River, which is one socioeconomically integrated town/community, will be sliced in half for senate representation. There was an argument that it doesn't matter because they will actually get more representation, in the form of two senators instead of one. This is the equivalent of affording them more than one vote per person, while diluting the votes of racially diverse communities in other parts of Anchorage, including East Anchorage, and comes at the expense of these communities, while still not honoring the ties binding the Eagle River community.

- East Anchorage has been suffering from lack of adequate Senate representation for the past 10 years and with this pairing, will suffer even more grievously for another ten years. The argument that driving down Muldoon to go shopping in Anchorage makes ER socio-economically tied to East Anchorage is about the most convincing evidence there is that Eagle River, a community that is largely affluent and white, can not even begin to understand the issues and concerns faced by a district that has high racial diversity, lower average economic status, and families that may not be able to afford 3 meals a day, much less drive down Muldoon without stopping to shop in the rest of Anchorage.

- The JBER/ Government Hill district includes the port, the Alaska railroad, Government Hill, and sections of Downtown as well as the industrial areas in between and are extremely connected on an economic basis. To split these areas apart and to have the same senator representing the affluent, rural areas of North Eagle River as well as the industrial and diverse areas of Government Hill, which is 17 miles and 4 other districts away, is quite frankly, in the least, a lot to ask of one senator.

- Additionally, the ties between JBER and the city of Anchorage are just as strong, if not stronger than the ties between the JBER and Eagle River, and the latter ties do not justify the harm done to the rest of the city.

Splitting Turnagain and Spenard, is not acceptable. Residents of both communities have stated that they are socio-economically integrated and have requested to share a senate district. They should not be split instead into other districts that these residents have specifically requested not to be paired with. And, this last point clearly makes the justification for the JBER/ Eagle River pairing even more questionable.

The public testimony surrounding this requested JBER/ Eagle River pairing has been overwhelming in opposition. Although I have not seen the written testimony, there has been verbal testimony from just 4 people, Jamie Allard, who has filed intent with APOC to run for higher office, Senator Reinbold's aid, and Randy Ruedrich, as well as his friend. Conversely to the testimony of these four that spoke in favor of this questionable pairing, there were many hours and 100's of people testifying against such pairings, along with resolutions by Scenic Foothills Community Council, North East Community Council, Spenard Community Council and possibly more. And yet all this has all been disregarded. Racial diversity has been disregarded. Contiguous districts of actual population have been disregarded. Socioeconomic ties of pretty much the whole of Anchorage, other than the affluent areas of South Anchorage and Eagle River have been disregarded.

Taken all together, Bethany's suggested senate pairings are truly an indefensible attempt at gerrymandering the map and silencing the voices of low income and racially diverse communities. In all likelihood this is where the legal difficulties requiring 3 hours of executive session came from. Even if, after all this legal wrangling, the legal go ahead is given, just because something is maybe legal (but will likely invite lawsuits at tax payer expense) this does not make it right. Please do the right thing and choose senate pairings that allow fair representation of all Anchorage residents, and not those that elevate some while silencing others.

Sincerely, Joe Banta

From: Alan Batten <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 11:36 AM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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Date: November 9, 2021, 11:35 am

First Name: **Alan**

Last Name: **Batten**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99712**

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

Public Comment: **For Interior Alaska I liked the v.4 and AFFR plans better than what you finally came up with. It seems more reasonable to put Moose Creek and points south on the Richardson Highway in with Delta Junction, Tok, and bush communities rather than Goldstream Valley!**

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

To whom it may concern:

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

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

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

Thea Bemben
[REDACTED]

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

Translation by J. Isaak and S. Shaginoff-Stuart

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:46 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Redistricting

Hello,

As the final senate redistricting plans move forward, the plan to give Eagle River two seats is blatant gerrymandering. That it also dilutes minority voices in the Muldoon area by splitting them into part of one of the Eagle River districts seems racist. Please do not approve of this.

James Bennett
[REDACTED]
Anchorage

From: Brenda Bergsrud [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 11:21 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Please don't split up the East Anchorage Muldoon neighborhood.

My family has lived in East Anchorage for 52 years . I DO NOT support Ms. Marcom's Senate District Map and pairings that join parts of East Anchorage's Muldoon area with Eagle River. This proposal simply does not make sense. Because Eagle River residents commute via Muldoon Road on their way to other parts of Anchorage does not mean they have an appreciation for the needs in that part of our community. Leaders from Eagle River reject affordable housing and social service programs that directly benefit underserved communities like East Anchorage. They treat socio-economically diverse areas of Anchorage with disdain and as a dumping ground for what they don't want in Eagle River.

East Anchorage needs representation with a deep appreciation that recognizes the social-economic diversity of the area and a willingness to connect with community members where they are at, not from the affluent Hiland hillside 15 miles away. The Muldoon area of East Anchorage is finally building a sense of community and advocating for key programs and resources to strengthen it. Those needs are much more closely aligned with East Anchorage. Joining parts of East Anchorage with Eagle River will essentially strip that underserved community of its voice.

There was NOT consensus support for Ms. Marcom's proposal today. The only voices in favor were those with clear conflicts of interest. Like Ms. Marcom's House Redistricting proposal, it represents another blatant attempt at gerrymandering designed to ensure that underserved communities in Anchorage are ignored and stripped of their voice.

I support Ms. Borromeo's proposal because her pairings keep diverse, socio-economically integrated communities together. Please DO NOT split up East Anchorage. And please DO NOT split North Eagle River from South Eagle River. Those communities are much more closely aligned geographically and have similar needs for infrastructure, investments, and programs.

I also would like to thank you for including the Scenic Park neighborhood in an East Anchorage district. An early proposal had included my neighborhood in a district with the hillside. Scenic Park has similar needs with neighborhoods in the Muldoon area than Hillside or Eagle River.

Respectfully,
Brenda Bergsrud
[REDACTED]
Anchorage AK 99504

From: Chuck Berray [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 7:42 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Do not pair East Anchorage and Eagle River

The idea of pairing certain parts of East Anchorage with Eagle River is nothing more than a blatantly partisan attempt to install a Republican in that Senate District.

Pledges were made to make redistricting as fair and non-partisan as possible. That's certainly not the case with this attempt.

Chuck Berray
Anchorage, AK.

From: Kevin Berry [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:49 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Testimony

I live in proposed HD12 and would like to be paired with proposed HD13

From: James Bienvenu [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 6:39 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: New Maps - Not that new Opinion - Don't split up East Anchorage

Please don't split up Muldoon to combine it with things it has entire geographical obstacles to cross to reach South Anchorage (cross a swamp) or Eagle River (cross a military base, a mountain AND a river!) Adding anything to East Anchorage (proper) is silly. You'll be taking the voice away from a HUGE section of Anchorage.

From: Boggs Family [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 10:22 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: DO NOT PUT EAST ANCHORAGE WITH EAGLE RIVER!!!!

Eagle River is a racist hotbed. East Anchorage are full of the very people Eagle River politicians hate. People with brown skin.

Allard, Demokowski, and Reinbold hate us.

Noooo.

The Boggs Family

Sent from my Galaxy

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

Hello,

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

Thank you,
Jasmine Boyle
99567

From: Jasmine Boyle [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 7:44 AM
To: Testimony <testimony@akredistrict.org>
Subject: Senate Pairing Eagle River Concern

Hello,

I, and many of my neighbors, continue to share concerns about the redistricting maps currently in use for Eagle River/JBER/East Anchorage. The current pairing, as I shared yesterday, does not take into account the socioeconomic communities being lumped together for what has been stated is intended to ensure Eagle River has representation. What about East Anchorage, JBER and other communities impacted?

I am a current North Eagle River/Chugiak home owner/resident and previously lived in South Fork Eagle River and also owned a home and vacant land there. I have lived in, worked in, shopped in both communities extensively. These communities act as one and should be paired together. This is different and distinct from the diverse neighborhoods in East Anchorage and frankly JBER- which is also populated by a transitory group as military personnel frequently move to other areas of the world. The current pairing drowns out the voices of those with different economic, racial and cultural differences and appears sadly to be white washing and attempts to gain more control of the senate. In fact, something to this effect has been stated by Bethany Marcum. This will result in a lengthy court proceeding wasting taxpayer money for something taxpayers clearly do not want. There were very few comments in support- and the majority of those came from individuals running for office or those already holding office- voices whose bias is obvious. Redistricting will impact these communities for ten years.

Please revert back to Nicole Borremeo's map and listen to the residents of these communities.

Thank you,
Jasmine Boyle
99567

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

Good morning,

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

Thank you,
Wade Boyle
99567

From: Joshua Branstetter [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 6:26 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Redistricting Anchorage

My name is Joshua Albeza Branstetter, I live in midtown Anchorage.

I am writing to express my concern about the board's proposed Senate pairings that would pair Eagle River's House Districts with Northeast Anchorage and JBER. These pairings severely dilute the voices of already-underrepresented majority minority districts in East Anchorage - the district I grew up in - and go against the spirit of dozens of voices from both Eagle River and East Anchorage who have testified to keeping their communities distinct. I also feel this violates the spirit of the Voting Rights Act, which is meant to protect the voices of majority-minority districts.

Yesterday the Board's key argument for pairing Eagle River's house districts with JBER and Muldoon appeared to be the socioeconomic integration of having active and retired military in those areas. However, no numbers were provided to justify these pairings OVER keeping Eagle River with their own district and keeping East Anchorage's 4 House Districts together. There are retired military and veterans all over Anchorage. It seems the Board is choosing to prioritize the voices of active and retired military over the many voices who have testified throughout the redistricting process about keeping Eagle River distinct from East Anchorage.

These arguments for socioeconomic integration are flawed. Active Military may occasionally travel to Muldoon to shop, but East Anchorage residents hardly travel to the base to shop or to Eagle River for their needs. Please do not use this justification for splitting up Eagle River's voice and East Anchorage's voice. When you look at other factors such as income and ethnicity, it is clear these proposed Senate districts are NOT more socioeconomically integrated than keeping Eagle River with Eagle River and East Anchorage with East Anchorage.

The military already has ample support and voice across Alaska. 20% of the Senate is made up of people who have served in the military, while veterans make up only 11.9% of the population. Meanwhile, there are no Hmong, Samoan, Latino, Somali, Korean, Filipino Senators or representatives to speak to the needs of these communities in East Anchorage. Their voices will be diminished by these pairings with Eagle River, while the military is already very well represented and receives a lot of support throughout Alaska.

Although the Eagle River - East Anchorage pairing might seem contiguous, the vast majority of people in the Eagle River district live eight or more miles away from Muldoon, while the two Muldoon districts are MUCH closer together. Similarly, the two Eagle River House Districts are much closer together.

Instead, here is what I would like to see:

The Board has divided East Anchorage into 4 House districts which can easily be paired into two East Anchorage Senate districts. Please pair Districts 18 and 23 and Districts 17 and 19 together. These pairings would respect the voices of majority-minority voices in East Anchorage.

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

Please do not dilute the voices of majority-minority communities along East Anchorage.
Thank you for considering this testimony on this critical issue.

Josh

From: Mike Bronson <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 3:21 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: November 9, 2021, 3:20 pm

First Name: **Mike**

Last Name: **Bronson**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Naacp**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99517**

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

Public Comment: **Donâ€™t pair Eagle River with NE Anchorage. We want NE Anchorage to keep an effective voice for Senate candidates.**

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

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

Date: November 8, 2021, 10:21 am

First Name: **Ann**

Last Name: **Brown**

Email Address: [REDACTED]

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

From: carolyn V Brown <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 3:43 PM
To: TJ Presley; Testimony
Subject: ++ Get Involved Response

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

Date: November 10, 2021, 3:43 pm

First Name: **carolyn V**

Last Name: **Brown**

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Comments: **Thank you for the work that is done for this issue.**

From: Sarah-Kathryn Bryan [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 12:51 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Testimony Against Pairing JBER and North Muldoon with Eagle River

Good afternoon,

I am writing to express my concern about the board's proposed Senate pairings that would pair Eagle River's House Districts with Northeast Anchorage and JBER. These pairings severely dilute the voices of already-underrepresented majority minority districts in East Anchorage and go against the spirit of dozens of voices from both Eagle River and East Anchorage who have testified to keeping their communities distinct. I also feel this violates the spirit of the Voting Rights Act, which is meant to protect the voices of majority-minority districts.

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Thank you for considering this testimony on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Sarah Kathryn Bryan

From: Steve Carhart [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 6:56 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: AFFER

Just want to state that I don't agree with anything in your gerrymandering AFFER plan. To summarize I do not agree with the AFFER map plan.

Steve Carhart
Big Lake, Alaska
Sent from my iPad

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

Hello Redistricting Committee!

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

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

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

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

Carol Carman
Chair, ARP District 9E

[REDACTED]
[Facebook](#)

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

Hello,

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,
Kasey Casort
Fairbanks, AK

From: Su Chon <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 4:10 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Please Keep Eagle River and East Anchorage Separate!

Dear Members of the Alaska Redistricting Board,

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Board's proposed map. My name is Su Chon and I am a born and raised Alaskan. As a Korean American, I am also a part of Anchorage's growing and diversifying multicultural community. Although I currently live on the south side of Anchorage, I have worked and built connections across the city, even having attended various community councils of different neighborhoods.

I'm writing because I'm very concerned about the board's proposal to pair Eagle River's House district with Northeast Anchorage and JBER. This proposed map further marginalizes the voice of our communities that have historically been oppressed and pushed away from decision making processes. To merge Eagle River, NE Anchorage, and JBER dilutes the voices of the few majority minority communities that exist in our city and goes against the Voting Rights Act. These communities also have distinct identities and characteristics and it would be a disservice to them by dismissing these differing qualities.

The board's argument of socioeconomic integration is unjustified and ignores the voices of many who have testified to keep East Anchorage and Eagle River separate and distinct on the map. When you look at income and ethnicity, the proposed Senate districts are NOT any more socioeconomically integrated than if you were to keep the districts separate. And regarding contiguity, it makes more sense to keep the two Muldoon districts together and the two Eagle River districts together as they are closer in proximity, rather than combining Eagle River and Muldoon which is 8 or more miles apart.

When you look at the proposed map and the communities within it, it appears as though the board is favoring the voices of active and retired military (which are well represented already), when we are seeing under representation of voices for the Hmong, Samoan, Latino, Somali, Korean, Filipino, and other minority voices in East Anchorage.

With East Anchorage being divided into 4 House districts, I advocate for the board to pair Districts 18 and 23 and Districts 17 and 19 together as two Senate districts. This would prevent the people of East Anchorage from being invisibilized and would respect the distinct voices of the people from Eagle River and East Anchorage.

Thank you for your consideration,
Su Chon

From: Beverly Churchill <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 10:14 AM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: November 10, 2021, 10:14 am

First Name: **Beverly**

Last Name: **Churchill**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99509**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Combining East Anchorage and Eagle River**

Public Comment: **I publically testified at one of the first hearings that Eagle River and East Anchorage should not be combined as they have vastly different demographics, culture and identity. I again urge you in the finalization process that this be seriously addressed. East Anchorage should have its own representation as it is culturally diverse and lower income, opposite features of Eagle River.**

From: Rep. Matt Claman [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 8:53 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Question and concern about active duty and retired military populations

Chair Brinkley and Members of the Board:

In listening to the discussion yesterday about the pairing of senate districts, I was concerned about reference to the active duty and retired military population in various districts. It is my understanding that the Census provides substantial information about population demographics. This information includes age, gender, race, and ethnicity; but I have never understood that Census collects information on military status, either active duty or retired. In Alaska, it's always been my understanding that Alaska has both active duty and retired military in all of our districts.

To the extent the Board is going to make decisions based on military and/or veteran status, it would be helpful to know the basis for that information—particularly if it did not come from the Census. What percentage of a particular district's population is active military? What percentage of a particular district's population is retired military? How do these numbers and percentages compare to similar populations in other districts?

If there is not a factual basis for considering active duty and retired military status, it may not be appropriate to consider that information in making decisions on house districts or senate pairings.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Matt Claman

From: Carolyn Clift <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 7:10 AM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: November 9, 2021, 7:10 am

First Name: **Carolyn**

Last Name: **Clift**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Senate Districts should be accessible**

Public Comment: . **My "new" district, District 18, IS NOT CONTIGUOUS with District 24. THERE ARE NO ROADS FROM DISTRICT 18 to DISTRICT 24 (Eagle River). Just like in the old plan, when my District 27 was connected to District 28 (south Anchorage) by a roadless section of a park, the new district borders 24 by a roadless, inaccessible, part of JBER.**

It took me 50+ minutes to drive one-way from the SW corner of 27 to the southernmost community in 28, and I had to drive through at least two other House districts to get there.

I would have to take Muldoon Road through the new District 23 to get to the Glenn Highway to access any part of District 24. These are not rural districts, and there SHOULD BE ROAD ACCESS to the bordering district to form a Senate District.

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WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: November 7, 2021, 7:41 pm

Name: **Christopher Constant** Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Anchorage Assembly**
Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED] Your ZIP Code: **99501**

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

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

Christopher Constant, Vice Chair
Anchorage Assembly, District 1

Dear Board Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my written testimony.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you- Christopher Constant

From: Judith Conte <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 3:04 AM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: November 9, 2021, 3:04 am

First Name: **Judith**

Last Name: **Conte**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99517**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Senate Adoption of Ms. Marcum's gerrymandered map**

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

I am writing to object to the Board's decision to adopt Bethany Marcum's senate pairings, rather than the fair and competitive senate pairings proposed by Nicole Borromeo. The Board's ill-advised decision ignores the hours of testimony and hundreds of written comments by Anchorage, Eagle River, and Chugiak residents who objected in earlier hearings. In addition, the Board's decision violates the public's interests and the State of Alaska's constitutional requirements for the redistricting process.

Ms. Marcum's senate pairings clearly gerrymander Anchorage with district lines that are drawn in ways that specifically benefit republicans candidates in all future elections. While the final map, Version 4, previously adopted by the Board respected the different cultural, socio-economic, and geographical distinctness of Anchorage, the gerrymandered map of Ms. Marcum destroys all interests that matter for fair elections that are by and for the people.

Worst of all, the Board's current approach "a non-consensus but ultimately a majority" violated the required democratic process and instead, gerrymandered Anchorage to benefit Senate republicans. Each instance of pairing proposed by Ms. Marcum and adopted by the Board only make sense when viewed through the lens of gerrymandering. By splitting up Anchorage as the Board has done, voters who oppose Ms. Marcum's conservative politics are now thrown out of their original districts in order to maximize the total districts that are winnable by Marcum's political allies and others who are aligned with her conservative organization, The Alaska Policy Forum.

The Board's gerrymandering of Anchorage and of Alaska is contrary to Alaska's Constitution, violates the Voting Rights Act, and should not be let to stand simply to placate Ms. Marcum.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

WEBSITE RESPONSE

Name: **Tahnee Conte-Seccareccia**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99517-2577**

Date: November 8, 2021, 8:53 am

Issue of Concern: **Senate Pairings**

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

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

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

Date: November 8, 2021, 10:04 pm

Issue of Concern **Please reconsider senate pairings as current parings are clear attempts to gerrymander Anchorage**

Public Comment: **Dear members of the redistricting board, I am writing to I urge the board to immediately reconsider today's actions and to instead go with the pairings submitted by Nicole Borromeo. Unfortunately, I am aware that the likelihood of this is quite low and as such, I write this so that it can be a part of the public record for legal and historical reasons.**

I have been following the redistricting process since the beginning and have testified in person, over the phone, and via email several. In previous emails and testimony, from myself and others, we spoke about our concerns regarding the board's initial attempts (Version 1 and Version 2) and Bethany Marcum's blatant attempts to gerrymander districts throughout Alaska (Version 3). Much to our collective relief, the board appeared to hear the public's legitimate concerns and testimony and went with Ms. Borromeo's updated map (version 4) for house districts.

As such, I am writing to state my objection to the decision of the board to go with Bethany Marcum's senate pairings, rather than the fair and competitive senate pairings proposed by Nicole Borromeo. The decision to do so is not in the interest of the public nor the constitutional requirements of the redistricting process as it deliberately ignores the majority of testimony by Anchorage and Eagle River/Chugiak citizens, including myself, during hours of public testimony, as well as hundreds of written comments.

Marcum's senate pairings were made in a similar spirit to how she created her house distract maps, and blatantly ignored the previous public testimony which objected to how Anchorage was being split

up, including attempts to pair Eagle River and East Anchorage together. Marcum has demonstrated time and time again that her interests and intentions are to gerrymander Anchorage by drawing district lines to unfairly favor the republican and conservative party in future elections. The board went from considering maps that gerrymandered Anchorage (and other parts of Alaska) to a final map (Version 4) that was fair and competitive district map that was respectful of each area's unique cultural, socio-economic, and geographical distinctness (e.g., compact).

This morning, I called in shared testimony about the desired district pairings for senate seats based on my personal and profession experience and knowledge. I provided senate pairings that paired districts with respect to the related geographic areas and the intersection of common socio-economic, cultural, and community interests which would benefit from being represented by the same legislators. Without a map to reference, I was unable to tell you not to go with one map over another. However, after seeing the pairings submitted by both Ms. Marcum and Borromeo, I can say that my suggestions were aligned with Ms. Borromeo's pairings.

Now that we have seen the pairings per Ms. Borromeo and the pairings submitted by Ms. Marcum, it is alarming that the board with a "non-consensus but ultimately a majority", in an utterly confusing and anti-democratic process, essentially rubber-stamped Marcum's desire to gerrymander Anchorage in ways that are politically advantageous to Senate Republicans. I, like so many others, feel duped and gutted by this decision to allow partisan politics to interfere in our constitutional right to a fair election and representation. The courts and history will not look back kindly on the gerrymandering of Anchorage.

Since I testified this morning using my years of experience as a substitute teacher and coach " I figured I'd follow up on the senate pairings that came out of today's meeting and in a way that explains why Ms. Marcum's senate pairings is alarming on so many levels and why Ms. Borromeo's pairings is accurate to the shared common interests and characteristics of the various house districts/neighborhoods.

I am shocked that the board with choose Marcum's map of Senate pairings when it so clearly circumvents the fair map the board went with on Friday. Instead of pairing Chugiak/North Eagle River (District 22) with South Eagle River area (District 24), the board went with Marcum's map that pairs Chugiak/North Eagle River (District 24) with North Anchorage/JBER (District 21) and paired South Eagle River with East Anchorage (District 18). Families that live in the JBER/North Anchorage area most often send their kids to Bartlett High School, followed by East High School, and Eagle River High School. They overwhelmingly DO NOT send their kids to Chugiak High School (District 22). This pairing decision is so astoundingly ignorant to public testimony and facts, that I am left to conclude that it was the result of Ms. Marcum's repeated attempts to split districts in politically advantageous ways.

Most families in Downtown Anchorage (District 20) and Government Hill/JBER area (District 21) send their kids to Bartlett High School (District 21). They should have been paired together (and they were by Ms. Borromeo but were not by Ms. Marcum and the final pairings chosen by the board).

Families who Live in Southwest Anchorage " Sand Lake (District 11) and Bayshore/Klatt (District 10) " overwhelmingly send their kids to Dimond High School which is in District 11. Families in Sand Lake (District 11) do not go to the same high school (i.e., West High School) that the families send their kids to in the Turnagain area (District 12). As such, District 11 and District 10 should have been

paired together (and they were by Ms. Borromeo but were not by Ms. Marcum and the final pairings chosen by the board).

Families in Turnagain and West Spenard (District 12), the much of the East Spenard and West Midtown area (District 13) and only the western part of the downtown District (around Westchester Lagoon area) go to West High School. And almost all the families found in District 12 and District 13 go to Romig Middle School. For these reasons and for reasons provided throughout the testimony process, these two districts should be paired together “ as they were by Ms. Borromeo (but were not by Ms. Marcum and the final pairings chosen by the board).

The majority of families from District 19 send their kids to East High School (District 17). Almost all families who live in District 13 and the majority number of families from District 18 “ the two East Anchorage districts “ send their kids to Bartlett High School. This reality is reflected by Ms. Borromeo’s pairings and is completely ignored by Ms. Marcum’s pairings.

District 14 and District 16 are unique in that centralized location to several high schools “ Dimond High School, East High School, Service High School and South High School “ is the exact reason they should be paired together as they are by Ms. Borromeo’s (but were not by Ms. Marcum and the final pairings chosen by the board).

And finally, the only pairing that Ms. Marcum got right was the pairing of District 15 and District 9, Anchorage’s two Southside/Lower Hillside (and upper Hillside) areas. These two districts were also paired together by Ms. Borromeo.

I will end by letter of objection by quoting my original testimony because it continues to be true with the senate and the process and ultimate decision the board made with regards to senate pairings.

“By splitting up the districts as Ms. Marcum has, she is drawing opposition voters out of their districts to maximize the total number of districts that can be won by her political allies and those who align with the values of her organization “ The Alaska Policy Forum. And as Ms. Marcum is a resident of Anchorage, Alaska and absolutely knows just how distinct these areas I have mentioned are from each other, ignorance of fact is an unacceptable excuse to the abhorrent attempts by her partisan Gerrymandering of Anchorage, and of Alaska. It is an attempt to dilute the voices of minorities and those whose politics do not align with Ms. Marcum and is contrary to our Alaska State Constitution and Laws and will almost certainly run afoul of the Voting Rights Act. This gerrymandering will wipe out electoral competition and result in dramatically different political outcomes than if districts were fairly drawn, as they have been in Ms. Borromeo’s updated map.”

From: Mike Coumbe <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 4:24 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Eagle River and East Anchorage Must Have Separate Senate Districts

Dear Alaska Redistricting Board Members,

East Anchorage is a completely different living environment and population than Eagle River. You have the option of combining Eagle River House districts to make a Senate district that fits well. Instead, it looks like from your public comments that your aim is to increase representation in the Senate for Eagle River.

Please reverse this decision and make Senate pairings that fit the people who live there. Combine East Anchorage House districts within the Anchorage Bowl. Keep the Eagle River Senate district in the Eagle River / Chugiak area.

Do the right thing.

Thank you.

Michael Coumbe
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, Alaska 99509

From: Lo Crawford [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 10:54 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: redistricting

Good morning

- I am writing to express my concern about the board's proposed Senate pairings that would pair Eagle River's House Districts with Northeast Anchorage and JBER. These pairings severely dilute the voices of already-underrepresented majority minority districts in East Anchorage and go against the spirit of dozens of voices from both Eagle River and East Anchorage who have testified to keeping their communities distinct. I also feel this violates the spirit of the Voting Rights Act, which is meant to protect the voices of majority-minority districts.

Instead, here is what I would like to see:

- The Board has divided East Anchorage into 4 House districts which can easily be paired into two East Anchorage Senate districts. Please pair Districts 18 and 23 and Districts 17 and 19 together. These pairings would respect the voices of majority-minority voices in East Anchorage.
- The public has spoken loud and clear that East Anchorage is a distinct community with very different needs from Eagle River and South Anchorage and the Board's Senate pairings should reflect this.
- Please do not dilute the voices of majority-minority communities along East Anchorage.
- Thank you for considering this testimony on this critical issue.

Lourdes Crawford

From: Burke Croft <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 8:42 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Senate Redistricting in Anchorage

To the Alaska Redistricting Board,

My name is Burke Croft, and I am a resident of Anchorage. I have been trying to keep up to date with House and Senate redistricting, and the current debate over the two possible maps in Anchorage has called me to write in for testimony.

There is no reason why both Eagle River should be split and made into two Senate districts, each half Eagle River, half East Anchorage. That is why I write in support of the map proposed by Bahnke, pairing districts 20 & 21 and 22 & 24. This is for a few reasons:

Nonpartisanship

Redistricting should at least pretend to be nonpartisan, and the map that splits Eagle River is blatantly done to a political end. Proponents of matching Eagle River to East Anchorage, rather than to Eagle River itself cannot present any reason for this map other than the obvious end of creating 2 Republican Senate Districts out of what should be 1 Democratic and 1 Republican. Until a good reason is argued, it's quite clear that the motivations behind the map are partisan.

Demographics

Eagle River and East Anchorage are incredibly distinct areas—economically, culturally, and racially. Trying to join these communities into a district is an attempt to silence the diverse Muldoon area with overwhelmingly white Eagle River. In response to these concerns, members of the board said that "Eagle River is as much a part of the muni as our South Addition, Bayshore, and Hillside." While of course Eagle River is a part of Anchorage, it is very telling that the board member in question legitimizes Eagle River's place in the municipality by comparing it to white neighborhoods of the city.

The attempts to group together distinct communities and silence minority voices should not be entertained by the State of Alaska—especially if the only justification for doing so is partisan gain.

Thanks,
Burke Croft

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Burke Croft
[REDACTED]

From: Robert Cupples <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 10:55 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: November 9, 2021, 10:55 am

First Name: **Robert**

Last Name: **Cupples**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Third Avenue Radicals**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

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

Public Comment: **As a major property owner on East 3rd Avenue in downtown Anchorage, I do not support the proposed new House District 21. As a property owner and business owner who's business is tourism based and downtown based, the argument that my community's priorities and concerns are socio-economically aligned with areas such as JBER and parts of Eagle River are are simply inaccurate. I have been actively working with a group of residents, businesses and property owners to revitalize east downtown. We regularly work with the MOA assemblyperson and all the legislators representing those areas. We're making progress because we understand the problems in the area and how to focus on our assets. I support the alternative of House District 20, which keeps Downtown, East Anchorage, Fairview and South Addition together. All of those districts are already working together to collectively make things better.**

East 3rd Avenue is part of Downtown, not JBER or Eagle River. It is really that simple.

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

Dear Alaska Redistricting Board Members,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you for your time and consideration.

E.J. David

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

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E.J.R. David, Ph.D.  
Professor of Psychology  
Director, Alaska Native Community Advancement in Psychology (ANCAP) Program  
University of Alaska Anchorage  
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**From:** Robin Dern [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 12:50 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Don't split East Anchorage or Eagle River

My name is Robin Dern. I wrote before and am reaching out again to ask that you do not draw lines that leave constituents disenfranchised.

It is imperative that each resident feels as if their concerns and needs are being advocated for by their respective political leaders. Redistricting in a way that could put any one constituency's needs above the needs of another is not prudent.

Please don't split East Anchorage or Eagle River and try to follow geographic proximity as best as possible.

Thank you for your time, attention and service.

Robin Dern  
Eagle River resident  
99577

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**From:** Cam Dolan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 6:08 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** I oppose

Hi,

As an anchorage resident, I am highly opposed to this blatant Gerrymandering the board is trying to pull here. You are dividing east anchorage and adding part of it to a district that is 8 miles away. How exactly is that reasonable? You can see this gerrymandering from a mile away.

- Cam Dolan

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:34 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Senate Pairings - Keep Eagle River and East Anchorage Separate  
  
**Importance:** High

While the basic map adopted by the committee is acceptable the proposed senate seat pairing of Eagle River and East Anchorage is not.  
This proposal is of doubtful legality in terms of Socioeconomic Integration and of being Contiguous. East Anchorage is a large, contiguous, and vibrantly diverse slice of Anchorage. Eagle River is barely part of Anchorage and has very little in common with East Anchorage.  
Yes - Eagle River constituents drive into Anchorage to work and maybe shop, but they live in a totally separate universe from the city of Anchorage.  
It would seem that this senate pairing is in the service of giving Eagle River a much larger voice than their size would warrant - not ok!  
Please keep Eagle River and East Anchorage SEPARATE.  
Pat Dooley

[REDACTED]  
99507  
[REDACTED]



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 1:14 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** North and south Muldoon

I'm not going to waste a lot of your time except to ask that you please pair north and south Muldoon districts together for Senate representation. Pulling one to Eagle River is a clear way to minimize impact of one of our most diverse districts. They deserve appropriate representation. Thank you

Sara Dykstra  
Anchorage, AK

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

Senate pairing recommendations:

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

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**From:** Judy Norton-Eledge [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 3:12 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Senate maps

Dear Redistricting Board

I wanted to write testimony that I support the current adopted Senate map.

Eagle River, JBER and

East Anchorage all share heavy military families and I know they have often been paired.

Thank you for your consideration,

Judy and Randy Eledge

Anchorage AK

Sent from my iPhone

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

Redistricting Committee:

Please consider this email before you complete your pairing.

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Brian Endle  
Palmer, Alaska

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

**I am testifying regarding redistricting.**

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

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

**Thank you.  
Barbara Farris**

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**From:** Zack Fields <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 8:51 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: November 9, 2021, 8:50 pm

First Name: **Zack**

Last Name: **Fields**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Representative, House District 20**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Suppression of minority votes&quot;urge correction in Senate pairings**

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

**When you meet tomorrow, I urge you to correct the brazen partisan gerrymander in Senate pairings, which pairs Downtown/Government Hill (in my current House district) with Eagle River to, as Ms.Marcum stated today, give Eagle River/Chugiak more representation by taking away minority voters&quot; voice in this Senate district.**

**As you know, Government Hill is an urban, racially diverse neighborhood that has nothing in common with the overwhelmingly White exurban community of Chugiak. The Senate districts today are far less compact, contiguous, and socioeconomically integrated than pairings recommended in overwhelming public comment. Yet the Board&quot;s Republican appointees persisted in ignoring public comment, ignoring advise from your own legal counsel, and ignoring the clear directives in the Constitution in order to shift political power from a heavily minority neighborhood to a mostly White neighborhood. This is transparently illegal and will be struck down in court if you don&quot;t correct it. Why put Alaskans through that expensive, confusing, time consuming process when you can just correct the Senate pairings? The House districts appear very consistent with the law, so correcting Senate pairings is simple. I urge you to adopt a legal map, including Senate pairings, rather than persist in an obviously illegal map that will only lead to time consuming and expensive litigation, and chaos as courts have to correct district lines that lead to additional elections and confusion among voters about who lives in what district.**

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**From:** Samantha Fili [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:08 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony

My name is Samantha Fili, I live in Eagle River.

I am writing to express my concern about the board's proposed Senate pairings that would pair Eagle River's House Districts with Northeast Anchorage and JBER. These pairings severely dilute the voices of already-underrepresented majority minority districts in East Anchorage and go against the spirit of dozens of voices from both Eagle River and East Anchorage who have testified to keeping their communities distinct. I also feel this violates the spirit of the Voting Rights Act, which is meant to protect the voices of majority-minority districts.

Yesterday the Board's key argument for pairing Eagle River's house districts with JBER and Muldoon appeared to be the socioeconomic integration of having active and retired military in those areas. However, no numbers were provided to justify these pairings OVER keeping Eagle River with their own district and keeping East Anchorage's 4 House Districts together. There are retired military and veterans all over Anchorage. It seems the Board is choosing to prioritize the voices of active and retired military over the many voices who have testified throughout the redistricting process about keeping Eagle River distinct from East Anchorage.

These arguments for socioeconomic integrated are flawed. Active Military may occasionally travel to Muldoon to shop, but East Anchorage residents hardly travel to the base to shop or to Eagle River for their needs. Please do not use this justification for splitting up Eagle River's voice and East Anchorage's voice. When you look at other factors such as income and ethnicity, it is clear these proposed Senate districts are NOT more socioeconomically integrated than keeping Eagle River with Eagle River and East Anchorage with East Anchorage.

The military already has ample support and voice across Alaska. 20% of the Senate is made up of people who have served in the military, while veterans make up only 11.9% of the population. Meanwhile, there are no Hmong, Samoan, Latino, Somali, Korean, Filipino Senators or representatives to speak to the needs of these communities in East Anchorage. Their voices will be diminished by these pairings with Eagle River, while the military is already very well represented and receives a lot of support throughout Alaska.

Although the Eagle River - East Anchorage pairing might seem contiguous, the vast majority of people in the Eagle River district live eight or more miles away from Muldoon, while the two Muldoon districts are MUCH closer together. Similarly, the two Eagle River House Districts are much closer together.

Instead, here is what I would like to see:

The Board has divided East Anchorage into 4 House districts which can easily be paired into two East Anchorage Senate districts. Please pair Districts 18 and 23 and Districts 17 and 19 together. These pairings would respect the voices of majority-minority voices in East Anchorage.

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

Please do not dilute the voices of majority-minority communities along East Anchorage.

Thank you for considering this testimony on this critical issue.

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**From:** Laurie [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 12:01 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Redistricting East Anchorage

> I have lives in East Anchorage for over 30 years and I request that East Anchorage not be paired with Eagle River.

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> As a resident of East Anchorage, I have had very little to do with Eagle River and I feel that Eagle River residence have little to do with East Anchorage on a social/economic ties. There is a great diversity of population that would not be served by a combined East Anchorage/Eagle River merge. Please do not split East Anchorage. Sincerely, Laurie Ford



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**From:** chelsea foster [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 11:10 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Do not Split East Anchorage into ER

Any attempt to continue to split East Anchorage into a district with ER after four conservative ER elected officials called in favor, would look biased. As though the board was working with them. The constituents of East Anchorage and ER have spoken and to combine parts of East Anchorage and Eagle River, will absolutely result in unsatisfactory representation as well as socio economically these areas are not symbiotic. Please do not continue with Marcums suggestions. Please listen to the constituents. Eagle River wants to exit from anchorage and the elected officials who spoke to this map, also are in favor of exiting Anchorage even asking the MOA for funding to split from the muni. To again mesh these areas against the will and without thoughtful consideration for constituents on each side, would be perceived as bias for a gerrymandered conservative map.

Thank you for your time.

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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.*

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**From:** Joan Franz <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 12:57 PM  
**To:** TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony  
**Subject:** ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: November 8, 2021, 12:56 pm

First Name: **Joan**

Last Name: **Franz**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99709**

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

Public Comment: **Hello, I attended part of the Fairbanks redistricting meeting at the Carlson center , listened to testimony and viewed the maps. I am currently in District 4 and Senate district B. Senate district B is not a legal district per the constitution. Socioeconomic requirements were not met when creating this district. Combining Goldstream and North Pole was clearly wrong and as a result we have not had representation that listened nor agreed with most people in our precinct. I was hoping that partisan politics would not play into redistricting this year. Unfortunately, I see evidence of this problem in reducing the representation of the Fairbanks area by increasing the population numbers in districts here that has not happened in other metropolitan areas of the state. I would ask that you reject Map #3 and increase our district numbers adding a district that gives a more fair voice to our area of the state. I ask that you please create district boundaries that respect the requirements of our constitution and each person in that district. Please remove any partisan lens as you view/create districts that best meets the constitution and allow all people to have a fair district that truly represents the people. I appreciate that your job is a difficult one that requires a lot of work for each of you. Thank you for your efforts and again please create district maps that consider and give fair representation to all Alaskans regardless of political affiliation.**

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**From:** Robert French <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 9:14 PM  
**To:** TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony  
**Subject:** ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: November 8, 2021, 9:14 pm

First Name: **Robert**

Last Name: **French**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **None**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Latest redistricting map still has fatal flaws**

Public Comment: **The latest 2021 final redistricting map still has flaws which do not meet the Alaska Constitution criteria. It splits Downtown and Government Hill, and combines the northern part with JBER in District 21. That violates both the Compactness/contiguity criteria, and the 3rd requirement of Socioeconomic integration. With the amount of military families living in Eagle River, JBER should be included with the other north Anchorage Communities of Eagle River, Chugiak, Birchwood, Peters Creek and Eklutna.**

**North Downtown and Government Hill do not share the same economies and culture, with JBER and Eagle River, but are very similar to points to the south.**

**Similarly when the House Districts are paired into Senate Districts, ALL of Downtown and Government Hill should be paired with another Anchorage District, NOT with Eagle River and JBER.**

Thanks

**Bob French**

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**From:** Michael Fuller [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 5:49 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Fwd:

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Michael Fuller [REDACTED]  
**Date:** November 9, 2021 at 3:49:07 PM AKST  
**To:** testimony@akredistrict.com

I live in East Anchorage and I have heard that some are saying that we cannot be paired with Eagle River. I find that to be divisive. We all live in the Municipality of Anchorage where it is proven we are all socially and economically tied. While many people from Eagle River drive through our neighborhood they do so to work at the same places we work at. Our commerce is connected as well. We do business with them and they do business with us. People in East Anchorage eat at Eagle River restaurants and vice versa. We have been paired with them before and we found then that our representation was strong and our senator strongly supportive of our issues. As long as we have lived in East Anchorage our Senate district has been with other diverse parts of town including to our west, Eagle River and even to the south. We look forward to working with our neighbors in Eagle River in the new Senate district.

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**From:** Jeff Garness [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 5:09 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony regarding redistricting plan

I am writing in support of the redistricting plan proposed yesterday (11/8/21) by the board, particularly the pairing of District 18 (Muldoon) and District 24 (South Eagle River). I have been a resident of Alaska for over 50 years and a resident of District 18 for over 35 years. I am also a business owner (professional engineer) in Anchorage. My business regularly serves customers in District 24. I can say from personal experience that there is a strong economic, social, and transportation nexus between the residents of District 18 and District 24. Many District 24 residents travel through (or to) Muldoon every day for employment, business, or personal reasons. As a result they do business in District 18 (purchase gas, visit restaurants, and shop at local stores). Many people in District 18 regularly travel to District 24 for similar reasons. There is also a strong common interest in regard to public safety and the State transportation network by residents of both districts as they travel back and forth (some do so on a daily basis) to participate for commerce or other reasons. In short, it goes without saying that there is a strong nexus between the residents of District 18 and District 24 that supports the need for common representation in the State Senate.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via phone or email

Best Regards,

Jeffrey A. Garness, P.E., M.S.

[REDACTED]

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

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

Date: November 8, 2021, 7:26 am

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

Last Name: **Gimarc**

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

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99515**

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

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

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

To the Redistricting Board:

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

This makes sense for the following reasons:

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Martha J. Ginsburg

[REDACTED]  
Anchorage 99508

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**From:** Bradley Giroux <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 3:09 PM  
**To:** TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony  
**Subject:** ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: November 8, 2021, 3:08 pm

First Name: **Bradley**

Last Name: **Giroux**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

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

Public Comment: **My family of 6 currently lives in Anchorage but we plan on moving to the Big Lake Area of the Valley in 2022. I know many families that plan on leaving Anchorage in 2022. I was very disappointed to hear that the fast growing Matsu Valley was not allowed to have its own 6 districts but was forced to have Valdez and Denali area dropped in. I ask that you please reconsider this map. Anchorage is a very unpopular city and many are moving to the valley so you will continue to see the numbers increase between Palmer to Houston.**



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

November 8, 2021

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

**Senate Pairing**

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**SOUTHEAST, SOUTH COASTAL, KENAI**

1 – 2 Natural

3 – 4 Natural

5 – 6 Natural

7 – 8 Natural

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**ANCHORAGE**

9 – 15 Compact

11 – 12 Compact

10 – 14 Compact

13 – 20 Compact

16 – 17 Compact

18 – 23 Compact

19 – 21 Compact

22 – 24 Compact

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**MAT-SU**

26 – 29 Compact

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

25 - 28 Same Road System. Majority population compact.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

37 – 38 Natural

39 – 40 Natural

Thank you,

Pamela Goode

Rural Delta Area

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**From:** Penny Goodstein <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 11:15 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** An appalling show of partisan districting

I erroneously thought that our Alaska constitution protected us from partisan districting. How foolish I WAS!

The senate pairing show was a partisan attempt to ensure one party, the Republican party, keeps its hold..

The map is ridiculous. I listened to the closing meeting today, on Zoom. Ms. Borromeo and Ms. Bahnke did excellent jobs describing the myriad problems with this senate pairing map. I do not have to repeat them here; the meeting was recorded and is available for the next round, which will be litigation.

Combining parts of Anchorage with Eagle River goes against the idea of fair representation in the legislature. It damages our idea of representative government by creating more representation for one area, Eagle River and subsequently decreasing the representation for another group, parts of Anchorage.

This affects us all; it is not only an Eagle River/East Anchorage issue.

I noticed that although the two native women were eloquent in their description of the problems, there was no defense of the senate pairings, except to say that everyone does not always get what they want. There were no explanations delivered by the majority. There were only nonsensical statements and then a list of "thank you" messages. I think that, right there, spoke to the unfairness of this map.

Penny Goodstein

# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

## WEBSITE RESPONSE

Name: **Rozlyn Grady**

Email or Phone Contact: [rozlyn\\_grady@live.com](mailto:rozlyn_grady@live.com)

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **East Anchorage - Black Woman - Business Woman - NAACP - ACBE**

Date: November 7, 2021, 5:24 pm

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Cultural Representation in the Maps**

Public Comment: **Thank you for your attention to the redistricting process and for your willingness to consider community input. When you are doing district lines, please mindful of cultural and community boundaries. Please and Thank You. I find it necessary that the districting lines should line up with their community and it would be wise to collaborate with those cultures.**

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Date: November 9, 2021, 12:45 pm

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

Public Comment: **It is very upsetting that we are being ignored.... to take away our voice is to encourage black suffrage...**

**The passage of the 19th Amendment, which was ratified by the United States Congress on August 18 and certified as law on August 26, 1920 technically granted women the right to vote. However, the 19th Amendment did not initially extend to most women of African American, Asian American, Hispanic American and American indian heritage because of widespread voter suppression enacted against women of color. It was only after the Voting Rights Act was passed nearly a half century later, on August 6, 1965, that black women could vote.**

**You are making it impossible to have a voice putting my side of town under Lora Reinbold..... How does that even make sense.... White supremacy at its finest.... DO NOT SPLIT THE NEIGHBORHOODS..... keep Eagle River in Eagle River and East side with the East side.... last time you did this it took Senator Bettye Davis from us and from us having a voice....**

**It is really sad that you are not taking your residents of color into consideration it seems as though you are just having a white supremacy mindset.... ALLOW US TO HAVE A VOICE.... we are asking that you do not split east side we are asking you do not split eagle river..... keep the districts how they are or how they culturally fit into the Alaskan culture not the white supremacy culture.**

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**From:** Andrew Gray [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 10:37 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** DO NOT PAIR EAST ANCHORAGE WITH EAGLE RIVER

AK Redistricting Board:

Please do not make a senate district joining East Anchorage with south Eagle River. Keep Eagle River united, and allow East Anchorage to have its own separate Senate representation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,  
Andrew Gray  
99507

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**From:** Cliff Groh <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 10:32 AM  
**To:** TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony  
**Subject:** ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: November 9, 2021, 10:32 am

First Name: **Cliff**

Last Name: **Groh**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Proposed map of Anchorage for Senate districts offered by Board Member Marcum**

Public Comment: **November 9, 2021**

**Dear Members of the Alaska Redistricting Board:**

**I am a lifelong Alaskan who has lived most of my life in Anchorage and reside on Government Hill.**

**I continue to STRONGLY oppose any attempt to put in the same Senate district the Board's House District 21 with the Board's House District 22. House District 21 includes Government Hill, JBER, a portion of Downtown, a section of Mountain View, and a portion of the Muldoon neighborhood.**

**The Board's House District 22 is dominated by Eagle River, an entirely different place than House District 21.**

**The proffered justification for this pairing of House Districts 21 and 22 in a Senate district make no sense. It is far better public policy to put the two Eagle River House districts in the same Senate district, which are far more closely aligned with each other than with the Board's House District 21.**

**It seems very sensible to go slowly and consider carefully the legal ramifications of the proposed pairings to create the Senate districts.**

**Sincerely,**

**Cliff Groh**

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[REDACTED]

# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

## WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: November 9, 2021, 6:12 am

Name: **Jo Ann Gruber**  
Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

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

Public Comment: **After listening to yesterday's meeting, I'm convinced more than ever that Eagle River should NOT be split into two (2) senate districts. Districts 22 and 24 must be paired together. It defies logic to think otherwise unless it is for purely political posturing.**

**Arguments that JBER must be included with Eagle River are not reasonable. Service members from JBER regularly frequent businesses and access services in downtown Anchorage and east Anchorage (Muldoon). Those living on JBER rarely come to Eagle River to shop or for services. Therefore, Eagle River does NOT have a special claim to JBER.**

**Similarly, people living in east Anchorage do not make the drive to Eagle River to shop. Therefore, it makes no sense to pair them with a portion of Eagle River.**

**Ms. Marcum stated "This actually gives Eagle River the opportunity to have more representation." I live in Eagle River, and I don't think Eagle River should have more representation than other areas of Anchorage.**

**I think that Ms. Borrromeo's statement says it all: "I don't know why you'd ever consider splitting Eagle River unless you were trying to expand Eagle River's reach in the senate."**

**Therefore, I urge you to pair the two Eagle River districts (22 & 24) together. To do otherwise makes no sense (unless it's to get us control of two senate seats rather than the single seat that our population justifies).**

**Respectfully,  
Jo Ann Gruber  
Eagle River, AK**

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Date: November 9, 2021, 1:00 pm

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Anchorage-Area Map Approved by the Alaska Redistricting Board**

Public Comment: **Wow. It looks like gerrymandering is definitely alive and well in Alaska.**

**Even after hearing overwhelming testimony to NOT split Eagle River into two senate districts, that's exactly what the Alaska Redistricting Board has done thanks to three members who appear to prefer to pander to a political party rather than do what's best for all Alaskans they purport to represent.**

I found it disappointing that Mr. Binkley behaved somewhat rudely and would not let all members of the board speak before he halted discussion/debate with the support of Ms. Marcum and Mr. Simpson.

I wish to thank Ms. Bahnke and Ms. Borrromeo for their efforts to attempt to ensure that the pairings were done in a manner that was logical, objective, and fair to all who live within the Municipality of Anchorage.

Respectfully,

Jo Ann Gruber



# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

## WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: November 8, 2021, 7:53 pm

Name: **Erik Gunderson**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Alaska Redistricting Board Senate Pairings - Eagle River area**

Public Comment: **Dear Board Members Binkley, Simpson, Marcum, Bahnke, and Borromeo**

**I'd like to start by thanking you for your tireless work to ensure this process has been transparent and accessible to the public as well as for what I consider to be a constitutionally sound and fair map for legislative house districts.**

**As the Board continues to work on senate district pairings, I'd like to encourage the board to keep the two Eagle River area house seats (24 and 22) together. These two communities are the most socioeconomically integrated, share many of the same school districts, sports centers, community activities, community councils, and much more. I have been following the board meetings and am concerned about efforts to include the East Anchorage district with Eagle River. I grew up in Eagle River and have spent most of my adult life in this community.**

**As I wrote in my prior testimony, these areas are entirely distinct, share no school district boundaries or community councils, and are very different communities. East Anchorage is incredibly diverse and tends to be on a far lower socioeconomic mark than Eagle River which has among the highest average household income in the state. Pairing these two districts would result in conflicting interests in many cases which would make it unfair to share a senator. Looking at the possible pairings, it seems unnecessary as well.**

**The current Senate seats for these areas include one Eagle River senate district and an East Anchorage and JBER senate district. I believe the pairing of 22 and 24 for a senate district and then 21 and 23 would best serve the constitutional obligations of the board while resulting in the most representative senate pairings for these two communities.**

**Thank you for taking my testimony into consideration.**

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**From:** Jennifer Gunderson <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:28 AM  
**To:** TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony  
**Subject:** ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: November 9, 2021, 9:28 am

First Name: **Jennifer**

Last Name: **Gunderson**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **N/A**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **NO to pairing Eagle River/East Anchorage into a senate district**

Public Comment: **I have been an Eagle River resident for over 25 years and have raised three kids here. It is concerning that there are proposals to pair East Anchorage and Eagle River districts.**

**Eagle River and East Anchorage are ten miles apart. Each have their own schools, businesses, churches, ... they are separate communities.**

**The two Eagle River house districts should be paired into a single senate district.**

**There is no demographic, geographic, business or community justification for proposals that split and combine Eagle River with other districts. It makes no sense and appears contrived and political.**

**Thank you for your consideration.**

**Jennifer Gunderson**

**Eagle River**

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

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

Date: November 8, 2021, 9:52 am

First Name: **Elyse**

Last Name: **Guttenberg**

Email Address: [REDACTED]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you Frank Gwartney

[REDACTED] 99517  
[REDACTED] 99509

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**From:** Lindsey Hajduk <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 8:22 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: November 8, 2021, 8:22 pm

First Name: **Lindsey**

Last Name: **Hajduk**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99503**

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

Public Comment: **I'm writing as a Spenard resident in Anchorage to advocate for the Senate pairing of House District 12 and 13. Currently I live in the new HD13, which includes half of the Spenard Community Council, another half in HD12, and a small sliver in HD20. Pairing HD12 and 13 will make the council and West Anchorage more whole. Within the HD13 district includes Midtown, which traditionally was part of the Spenard Community Council until recently.**

**I'm also disappointed to see versions that reduce the voice in East Anchorage, some of our community's most diverse neighborhoods. HD18 should pair with HD23 as shown in the Bahnke's version of the map, keeping the community of East Anchorage whole.**

**Thank you,**

**Lindsey Hajduk**

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**From:** Antavia Hamilton <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 8:58 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: November 9, 2021, 8:58 pm

First Name: **Antavia**

Last Name: **Hamilton**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99508**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting of Muldoon/East Anchorage Area/Eagle River Senate Seats**

Public Comment: **I oppose the redistricting of Muldoon/East Anchorage and the plans to divide the Senate representation for Eagle River into two seats.**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 1:49 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Redistricting Muldoon Area

I emphatically request that you keep north and south Muldoon districts combined and separate from Eagle River.

Susan Hanas

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Lacey Hemming <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 8:39 AM  
**To:** TJ Presley; Testimony  
**Subject:** ++ Get Involved Response

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

Date: November 9, 2021, 8:38 am

First Name: **Lacey**

Last Name: **Hemming**

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Comments: **Hello,**

**I'm writing to testify against Bethany's senate pairings. Again I'm not sure how many times we need to to testify that East Anchorage DOES NOT want to be with Eagle River. WE are completely different communities in all aspects of socio-economic and cultural diversity. I have even heard Eagle River residents say they AVOID Muldoon road because they don't like the "LOOK" of it. This is blatantly a political move and I personally do not want to be affiliated with Eagle River as a resident of East Anchorage.**

**I agree with Nicole's pairings they make sense and keep neighborhoods together.**

**Thanks**

**Lacey Hemming**

**Please consider the the testimonies of east Anchorage residents this means a lot to us.**



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**From:** Wadeen Hepworth <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:35 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: November 9, 2021, 9:34 am

First Name: **Wadeen**

Last Name: **Hepworth**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **3rd Ave. Radicals**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99501-2701**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **House District 21 and 22**

Public Comment: **No to this paring - it does not make sense - 3rd Ave. needs to be part of District 20 - there is no logic for the proposed change - this is ridiculous - NO TO 21 AND 22 PAIRING**

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**From:** David Hernandez [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 6:03 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Redistricting Testimony

Good morning,

My name is Dave Hernandez, I live in East Anchorage and I have heard that some are saying that we cannot be paired with Eagle River. I take that as divisive. We all live in the Municipality of Anchorage where it is proven we are all socially and economically bound. While many people from Eagle River drive through our neighborhood, they do so to work at the same places we work at. Our commerce is connected as well. We do business with them and they do business with us. People in East Anchorage eat at Eagle River restaurants and vice versa. We have been paired with them before and we found then that our representation was strong and our senator strongly supportive of our issues. As long as we have lived in East Anchorage our Senate district has been with other diverse parts of town including to our west, Eagle River and even to the south. We look forward to working with our neighbors in Eagle River in the new Senate district.

Dave Hernandez

Sent from a Galaxy Note8 far, far away...

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 6:46 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** East Anchorage

East Anchorage is economically and geographically unique and our constituency has specific needs. We need legislators who will listen to and advocate for us without getting buried in Eagle Exit and other ridiculous and distracting political games.

Do not break up East Anchorage in the redistricting process. To do so shows either how out of touch you are as a board member with our community (which this, and others testimonies fixes) or is blatant and transparent gerrymandering. East Anchorage should stay together as a unit in the redistricting process.

Noelle Holt

# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

## WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: November 8, 2021, 9:45 am

Name: **Luke Hopkins**

Email Address: [REDACTED]

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

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

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

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

Luke Hopkins, [REDACTED], Goldstream area, Fairbanks, 99709

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**From:** Marie Husa [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 10:06 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** NO to Pairing ER w JBER and Muldoon

I am a Filipino American and an Anchorage resident for 37 years. This is my first time sending testimony on redistricting.

I encourage you please to not take power from people's of color, like myself, who are in the minority when it comes to important issues such as redistricting. You have the obligation to empower their voices and not drown them. Pairing ER w JBER and Muldoon will do exactly that.

**Instead, please pair District 18 and 23; and 17 and 19.**

Please do not ignore the voices of people who have previously testified that pairing Eagle River w JBER and Muldoon. The logic used for this proposal is flawed and not only ignores prior majority testimony but also ignores socioeconomic status information.

Our minority population has power in its majority voice. You, as Redistricting Board member, have the power to magnify that or dim it. Please use your voice wisely and choose to magnify people's of color's voices. Again, **please pair District 18 and 23; and 17 and 19.**

Please respond that you've received and read my email.

Sincerely,  
Marie Husa  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Carl Jacobs [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 10:14 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony Re: 11/8/2021

Members of the Board,

My name is Carl Jacobs, and I am writing you as an engaged and concerned citizen on my own behalf. After watching dozens of hours of testimony and proceedings over the last month, I would first like to thank each of you for your efforts in laying a solid foundation for Alaskan democracy over the next decade. You are appreciated.

As a resident of as-proposed District 18, I am reaching out to request the Board proceed with a senate district pairing which aligns like populations in a logical manner. There is a strong case to be made for including District 18 with the other Muldoon-area district, or even the U-Med based District 17 as drawn on V4 Best. Try as a might, I am struggle to see how my neighbors and I can be paired with an area of our Municipality (only for now, according to many Eagle River Residents) which many in my neighborhood might never visit prior to the next census.

Unlike the more challenging areas across our State, this Board has viable options to explore which will avoid most accusations of partisan intent based on the final product. Please consider them. The Board still has plenty of time to deliberate, and should be in no rush to proceed at this point. Please, continue to be transparent and intentional as you finish your work.

Thank you for your service to Alaska.

Carl Jacobs  
[REDACTED]

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

Dear Redistricting Board and Staff:

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Ellen Jaimes

[REDACTED]  
Anchorage AK 99508

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

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

Hello,

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

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

Thank you all for your hard work and dedication!

Leon Jaimes  
Anchorage, AK 99508  
[REDACTED]



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**From:** DeLynn James <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 7:56 PM  
**To:** TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony  
**Subject:** ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: November 8, 2021, 7:55 pm

First Name: **DeLynn**

Last Name: **James**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

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

Public Comment: **As a 28 year resident of Alaska who has lived on JBER, in Muldoon and now south Anchorage, I believe that the two Eagle River districts should remain reporting together and that the two Muldoon districts should also remain together.**

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**From:** Tanner Johnson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 7:32 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** AK Redistrict Testimony

Hi,

East ANC resident here. My understanding is that there is continuing discussion of merging East ANC with Eagle River. I'd like to voice my opposition to this in the strongest possible terms. East ANC is a vastly different community than ER. Look at the demographics, election results, school compositions, etc. East ANC is unique, and it is important that it is represented by members actually within the community and understanding of and ready to work with and for the diverse population. I'm concerned about the potential further marginalization of East ANC constituents, many minority, when set in the same box as ER. Please do not do this.

Tanner

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**From:** Jennifer Jolliffe <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 7:56 PM  
**To:** TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony  
**Subject:** ++ Map Comment Response

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Date: November 8, 2021, 7:56 pm

First Name: **Jennifer**

Last Name: **Jolliffe**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Senate redistricting East Anchorage and Eagle River**

Public Comment: **I am opposed to combining Senate representation of part of East Anchorage and Eagle River. These two areas do not share legislative nor economic interests**

Dear Alaska Redistricting Board Members:

- My name is Brian A. Jones
- I am African-American and have resided in the Muldoon districts since 1998
- I coached youth sports for Boys and Girls Club in East Anchorage
- I attended middle and high school all in East Anchorage.
- I currently reside off 36th and Muldoon Road
- All of my children attended Begich Middle School and Bartlett High School
- I am a frequent shopper at the Fred Meyer's, Carrs, and Walmart all located in the Muldoon area
- Chanshtnu Park and Mountain View Community Center are important parts of my neighborhood
- I feel our neighborhoods in East Anchorage are very distinct from Eagle River, JBER and Hillside. We do not shop at the same places, worship at the same churches, go to the same parks, or visit the same restaurants. Please do NOT include us in the same district as any of those communities. These are not socioeconomically integrated pairings.
- I see that the Redistricting Board has updated their maps so that East Anchorage is no longer paired with Eagle River. Thank you for making this important change.
- Chugiak and Eagle River have expressed a lot of interest in leaving the Municipality of Anchorage, so I feel it should not be paired with East Anchorage. Not to mention these communities are very racially distinct from each other. East Anchorage has extraordinary racial and linguistic diversity, whereas Chugiak and Eagle River are much less diverse. The diversity of East Anchorage should be respected and not grouped in a way that would erase minority representation. Do not divide our communities up into multiple districts.
- East Anchorage contains many of the most diverse neighborhoods and schools in the country, and pairing East Anchorage districts with South Anchorage or Eagle River would deny these diverse communities their right to be fairly represented and could violate the Voting Rights Act.
- I am concerned that the map called "**Version 3 Alt 3**" still includes part of Northeast Anchorage with JBER. This is not a compact district nor does it reflect how our communities interact and will severely dilute our voices. The map called "**Version 4 Best**" has more compact districts that do a better job of keeping East Anchorage in its own distinct districts and respects our voices. It also does a better job of protecting the integrity of the base's population.
- I also do not feel it is appropriate to put East Anchorage in a district with communities south of Tudor.
- Instead of pairing communities east of Muldoon with Eagle River and Chugiak, South Anchorage or JBER, I would rather be paired with neighborhoods along Turpin and Debarr, neighborhoods east of Boniface and Northern Lights, or near Patterson and Northern Lights.
- Thank you for considering this testimony. Please reach out if you have further questions.

Dear Alaska Redistricting Board Members:

- My name is Marva L. Jones
- I am African-American and was born in Glennallen, Alaska
- I am a member of Alaska Alumnae of Delta Sigma Theta
- I attended elementary, middle and high school all in East Anchorage.
- I currently reside off 36th and Muldoon Road
- All of my children attended Begich Middle School and Bartlett High School
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- Thank you for considering this testimony. Please reach out if you have further questions.

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**From:** neisha jones [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 10:01 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Concerned Community Member

Greetings Board Members,

My name is Neisha Jones, I live in East Anchorage.

I am writing to express my concern about the board's proposed Senate pairings that would pair Eagle River's House Districts with Northeast Anchorage and JBER. These pairings severely dilute the voices of already-underrepresented majority minority districts in East Anchorage and go against the spirit of dozens of voices from both Eagle River and East Anchorage who have testified to keeping their communities distinct. I also feel this violates the spirit of the Voting Rights Act, which is meant to protect the voices of majority-minority districts. Yesterday the Board's key argument for pairing Eagle River's house districts with JBER and Muldoon appeared to be the socioeconomic integration of having active and retired military in those areas. However, no numbers were provided to justify these pairings OVER keeping Eagle River with their own district and keeping East Anchorage's 4 House Districts together. There are retired military and veterans all over Anchorage. It seems the Board is choosing to prioritize the voices of active and retired military over the many voices who have testified throughout the redistricting process about keeping Eagle River distinct from East Anchorage. These arguments for socioeconomic integration are flawed. Active Military may occasionally travel to Muldoon to shop, but East Anchorage residents hardly travel to the base to shop or to Eagle River for their needs. Please do not use this justification for splitting up Eagle River's voice and East Anchorage's voice. When you look at other factors such as income and ethnicity, it is clear these proposed Senate districts are NOT more socioeconomically integrated than keeping Eagle River with Eagle River and East Anchorage with East Anchorage. The military already has ample support and voice across Alaska. 20% of the Senate is made up of people who have served in the military, while veterans make up only 11.9% of the population. Meanwhile, there are no Hmong, Samoan, Latino, Somali, Korean, Filipino Senators or representatives to speak to the needs of these communities in East Anchorage. Their voices will be diminished by these pairings with Eagle River, while the military is already very well represented and receives a lot of support throughout Alaska. Although the Eagle River - East Anchorage pairing might seem contiguous, the vast majority of people in the Eagle River district live eight or more miles away from Muldoon, while the two Muldoon districts are MUCH closer together. Similarly, the two Eagle River House Districts are much closer together.

I would like to see:

- The Board has divided East Anchorage into 4 House districts which can easily be paired into two East Anchorage Senate districts. Please pair Districts 18 and 23 and Districts 17 and 19 together. These pairings would respect the voices of majority-minority voices in East Anchorage.
- The public has spoken loud and clear that East Anchorage is a distinct community with very different needs from Eagle River and South Anchorage and the Board's Senate pairings should reflect this.
- Please do not dilute the voices of majority-minority communities along East Anchorage. Thank you for considering this testimony on this critical issue.

Warmest Regards,

*Neisha Jones*

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**From:** Mary Kancewick [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 4:55 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Eagle River

I am a resident of Eagle River. I am against the separation of ER districts into North and South. I am against redistributing to pair any part of Eagle River with East Anchorage. Eagle River is its own distinct entity. And the gerrymandering to gain a Republican seat is shameful.

MK

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Iva Karoly-Lister [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 11:49 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** In opposition of Marcum Senate Pairings

The senate pairings proposed by Marcum are an attempt at gerrymandering. This is done by splitting up the lower income, racially diverse neighborhood of East Anchorage into separate districts integrated with the more affluent, white communities of Eagle River and Hillside. This dilutes the voices of East Anchorage residents while splitting up the more affluent Eagle River community into two districts in order to afford it more representation. Culturally and socioeconomically, Eagle River and Muldoon are two different neighborhoods with vastly different concerns and needs. Redistricting must honor socioeconomic ties, racial diversity and contiguous districts of actual population, none of which this plan does.



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**From:** Reva Katz <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 1:34 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: November 8, 2021, 1:34 pm

First Name: **Reva**

Last Name: **Katz**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **District 9 boundaries cut Glen Alps from Anchorage**

Public Comment: **Whether through ignorance, malice or apathy your action of exiling the Glen Alps neighborhood of the city of Anchorage to rural non-urban District 9 is illogical, unfair, ineffective, unconstitutional, and must be corrected. We are an urban neighborhood within and completely connected to the actual city of Anchorage. We work in Anchorage, we worship in Anchorage, and when we need a gallon of milk or want to eat pizza or hear music we do so inside the actual city of Anchorage. Our police and fire services are city of Anchorage. Our schools are city of Anchorage. Our library is Loussac. We eat breakfast at Judy's, shop Carrs and Fred Meyers on Abbott. Our addresses are Anchorage: our post office is Anchorage. We seek redress or additional funding together with other city residents. Yet you say that our mailboxes can remain with the city of Anchorage, our Hillside and Upper Hillside neighbors can remain part of Anchorage but the 40 (maximum) of us living in Glen Alps are somehow a necessary sacrifice to make District 9 of sufficient number residents? sufficiently Caucasian? What constitutional purpose required you to cleve a vital part of the city and attach it to a rural district that cannot and will not represent Anchorage interests though we 40 live in synchronicity with the needs and goals and plans of the actual city of Anchorage! East Anchorage had Native organizations and the Black Caucus to demand you retract the combination of East Anchorage and Eagle River though none of you could determine where one stopped and the other began. We have no such powerful organizations. Even our local Neighborhood Association remains with Anchorage in your map. It is only our little subdivision that is required to divest of its Anchorage identity and codependency and join Whittier and Bird and Indian to accomplish your great mandate of one person one vote. If we have a problem with access to our own personal neighborhood mailboxes or our fire station or our schools or anything else, to whom do we petition for assistance or redress a representative of Anchorage who no longer represents us or the representative from Girdwood and Whittier who has no knowledge of or connection to our city services and needs?? Have you not completely deprived us of any meaning to our votes? Is your boundary therefore illegal and indefensible? I think so. You need to move your boundary South a minute amount so that our neighborhood is included in an Anchorage district with all our neighbors and fellow Anchorage civic holders! We live here. Anchorage is our identity and our home. How can you just throw us away, with an ignorant stroke of a pen discard us as superfluous, as persons with imaginary but uncouncted votes, to stand like the Little Match Girl with faces continuously pressed to the glass walls of the city we love and are a totally symbiotic part of yet are denied connection with by your votes? Your action is past dismissive. I cannot wait to hear you explain how we 40 must make this supreme sacrifice for the state. Thank you.**

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

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

Date: November 7, 2021, 10:06 pm

First Name: **Allen**

Last Name: **Kemplen**

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

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

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

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

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

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

**Thank you.**

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**From:** kathy klos [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 8:42 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Keeping muldoon together

Good morning.

I wanted to provide input on the plan to separate out the Muldoon area to be included with Eagle River.

The main part of Anchorage is a community in itself just as Eagle River is. There are people who live and/or work in the Muldoon area who don't go to Eagle River because unless you live in Eagle River, there is no sense of community.

Please keep Eagle River separate from Anchorage.

Thank you

Kathy Klos  
[REDACTED]  
Anchorage Ak 99507

Kathy

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

Redistricting Board Members,

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

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

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

Thank You.

Kenneth Kugel

[REDACTED]  
Anchorage, AK 99508

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

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

Margaret Kugel  
[REDACTED]  
Anchorage, AK 99508

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**From:** Kathy Kuletz <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 11:14 AM  
**To:** TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony  
**Subject:** ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: November 9, 2021, 11:14 am

First Name: **Kathy**

Last Name: **Kuletz**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Government Hill redistricting proposal**

Public Comment: **Iâ€™m a resident of Government Hill for over 30 years. The proposal to combine Gov Hill and portions of downtown with Eagle River is outrageous and I will protest this into the future. It is a clear effort to split the downtown vote and reduce our representation. I WILL NOT have that Eagle River rep representing me in our State house. This is illegal.**

**Kathy Kuletz. ps Iâ€™m a 45 yr Alaska resident and I vote in every election.**

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**From:** Marcia Kuszmaul <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 3:25 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: November 8, 2021, 3:24 pm

First Name: **Marcia**

Last Name: **Kuszmaul**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99603**

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

Public Comment: **The Alaska Redistricting Board took to heart the public testimony regarding the southern Kenai Peninsula. The final map keeps the Fritz Creek area and both sides of Kachemak Bay as a continuous, cohesive district, which it is both socially and economically. It is unfortunate, however, that Nanwalek and Port Graham are still segmented off. I can confirm, as a Census Supervisor who conducted the Census for both Nanwalek and Port Graham, that both of these areas are an integral part of the southern Kenai community and can best be represented by being part of the southern Kenai rather than District. That carve out makes no more sense than the earlier plan to segment the Fritz Creek area from the rest of the souther Kenai. I would make more sense to bring the northern border of District 6 a bit farther south in order to encompass these villages, our neighbors. Thank you for this reconsideration.**

# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

## WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: November 8, 2021, 9:42 pm

Name: **Suzanne LaFrance**

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

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Date: November 8, 2021, 10:01 am

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

Public Comment: **Dear Board Members:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Sincerely,**

**Suzanne LaFrance**

**Anchorage Assembly**

**District 6 - South Anchorage, Girdwood & Turnagain Arm**

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Date: November 8, 2021, 9:42 pm

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

Public Comment: **Dear Board Members,**

**Thank you for the ongoing opportunities to submit comments throughout this process. In light of the Board's decision to adjourn until tomorrow, I am writing to request that the Board pair Eagle River's two House districts together, and keep East Anchorage House districts paired with one another as**



requested in public testimony. It is illogical, inappropriate, and potentially illegal to pair an East Anchorage district with an Eagle River district, considering that pairing would suppress minority votes.

East Anchorage neighborhoods are some of the most diverse in the state, and you have heard overwhelming public testimony from community councils, civil rights organizations, and individuals expressing support for pairing East Anchorage House districts together into two Senate seats. Please listen to this public testimony, including from my Assembly colleague who represents Downtown and Government Hill.

The last time a Redistricting Board gerrymandered East Anchorage and Eagle River together, that map was thrown out in court. That process took years, created confusion among voters, and discredited what should be a non-partisan and Constitutionally-driven process for establishing district lines.

Your work to date on House districts, and on Senate pairings outside of Anchorage, has clearly been driven by the letter and spirit of the law, and you have rejected any attempt to insert partisanship into the process. It would be a shame at this late hour to allow partisan Senate pairings in Eagle River/East Anchorage to create legal weaknesses in this map.

Thank you again for the long hours you have put into developing these maps, and for continuing to consider my comments and the public comments of so many other Alaskans.

Suzanne LaFrance  
Chair, Anchorage Assembly

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**From:** Jonathan Lang [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 7:55 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Senate Districts

Good morning.

Please do not split Muldoon. Eagle River has no business being linked to Muldoon. The needs of East Anchorage do not match the needs of Eagle River. If EaglExit happens this choice will be even more divisive.

Please keep Muldoon cohesive and keep it separate from Eagle River.

Peace and Love!

- Jon

Jonathan "Bearded Jon" Lang, Doer  
Pay No Attention to the (Man Behind the Curtain) Films

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It is not length of life, but depth of life -- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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*I live and work on Dena'ina land. (English)*



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**From:** Kathy Lenniger [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 10:56 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Redistributing

As a longtime resident of the Goldstream Valley I am APPALLED at the current plan to put us in the same district as Tok and Delta. Total insanity ! I am TEN minutes north of UAF. We have a large, active community that is only somewhat rural. 12 minutes from the airport.

I DO NOT want to be lumped with small towns 2 and 4 HOURS from me. I live right outside of Fairbanks.  
Trying to squelch our liberal voices ?????

Kathy Lenniger  
[REDACTED]  
Fairbanks. 99709

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Melanie Leydon [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 11:31 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** I support Ms. Borrromeo's Pairings Map (East Anchorage resident)

My family has lived in East Anchorage for 30 years, and I have personally owned my East Anchorage home for 12 years. I DO NOT support Ms. Marcom's Senate District Map and pairings that join parts of East Anchorage's Muldoon area with Eagle River. The socioeconomic, demographic differences of East Anchorage compared to Eagle River are stark and completely different. Marcum's proposal does not make any sense. Have you talked to East Anchorage residents about how they would feel about being represented by someone who lives in Eagle River, and is completely removed from the conditions of living in East Anchorage? As an East Anchorage resident, I DO NOT SUPPORT MARCUM's PROPOSAL! My family is active duty and we understand that East Anchorage has unique needs and we want to see it thrive. Combining E.Anchorage with Eagle River would create stopgap of growth for East Anchorage to bloom.

East Anchorage is the epitome of socio-economic diversity. We need representation with a deep appreciation of those needs and a willingness to connect with community members where they are at, not from the affluent Hiland hillside 15 miles away. The Muldoon area of East Anchorage is finally building a sense of community and advocating for key programs and resources to strengthen it. Those needs are much more closely aligned with East Anchorage. Joining parts of East Anchorage with Eagle River will essentially strip that underserved community of its voice.

There was NOT consensus support for Ms. Marcom's proposal today. The only voices in favor were those with clear conflicts of interest. Like Ms. Marcom's House Redistricting proposal, it represents another blatant attempt at gerrymandering designed to ensure that underserved communities in Anchorage are ignored and stripped of their voice.

I support Ms. Borrromeo's proposal because her pairings keep diverse, socio-economically integrated communities together. Please DO NOT split up East Anchorage. And please DO NOT split North Eagle River from South Eagle River. Those communities are much more closely aligned geographically and have similar needs for infrastructure, investments, and programs.

Gratefully,

Melanie Leydon

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

November 7, 2021

To the Alaska Redistricting Board:

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

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

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

With regards and thanks for your consideration,

Steve Lindbeck  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Ronald Lombard [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 7:06 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Redistricting Concerns: East Anchorage-Eagle River

We are writing to express our concerns with the senate redistricting map. As East Anchorage residents, we DO NOT support Ms. Marcom's Senate District Map, which pairs East Anchorage with Eagle River. This proposal does not make sense. While Eagle River residents may commute to Anchorage via Muldoon Road, that does not equate to a unique understanding and appreciation of the East Anchorage community and the East Anchorage residents. Leaders from Eagle River reject affordable housing and social service programs that directly benefit underserved communities like East Anchorage. They treat socio-economically diverse areas of Anchorage with disdain and as a dumping ground for what they don't want in Eagle River.

East Anchorage is the essence of socio-economic diversity, and deserves representation with a clear appreciation of those needs and a willingness to connect with community members where they are at, not from the affluent Hiland hillside 15 miles away. Finally, the Muldoon area of East Anchorage is establishing a real sense of community. Community members are advocating for key programs and resources to strengthen it. These needs are much more closely aligned with East Anchorage than the needs of Eagle River. Joining parts of East Anchorage with Eagle River will essentially strip that underserved community of its voice.

There was NOT consensus support for Ms. Marcom's proposal today. Those in favor of Ms. Marcom's proposal have clear conflicts of interest. Like Ms. Marcom's House Redistricting proposal, it represents another blatant attempt at gerrymandering designed to ensure that underserved communities in Anchorage are ignored and stripped of their voice.

We support Ms. Borrromeo's proposal because her pairings keep diverse, socio-economically integrated communities together. We are urging you, please DO NOT split up East Anchorage, and please DO NOT split North Eagle River from South Eagle River. By splitting Eagle River, voters are essentially having their voice heard twice, while East Anchorage will not be heard at all. Those communities are much more closely aligned geographically and have similar needs for infrastructure, investments, and programs.

Thank you

Dr. Ron and Robb Lombard  
East Anchorage

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**From:** C Loncle <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 5:52 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: November 9, 2021, 5:52 pm

First Name: **C**

Last Name: **Loncle**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99654**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting maps for the Mat-su boroughs**

Public Comment: **As a resident of Wasilla/Matsu borough I find this new redistricting map had left one of the most populated areas the most underrepresented. This is hard to ignore and makes one wonder why anyone would consider this as fair. I am not happy that we in the Matsu borough have been purposefully left without equal representation**

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**From:** Isidora Lopez <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 7:08 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: November 9, 2021, 7:07 pm

First Name: **Isidora**

Last Name: **Lopez**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

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

Public Comment: **No, please DO NOT put East Anchorage in with Eagle River. Reject Marcum's map.**



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**From:** Elizabeth Lyke <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 4:08 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: November 8, 2021, 4:07 pm

First Name: **Elizabeth**

Last Name: **Lyke**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99709**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **These maps are more partisan than what we have.**

Public Comment: **Chair Binkley and board, so you just happened to slice off the most progressive voters into District 36? If you look at the most recent Borough Election, the vote was progressive for the Borough as a whole. By not allowing this group; which has consistently high turnout, you're taking away their voice to advocate for the greater Fairbanks community. I understand the Borough deserves ~5.22 house seats, but why did you cut away the .22 seat in as partisan a way as possible. I guess these maps are going to the Supreme court same as 10 years ago. Maybe there can be better maps in time for the 2024 election.**

**Sincerely a disappointed Fairbanks Resident,**

**Liz Lyke**

Dear Alaska Redistricting Board Members,

Hello, my name is Cassandra Lynch. I live in the East Anchorage neighborhood. I identify as a Black woman. I am a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc Alaska Alumnae Chapter and an exemplary citizen. I usually shop for groceries at Fred Meyers and Walmart on Muldoon. I frequent the hair salons, nail shops, and many other businesses up and down Muldoon Road. I use the Begich Track to enjoy my morning exercise with friends. I always take my family to Greater Friendly Temple COGIC.

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. The maximum number of districts should be drawn to allow these diverse neighborhoods to elect their preferred candidate. Majority-minority census tracts are made up of multiple groups of racial minority groups, who have more in common with one another as communities of interest as racial minorities than they do with non-racial minority populations around them. To split these majority-minority census tracts up is to dilute their ability and right to have districts representing their unique makeup.

I would like to be able to comment on the FINAL version that the Board draws. I would like to be allowed to provide comments until the final mapping deadline as dictated by the Alaska Constitution, November 10th.

Sincerely  
Cassandra Lynch

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**From:** Isabella Mamea [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 10:26 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Inequitable Senate pairings

Good morning,

My name is Isabella Mamea. I live in the East Anchorage neighborhood.

I am writing to express my concern about the board's proposed Senate pairings that would pair Eagle River's House Districts with Northeast Anchorage and JBER. These pairings severely dilute the voices of already-underrepresented majority minority districts in East Anchorage and go against the spirit of dozens of voices from both Eagle River and East Anchorage who have testified to keeping their communities distinct. I also feel this violates the spirit of the Voting Rights Act, which is meant to protect the voices of majority-minority districts.

Yesterday the Board's key argument for pairing Eagle River's house districts with JBER and Muldoon appeared to be the socioeconomic integration of having active and retired military in those areas. However, no numbers were provided to justify these pairings OVER keeping Eagle River with their own district and keeping East Anchorage's 4 House Districts together. There are retired military and veterans all over Anchorage. It seems the Board is choosing to prioritize the voices of active and retired military over the many voices who have testified throughout the redistricting process about keeping Eagle River distinct from East Anchorage.

These arguments for socioeconomic integrated are flawed. Active Military may occasionally travel to Muldoon to shop, but East Anchorage residents hardly travel to the base to shop or to Eagle River for their needs. Please do not use this justification for splitting up Eagle River's voice and East Anchorage's voice. When you look at other factors such as income and ethnicity, it is clear these proposed Senate districts are NOT more socioeconomically integrated than keeping Eagle River with Eagle River and East Anchorage with East Anchorage.

The military already has ample support and voice across Alaska. 20% of the Senate is made up of people who have served in the military, while veterans make up only 11.9% of the population. Meanwhile, there are no Hmong, Samoan, Latino, Somali, Korean, Filipino Senators or representatives to speak to the needs of these communities in East Anchorage. Their voices will be diminished by these pairings with Eagle River, while the military is already very well represented and receives a lot of support throughout Alaska.

Although the Eagle River - East Anchorage pairing might seem contiguous, the vast majority of people in the Eagle River district live eight or more miles away from Muldoon, while the two Muldoon districts are MUCH closer together. Similarly, the two Eagle River House Districts are much closer together.

**Instead, here is what I would like to see:**

- The Board has divided East Anchorage into 4 House districts which can easily be paired into two East Anchorage Senate districts. **Please pair Districts 18 and 23 and Districts 17 and 19 together. These pairings would respect the voices of majority-minority voices in East Anchorage.**
- The public has spoken loud and clear that East Anchorage is a distinct community with very different needs from Eagle River and South Anchorage and the Board's Senate pairings should reflect this.
- Please do not dilute the voices of majority-minority communities along East Anchorage. Thank you for considering this testimony on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Isabella Mamea

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**From:** Jonathon Marsh [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 4:26 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony

Hello, I am emailing in a request to please keep Eagle River one community, and keep East Anchorage together. Please, do not gerrymander. Trying to honor any supposed ties between JBER and ER comes at the expense of socio economic ties throughout the rest of town, including East Anchorage, Spenard/Turnagain, Downtown/Government Hill and JBER. Trying to redistrict in this way based on that fact that people from ER drive to Anchorage to shop is not a legitimate reason in the least to redistrict this way and disregard all the ways in which Anchorage residents/voters would be negatively affected. Please choose pairings that more accurately represent all areas and don't marginalize those who are diverse and not rich. Thank you

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**From:** Hon. George Martinez [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 10:31 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Redistricting Testimony - East Anchorage Resident

Redistricting Board members,

My name is George Martinez, and I am a home owner in East Anchorage, where I live with my wife and two children. I am also a member of the Northeast Community Council. I am writing to express my concern about the Board's adopted Senate pairings to pair Eagle River's House Districts with Northeast Anchorage and JBER. These pairings severely dilute the voices of already-underrepresented majority-minority districts in East Anchorage and go against the wishes of dozens of residents from both Eagle River and East Anchorage who have testified to keeping their communities distinct and in-tact. I also feel this move violates the spirit of the Voting Rights Act, which aims to protect the voices of majority-minority districts.

The Board divided East Anchorage into 4 House districts which could easily be paired into two East Anchorage Senate districts. I feel Districts 18 and 23 and Districts 17 and 19 make more sensible pairings for Senate districts. These pairings would respect the voices of majority-minority voices in East Anchorage and maintain the distinct character of each area.

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

Thank you for considering this testimony on this critical issue.

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George Martinez,

# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

## WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: November 8, 2021, 7:40 pm

First Name: **James McDonald**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

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

Public Comment: **Hello,**

**I wanted to provide my input on the Senate district pairings. I've lived in Anchorage my entire life, mostly in the O'Malley district. I'm a teacher in the Anchorage School District. I student taught at Chugiak High School and from 2014-2017 I taught at Gruening Middle School in Eagle River. I unequivocally believe the two Eagle River districts (22/24) should remain together in a single Senate district. While some of my students came from military families, I don't think that supersedes the connection that Eagle River has together as a whole. I currently teach at Mears Middle School in southwest Anchorage. I can see districts 10/11 or 11/12 together logically. I concur with the groupings of 9 and 15 in southeast Anchorage.**

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

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

Date: November 7, 2021, 3:33 pm

First Name: **Katherine**

Last Name: **McDonald**

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Comments: **Good afternoon,**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**HD18 (Muldoon) and HD 23 (Northeast Anchorage)**

**HD 12 (Kincaid) and HD 13 (Spenard)**

**HD 20 (Downtown) and HD 21 (JBER)**

**Thank you,**

**Katherine McDonald**

# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

## WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: November 8, 2021, 8:59 pm

Name: **Katherine McDonald**

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Muldoon/JBER Senate**

Public Comment: **Hello,**

**I'm submitting my thoughts on senate district configuration.**

**On myself: I've lived in Anchorage since my family moved up to Elmendorf Air Force Base when I was four years old. I've lived in the following districts (using proposed HD names)**

**21 (JBER) - 3 years**

**18 (Muldoon)-1 years**

**16 (Elmore/Lake Otis) - 23 years**

**9 (Huffman) - 1 year**

**I want to applaud the group for proposing to pair my current home location HD 9 with HD 15 (O'Malley). It makes sense. There is few multi family homes and the area is integrated.**

**I am dismayed by the discussion around pairing one of the Eagle River districts with JBER instead the other Eagle River district. When living on base in my youth (HD 21), I attended Government Hill Elementary off base before then attending Mt. Spurr Elementary on base. The west side of the base is very tied with the downtown community. I worked in the Ship Creek area during summers in college and Government Hill/Ship Creek are very tied to Downtown Anchorage (HD 20). The notion that Eagle River has the main connection with JBER isn't sound. When we lived on base, we mainly recreated in the restaurants off of Muldoon. When we moved off base when my father still worked on base, we moved into Muldoon (HD 18) due to close proximity to the base. I cannot imagine any Senate district pair ings that doesn't group the two Muldoon districts (18/23 together). They are socially and economically integrated. They both shop at the same Fred Meyer off Muldoon. They both are zoned for Bartlett High School. Folks in Muldoon are not driving out to Eagle River to shop. Since Eagle River High School opened, the Eagle River students are no longer districted to Bartlett and remain exclusively in Eagle River. From a household perspective, the houses in both Muldoon districts are very similar with an abundance of multi family homes, apartments, and zero lot lines. Eagle River homes are notorious for spacious lots and few multi family dwellings.**

**I appreciate you taking my comments into account.**



Date: November 8, 2021, 6:14 am

Name: **Kevin McGee**

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

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

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

Public Comment: **November 8, 2021**

**Dear Redistricting Board Members,**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**//signed//**

**Kevin McGee**

**President, Anchorage NAACP**

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**From:** Lawrence Michael <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 1:54 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: November 9, 2021, 1:53 pm

First Name: **Lawrence**

Last Name: **Michael**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Not in support of House District 21 being paired with 22**

Public Comment: **I am a resident of South Addition and own property in House District 21, East Addition north of 4th Avenue. Many years ago I lived in Eagle River. The interests and demographics of House District 21 are far more aligned with District 20. I have been actively working with a group of residents, businesses and property owners to revitalize east downtown. We regularly work with the MOA assemblyperson and all the legislators representing those areas. We're making progress because we understand the problems in the area as do our current legislators. I support the alternative of House District 20, which keeps Downtown, East Anchorage, Fairview and South Addition together. All of those districts are already working together to collectively make things better.**

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**From:** Brian Miller [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 11:36 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** East Anchorage/Eagle River

Just writing to express my opposition to pairing East Anchorage and Eagle River in the same senate district. Eagle River districts should be paired with each other, and east Anchorage should be paired with a similarly socioeconomic district. Thanks for your consideration.

Brian Miller  
Anchorage, AK

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Spencer Moore <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 12:08 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Support of Senate Districts

I'd like to write in to voice my support for the combination of East Anchorage and Eagle River for the State Senate portion of the redistricting, as was proposed yesterday. We are already connected as the Municipality of Anchorage and our east side community is well connected to Eagle River. I have been an east sider for 7 years and believe connecting Muldoon and E.R. for the Senate portion is vital for our state representation.

Thanks,

Spencer Moore

P: [REDACTED]

E: [REDACTED]

**From:** Dick Mylius [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 11:14 PM  
**To:** Juli Lucky <[juli.lucky@akredistrict.org](mailto:juli.lucky@akredistrict.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: Alaska Redistricting Board Update 11/9/2021

There was no opportunity for the public to comment on the final Senate Districts released today. The proposal for Senate District L is absurd - it runs from the north side of downtown Anchorage and Government Hill to the Knik River. It includes some densely populated areas of Anchorage, JBER, and the semi rural areas around Birchwood. It is not compact nor socio-economically integrated. Dick Mylius, Anchorage

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**From:** Tabitha Nardini [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 8:12 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Redistricting

I feel the redistricting map choice is unfair to some areas. The map puts rural areas into city areas. That would give the voice away from farmers, hunters and fishing enthusiasts. Also, I feel there was no public process. There was no notification to the affected areas. No message on post office boards, no messages on the Mat-Su borough website or in the Kenai peninsula website. Just a news article in the Anchorage daily news after the fact. Not everyone reads that news paper. Besides, the board of 5 have already made their decision. I feel this process has been rushed and not full investigation on the affected areas. I feel the representative of the affected areas should have time to discuss the reasons and affect the redistricting will impact the affected areas.

Happy Trails,

# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

## WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: November 7, 2021, 5:03 pm

Name: **Harry Need**

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

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Very respectfully,**

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

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**From:** Misty Nesvick [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:08 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Please Don't Split Districts

Dear Redistricting Board,

I grew up in Eagle River and still have close family ties there with home ownership for over 30 years.

Please keep Eagle River geographically complete without extension into Anchorage. We all know once you hit the highway "to town," Eagle River considers themselves in "Anchorage ". Eagle River should not included extended representation into Anchorage metro.

As a current resident of Turnigan, I also want to see Spenard continue to be part of our area vs us being lumped up with Sand Lake and that area being moved to downtown. Our community thrives as economic development of Spenard supports the further west communities.

Please keep communities together.

Thank you

Misty Rose Nesvick



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

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

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

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

Thank you

--Elizabeth Newell

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

Redistricting Board,

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

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

Thank you.

Gary

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Gary Newman

[REDACTED] home

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**From:** Kristen Nilsson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 10:59 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Muldoon

As a Muldoon resident I do not think that my neighbors are geographically or economically connected with Eagle River sufficiently to have our districts combined. Driving down a street does not combine our interests. I oppose all plans that place Muldoon with Eagle River and split Eagle River.

I also work full time as a teacher in an east Anchorage school. I can tell you as a lifelong Alaskan their needs do not align with Eagle River. Combining these districts amounts to gerrymandering will ultimately result in a lawsuit.

Protect the voting rights of East Anchorage residents and do not place us with Eagle River.

Kristen Nilsson

# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE

First Name: **Jason Norris**

Email Address: [REDACTED]

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Date: November 8, 2021, 10:07 am

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

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Date: November 8, 2021, 5:37 pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Donna Mears  
NE Anchorage  
[REDACTED]

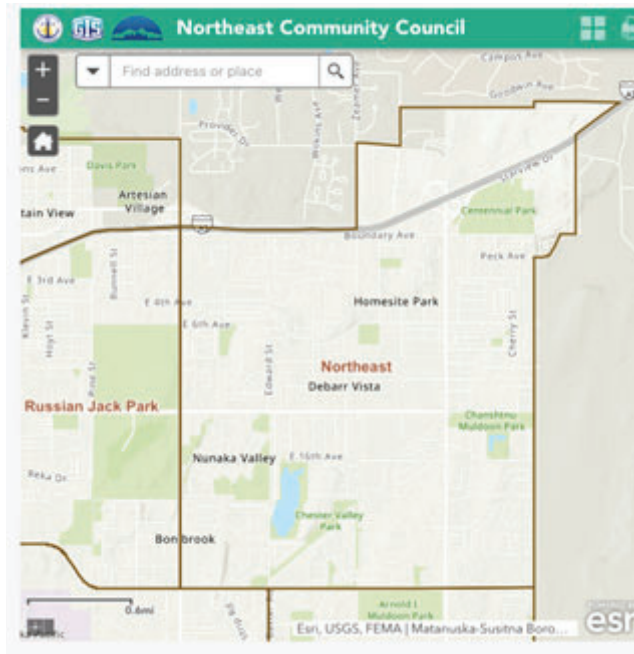
## Resolution 2021-5

Northeast Community Council (NECC)

October 21, 2021

### Statewide Redistricting

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



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

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

**WHEREAS**, Northeast Anchorage is home to many active-duty service members and Veterans who frequent the businesses and services provided along Muldoon Rd and near the Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson (JBER) Muldoon Rd. gate;

**WHEREAS**, in the past, portions of Northeast Anchorage have been included within districts including Eagle River and/or South Anchorage that are not socioeconomically similar and have very different legislative interests;

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

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

Votes for: 12    Votes Against: 3    Abstain: 4

**Motion Passes** /    Motion Does Not Pass

President: *J Bak*

Secretary: *Rachel Bonner*

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**From:** Nani Palmer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 5:00 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Redistricting Eagle River

I might be a little bit late to the party but was curious about the redistricting lines of Eagle River.

I would support combining Eagle River's Hiland Precinct and most of Chugach Park #2 Precinct with Muldoon in the 2021 Redistricting Map. The other options that have been proposed don't seem to make a lot of sense. Can you please let me know where we stand on this issue?

Nani



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**From:** Sue Panarese [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:59 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Splitting Eagle River

To Whom it may concern,

I am a resident of Eagle River. I do not feel that I have any ties to the people of East Anchorage. However I do occasionally shop at businesses at the Tikahtnu Commons as well as other places in Anchorage. Please do not split Eagle River or East Anchorage. It is not in the best interest of either entities.

Thank you,  
Susan Panarese


Sent from my iPad

# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

## WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: November 7, 2021, 7:14 pm

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

Email or Phone Contact: 

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**From:** Ryan Petersen <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 8:48 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Proposed East Anchorage - Eagle River Map

As an Anchorage resident, I am reaching out in opposition to the proposed map that splits off parts of East Anchorage to flow into Eagle River.

Please DO NOT split up East Anchorage. And please DO NOT split North Eagle River from South Eagle River. Those communities are more closely aligned geographically and have similar needs for infrastructure, investments, and programs.

Ryan Petersen

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**From:** LuAnn Piccard [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 8:39 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Do not support Marcom's Senate District Map-Pairing Proposal

Dear Redistricting Board,

My family has lived in East Anchorage for 45 years. **I DO NOT support Ms. Marcom's Senate District Map and pairings that join parts of East Anchorage's Muldoon area with Eagle River.** This proposal simply does not make sense. Because Eagle River residents **commute** via Muldoon Road on their way to other parts of Anchorage does not mean they have an appreciation for the needs in that part of our community. Leaders from Eagle River reject affordable housing and social service programs that directly benefit underserved communities like East Anchorage. They treat socio-economically diverse areas of Anchorage with disdain and as a dumping ground for what they don't want in Eagle River.

East Anchorage is the epitome of socio-economic diversity. We need representation with a deep appreciation of those needs and a willingness to connect with community members where they are at, not from the affluent Hiland hillside 15 miles away. The Muldoon area of East Anchorage is finally building a sense of community and advocating for key programs and resources to strengthen it. Those needs are much more closely aligned with East Anchorage. Joining parts of East Anchorage with Eagle River will essentially strip that underserved community of its voice.

There was **NOT** consensus support for Ms. Marcom's proposal today. The only voices in favor were those with clear conflicts of interest. Like Ms. Marcom's House Redistricting proposal, it represents another blatant attempt at gerrymandering designed to ensure that underserved communities in Anchorage are ignored and stripped of their voice.

I support Ms. Borrromeo's proposal because her pairings keep diverse, socio-economically integrated communities together. **Please DO NOT split up East Anchorage.** And **please DO NOT split North Eagle River from South Eagle River.** Those communities are much more closely aligned geographically and have similar needs for infrastructure, investments, and programs.

Respectfully,

LuAnn Piccard  
Proud East Anchorage Resident

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**From:** LuAnn Piccard [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 10:14 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Re: Do not support Marcom's Senate District Map-Pairing Proposal

Dear Redistricting Board,

I am writing to express my utter dismay at your decision made yesterday regarding Senate boundaries in Anchorage, in particular joining parts of East Anchorage and Downtown with Eagle River with literally zero socioeconomic and geographic similarities. There is simply no justification for this decision or transparency for its rationale. The point of public dialogue is to shine a light on issues critical to the community with an opportunity for voices to be heard. In this case the overwhelming input was against Ms. Marcom's proposal and you refused to engage in an respectful discussion with the communities impacted and even within your own Board. If there was logic to that plan it would have survived scrutiny. Because there was no logic, the only explanation is partisan gerrymandering.

Your tone deaf approach to legitimate community concerns shines a harsh light on your lack of appreciation and disrespect for these diverse communities. Your decision to strip those voices from this dialogue is exactly what we will expect from the so-called leaders now forced upon us. You have facilitated a full-on power grab. But hey, let them eat cake, right?

We all realize this is a complicated process and respect the hard work required to meet a range of community needs with fair and balanced representation. However there are no circumstances under which a rational person would have reached this conclusion. Shame on you and your back room politics.

In utter disbelief,

LuAnn Piccard  
East Anchorage

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**From:** Pat Race [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:07 AM  
**To:** Testimony <testimony@akredistrict.org>  
**Subject:** Eagle River Senate Split

You've all worked very hard to keep other communities like Juneau and Fairbanks together. Much was made of "splitting the borough."

Now you seem eager to separate Eagle River into two separate senate districts. Senator Marcum said yesterday this is to give Eagle River, "More representation."

After spending so much time advocating for "one-person, one-vote," I'm surprised the motivation has now flipped in an attempt to spread out the influence of Eagle River residents across two Senate districts.

I think the Eagle-exit effort needs to be considered here. Powerful community leaders on the Anchorage assembly and in the Anchorage mayor's office are advocating for Eagle River to become an autonomous community and see it as such. Like other communities and boroughs, every effort should be made to keep them together.

-Pat Race

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**From:** Pat Race [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 10:17 AM  
**To:** Testimony <testimony@akredistrict.org>  
**Subject:** Senate Pairings

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

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

-Pat Race

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**From:** Gail Ramsay <gsramsay@me.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 11:40 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Muldoon redistributing

Do not combine us ( any part of Muldoon) with Eagle River!

Sent from my iPhone  
Gail Ramsay  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Carolyn Ramsey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 8:13 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Senate Parings

Hello,

My name is Carolyn Ramsey, I am President of Airport Heights Community Council. For this testimony I am testifying on behalf of myself as there was not enough time today to obtain Council approval.

It is requested that 19 be pared with 17. This area of town has a lot more in common with the U-Med District than we do with East Anchorage as we are both right next to hospitals, and the Universities. Our neighborhood contains many who work in the medical field or are educators. Most who works outside of these areas head to midtown or downtown for employment.

Eagle River should not be pared with the port, rail yard and Government Hill. This area including JBER belongs with Downtown. Eagle River has 2 districts, they should be pared together as they are the same socioeconomic make up. Just because people from Eagle River drive through a district does not make them part of the socioeconomic make up of a district. Eagle River does not tie with East Anchorage at all. Eagle River is actively seeking to break away from Anchorage. There is no reason they should have 2 Senate districts each representing part of Anchorage. Senators should be working for all of their constituents. This will not happen with the parings shown on Bethany's map. The districts she put together do not belong together. It does not align with the way people live and work in their areas.

Nicole's map makes a lot more sense. Still not my favorite but it sure is a heck of a lot better, more sound and much better thought out.

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
Carolyn Ramsey

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Great ambition and conquest  
without contribution is without  
significance - Unknown



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

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

Thank you,

Sara

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Derek Reed [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:58 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Senate District Pairings

Good morning,

My name is Derek Reed. I am a resident of East Anchorage. I work in East Anchorage as an educator. Because of my profession, I have had the opportunity to see the cultural and demographic areas of Anchorage and first hand experience the needs, concerns, and cultures of students and families across Anchorage.

I took a look at the proposed senate district pairings and I would like to voice my opinion and concerns.

The pairing of HD 18 with 24 does not make sense. North and South Eagle River should be paired, and North and South Muldoon should be paired. The needs of Eagle River and the needs of East Anchorage are vastly different. By grouping Eagle River with Northeast Anchorage, the voice and concerns of Eagle River are diluted. East Anchorage has some of the most diverse populations in Anchorage, and the socio-economic status of East Anchorage is quite different from Eagle River. Eagle River maintains many public services for their areas that are independent from Anchorage.

Furthermore, any senator who must represent both Anchorage and Eagle River is signed up for a near impossible task, because, as mentioned previously, the needs and socio-economic status are vastly different. A senator representing this area must organize two different town halls when doing constituent outreach - one in East Anchorage and one in Eagle River.

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

It is my observation that elected representatives that have a small amount of area within our CC area rarely, if ever, show up. Splitting the NECC amongst 4 Senators would disenfranchise our residents. We want a thriving and strong democracy, thus pairing north Muldoon and south Muldoon is the best option.

Personally, I live in the new HD 18. I rarely venture out towards Eagle River beyond going to the nature center or another hiking area. I do not have socio-economic ties to Eagle River; and Eagle River does not have ties to East Anchorage.

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

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-Derek

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**From:** Michael Rehberg <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 7, 2021 8:37 AM  
**To:** TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony  
**Subject:** ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: November 7, 2021, 8:37 am

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):

Public Comment: **Thank you to the board members for standing up to receive our critique and criticism of your hard work.**

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**From:** Jim Renkert <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 8:46 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: November 8, 2021, 8:46 pm

First Name: **Jim**

Last Name: **Renkert**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99509**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Proposed House District 21**

Public Comment: **I do not support the proposed new House District 21. The argument that Government Hill, JBER and parts of Eagle River are socio-economically aligned is a real stretch. I currently live in the UMed district but my family owns property in east downtown and South Addition. I have been actively working with a group of residents, businesses and property owners to revitalize east downtown. We regularly work with the MOA assemblyperson and all the legislators representing those areas. We're making progress because we understand the problems in the area and how to focus on our assets. I support the alternative of House District 20, which keeps Downtown, East Anchorage, Fairview and South Addition together. All of those districts are already working together to collectively make things better.**

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

Greetings, members of the Redistricting Board,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Jamie Rodriguez and family

Anchorage, HD28 (HD9 per Board Maps)

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**From:** Mary Ruebelmann <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 5:40 AM  
**To:** TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony  
**Subject:** ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: November 9, 2021, 5:40 am

First Name: **Mary**

Last Name: **Ruebelmann**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Ms. Marcum's Senate Maps for East Anchorage/Eagle River**

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

**I just learned there are plans by Ms. Marcum to create a NEW Senatorial map, combining East Anchorage and parts of Eagle River. Have you ever actually visited East Anchorage? Eagle River? They are two very different communities with different needs.Â**

**My parents moved to the East side in 1994 and we have resided here since. East Anchorage is whereÂ I live, work, pray, bike, and play. This is my home. I am distressed to hear that a white, anti-masker would represent my community where more people of color have died from Covid. Our community deserves better.**

**Shame on you, Redistricting Board. It is clear what Ms. Marcum's goals are here.Â**

**Please reject her map.**

**Sincerely,**

**Mary Ruebelmann**

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**From:** Kelley Russell <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 9:05 PM  
**To:** TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony  
**Subject:** ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: November 8, 2021, 9:04 pm

First Name: **Kelley**

Last Name: **Russell**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

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

Public Comment: **Good evening,**

**I want to share my thoughts on some potential house districts groupings in relation to your final house district maps. I currently live in proposed House District 16 in the Abbott Loop area and have been in this district over two decades. I can see this district being grouped with 14 or 17. I work at the Alaska VA off of Muldoon. My patients live all over Anchorage, Eagle River, JBER and the Mat-Su valley and so I get to see similarities and differences between patients from specific areas. I support the two Muldoon house districts 18 and 23 being grouped together. They are socially and economically similar. They tend to have multifamily dwellings. Additionally, I feel both Eagle River house districts should be grouped together. There is very much a unique culture from that region that is buffered from the short drive out on the Glenn highway. Eagle river residents have their own shopping centers that are distinct from those in the Muldoon region. Thank you for listening to my concerns.**



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

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

Marilyn Russell  
[REDACTED]  
Anchorage, AK 99507

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**From:** Dan Saddler <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 12:06 AM  
**To:** TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony  
**Subject:** ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: November 10, 2021, 12:06 am

First Name: **Dan**

Last Name: **Saddler**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Senate pairings of Districts 21-22, and Districts 23-24**

Public Comment: **Having followed your recent deliberations and decisions regarding the reapportionment of the state into 40 House and 20 Senate districts, I would like to express my support for your action in pairing House Districts 21 and 22 in Senate District K, and pairing House Districts 23 and 24 into a Senate District L. I will offer several reasons, though you are likely to hear more.**

**First, it is clear that both pairings meet the essential criteria you were charged with following in drawing district lines. They are clearly contiguous districts, by virtue of sharing borders. They are clearly compact, by virtue of being wholly contained under the same local government, the Municipality of Anchorage. And as you can tell by your exhaustive statistical analysis, each district has an admirably small deviation from the numerical ideal division called for in the state Constitution.**

**Second, in relation to pairing of Districts 23 (Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson) and north Eagle River and Chugiak (District 24): as I testified earlier, the residents of these two districts share much in common. Many soldiers and airmen, and in some cases their dependents, live in Eagle River but work on base, creating close commercial and vocational ties and shared political interests that make them a cohesive unit deserving to be represented by a single senator. While it goes without saying that a joint military base has a high percentage of active-duty servicemembers, it may not be as clearly understood that Eagle River has the highest percentage of veterans of any community in the state. Many of them first came to Alaska at the invitation of Uncle Sam, and decided they felt at home here, and decided to make Eagle River their permanent home after separation, reflecting a continuity of affiliation and interest that justifies pairing the districts. Residents of these communities work, shop, study, recreate and worship together.**

**Third, pairing Districts 21 and 22 into a Senate district reflects an important shared characteristic: their mutual higher**

population concentration. District 21 contains high density neighborhoods of Muldoon “ trailer parks, apartment complexes and condominium developments ” and District 22 likewise contains far more of Eagle River’s more compact subdivisions, higher density planned developments, and recently, even more multi-family housing than the other Eagle River district. Residents of each area have voted with their feet to live closer to each other, nearer to the amenities of modern civilization, and farther away from Alaska’s wide-open spaces. They also each are oriented geographically toward the Chugach Mountains, in contrast to the orientation toward the Cook Inlet and its coastal environment shared by Districts 23 and 24.

By the same standard, pairing Districts 23 and 24 makes sense, because District 23 contains more Eagle River and Chugiak residents who choose to live a wilder, more rural life on larger, more isolated lots. The servicemembers who make up a significant portion of District 23 likewise live a rugged life, training and operating in Alaska’s rugged outdoors, in preparation for deployment to other wild and challenging regions of the world.

Eagle River and Northeast Alaska are already served by common legislative representatives. The Municipality of Anchorage’s current assembly districts join residents in Mul doon with residents in Eagle River, which should give members of the state redistricting board confidence that this combination is well-established, appropriate, and accepted.

I would note that there is historical precedent for pairing Districts 21 and 22, which was essentially the district that Anna Fairclough represented when she was in the Senate. The appropriateness of this pairing is reflected in the fact that this one senator so effectively represented the interests of residents in each district that they returned her to office every time she ran.

Finally, it concerns me to hear some claim during board discussion on pairings that racial factors played some role in your pairings decisions. This is a disturbing insinuation that should disappoint anyone who believes in the American ideal that each citizen enjoys equal rank with their fellow. Any claim that the board considered the race, creed, color, income or other irrelevant characteristic of citizens other than their area of residence is troubling, lacks any supporting evidence , and should carry no weight as you conclude your business.

As you approach the end of your work, please accept my appreciation for performing what by all appearance was a respectful, efficient, fair and very defensible public process. While some may quibble with specific elements of the redistricting plan, from a larger statewide perspective you have done well by all Alaskans, and should be proud of your work.

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**From:** elsa sargento [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 11:49 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Elsa Sargento's Testimony

Dear Redistricting Board,

I am Elsa Malapit Sargento of the Filipino American Community, born and raised in the Philippines, migrated to Alaska in 1974 and had lived in Anchorage, Alaska ever since. 30,000 Filipinos call Alaska their home, 10,000 of which live in Anchorage.

I am writing to express my concern about the board's proposed Senate pairings that would pair Eagle River's House Districts with Northeast Anchorage and JBER. These pairings severely dilute the voices of already underrepresented majority- minority districts in East Anchorage and go against the spirits of dozens of voices from both Eagle River and East Anchorage who have testified to keeping their communities distinct. I truly feel this also violates the spirit of the Voting Rights Act which is meant to protect the majority minority districts.

Yesterday, the Board's key argument for pairing Eagle River's house districts with JBER and Muldoon appeared to be the socioeconomic integration of having active and retired military in those areas. However, no numbers were provided to justify these pairings OVER keeping Eagle River with their own district and keeping East Anchorage's 4 House Districts together. There are retired military and veterans all over Anchorage. It seems the Board is choosing to prioritize the voices of active and retired military over the many voices who have testified over the redistricting process about keeping Eagle River distinct from East Anchorage.

These arguments for socioeconomic integrated are flawed. Active military may occasionally travel to Muldoon to shop, but East Anchorage residents hardly travel to the base to shop or to Eagle River for their needs. PLEASE do not use this justification to split up Eagle River's voice and East Anchorage's voice. When you look at other factors such as income and ethnicity, it is clear these proposed Senate Districts are NOT more socioeconomically integrated than keeping Eagle River with Eagle River and East Anchorage with East Anchorage.

The Military already has ample support and voice across Alaska. 20% of the Senate is made up of people who have served in the military, while veterans make up only 11.9% of the population. Meanwhile, there are no Filipino, Hmong, Samoan, Korean, Latino, Somali Senators or Representatives to speak to the needs of these communities in East Anchorage. Their voices will be diminished by these pairings with Eagle River, while the military is already very well represented and receive a lot of support throughout Alaska

Although the Eagle River- East Anchorage majority of are contiguous, the vast majority of people in Eagle River district live eight or more miles away from Muldoon, while the two Muldoon Districts are MUCH closer together. Similarly, the two Eagle River House Districts are much closer together.

Here is what I would like to see:

1. Please pair Districts 18 and 23 and Districts 17 and 19 together. These pairings would respect the voices of majority minority voices in East Anchorage.
2. The public has spoken loudly and clearly that East Anchorage is a distinct community with very different needs from Eagle River and South Anchorage and the Board's Senate pairings should reflect this.
3. Please do not dilute the VOICES of majority -minority communities along East Anchorage.
4. Thank you for considering this testimony on this critical issue.

Maraming Salamat,

Elsa Malapit Sargento

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

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

Date: November 8, 2021, 10:28 am

First Name: **Linda**

Last Name: **Schandelmeier**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99709**

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

Public Comment: **Dear Board Members,**

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

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

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

**Thank you for your consideration,**

**Linda Schandelmeier**

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**From:** William Schmid <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 10:43 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: November 9, 2021, 10:43 am

First Name: **William**

Last Name: **Schmid**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Third Avenue Radicals**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99503**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **North South boundary of Districts 20/21**

Public Comment: **I do not support the proposed moving of the northern border of House District 20 to the south to 4th Ave and then further south to 5th Ave on the eastern end. North Downtown, Government Hill, JBER and parts of Eagle River are not socio-economically aligned. I have been actively working with a group of residents, businesses, and property owners on projects to revitalize east downtown. We regularly work with the MOA assemblyperson and all the legislators representing those areas. We're making progress because we working with representatives who represent the downtown area and understand the problems and are vitally interested in how to focus on our assets. I support the alternative of House District 20, which keeps Downtown, East Anchorage, Fairview and South Addition together. All of those districts are already working together to collectively make things better.**

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**From:** Charles Seaca <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 11:46 AM  
**To:** TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony  
**Subject:** ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: November 9, 2021, 11:45 am

First Name: **Charles**

Last Name: **Seaca**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Senate Pairings Provided by Bethany Marcum on November 8, 2021**

Public Comment: **Hello, I am writing in shock at the proposed pairings of HD 18 and HD 24. When I first saw it, I thought it must be a joke. I am struggling to figure out how anyone could justify it. The proposed pairing means that instead of sharing a Senator with my neighbors that are literally a five minute walk from my house - I would instead share a Senator with people that would require a days long mountain trek through an uninhabited mountain range (I can only guess it would take that long). Hyperbole aside (the walking, not the uninhabited mountain range), this is a clear attempt to keep my neighbors and my family from having a Senator who represents and fights for Muldoon. I know that my neighbors in Muldoon care about the same issues that I do - not meaning in terms of partisanship, but in terms of caring about the economic development, safety, parks, & trails in our community and the schools shared by our kids. We have to care about the same things, because our shared community is part of our lives every single day and not just after a long drive to another community. To split our community in half for the purposes of grabbing power undermines the Board's claim to making fair maps and decimates my, and the public's, confidence that these maps were drawn fairly.**

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**From:** shaina seidner <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 5:38 PM  
**To:** TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony  
**Subject:** ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: November 9, 2021, 5:37 pm

First Name: **shaina**

Last Name: **seidner**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Muldoon/ER combo**

Public Comment: **I'm writing to voice my concern with combining any part of Eagle River with Muldoon, as these districts are extremely different in demographics, voices, and needs. To combine these two districts would mean drowning out the people of Muldoon. Please reconsider**



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**From:** Stephanie Shaffer <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 7:57 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** East Anchorage

Hello,  
I'm a registered voter in ANC. I am writing to urge you not to redistrict East Anchorage. Thank you.

Stephanie J Shaffer

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

I live at 7911 Mayfair Dr, which puts me right at the western edge of the new District 14. For representation in the Senate, it seems like it would make the most sense to pair District 14 with District 16 to form a larger Midtown district. The bottom part of District 14 is obviously pretty similar to the top part of District 10, but with the divisions the way they are, it seems more important to pair District 10 with District 11 because the Bayshore and Oceanview neighborhoods have so much in common. For similar reasons, the two major Hillside districts--15 and 9--would have a lot of the same interests.

Thanks for reading.

Kyra Sherwood

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## WEBSITE RESPONSE

First Name: **Yarrow Silvers**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

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Date: November 8, 2021, 2:20 pm

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

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

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

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

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

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Date: November 8, 2021, 10:37 pm

Issue of Concern: **Senate pairings**

**Public Comment: The senate pairings proposed by Marcum are very concerning. It seems that by trying to honor some sort of ties between JBER and Eagle River, that pretty much every other part of Anchorage suffers. Let's start with Eagle River. Eagle River, which is one socioeconomically integrated town/community, will be sliced in half for Senate representation. There was an argument that it doesn't matter because they will actually get more representation, in the form of two Senators instead of one. This is the equivalent of affording them more than one vote per person, while diluting the votes of racially diverse communities in other parts of Anchorage, including East Anchorage, and comes at the expense of these communities, while still not honoring the ties binding the Eagle River community to itself.**

**Moving to East Anchorage, they have been suffering from lack of adequate Senate representation for the past 10 years and with this pairing, will suffer even more grievously for another ten years. The argument that driving down Muldoon to go shopping in Anchorage makes ER socio-economically tied to East Anchorage is about the most convincing evidence there is that Eagle River, a community that is largely affluent and white, can not even begin to understand the issues and concerns faced by a**

district that has high racial diversity, lower on average economic status, and may not be able to afford 3 meals a day, much less driving down Muldoon without stopping to shop in the rest of Anchorage.

Let's move to JBER/ Government Hill. This district includes the port, the Alaska railroad, Government Hill, and sections of Downtown as well as the industrial areas in between and are extremely connected to the rest of Downtown on an economic as well as socio-economic basis. To split these areas apart and to have the same senator representing the affluent, rural areas of North Eagle River as well as the industrial and diverse areas of Government Hill, which is 17 miles and 4 other districts away, is quite frankly, a lot to ask of one senator. Additionally, the ties between JBER and the city of Anchorage are just as strong, if not stronger than the ties between the JBER and Eagle River, and the latter ties do not justify the harm done to the rest of the city.

Moving on to the domino effects of placing Turnagain and Spenard, which residents of both communities have stated are socio-economically integrated and have requested to share a senate district, into instead other districts that residents have requested not to be paired with, and you can see that the justification for for this JBER/ Eagle River pairing grows even slimmer.

Let's talk more about the testimony surrounding this requested JBER/ Eagle River pairing. Although I have not seen the written testimony, I heard verbal testimony from Jamie Allard, who has filed intent with the APOC to run for higher office, Senator Reinbolds aid, and Randy Ruedrich, as well as his friend. Conversely to the 4 I heard speak in favor of this pairing, I heard hours of testimony against such pairings, including resolutions by Scenic Foothills Community Council, North East Community Council, Spenard Community Council and possibly more. And yet all this has been disregarded. Racial diversity has been disregarded. Contiguous districts of actual population and not over uninhabited mountain ranges have been disregarded. Socioeconomic ties of pretty much the whole of Anchorage, other than the affluent areas of South Anchorage and Eagle River have been disregarded.

Taken all together, Bethany's suggested senate pairings are an indefensible attempt at gerrymandering the map and silencing the voices of low income and racially diverse communities. I expect that this is where the legal difficulties requiring 3 hours of executive session are necessitated. Even if, after all this legal wrangling, the legal go ahead is given, just because something is maybe legal (but will likely invite lawsuits at tax payer expense) this does not make it right. Please do the right thing and choose senate pairings that allow fair representation of all Anchorage residents, and not those that elevate some while silencing others. I specifically advocate for the senate pairings proposed by Nicole Borromeo, which do just that.

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**From:** Yarrow Silvers <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 3:08 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: November 9, 2021, 3:08 pm

First Name: **Yarrow**

Last Name: **Silvers**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

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

Public Comment: **The partisan gerrymandering in the senate was deliberate and indefensible, and today the board majority stopped trying to even pretend that it was anything other than a power grab at the expense of diverse and marginalized communities.**

**You split Downtown down 4th Avenue and put one side of the street in a rural district 17 miles away, along with the port, the railroad, the industrial areas, and government Hill, while putting the rest of Downtown in a different district. What is the rational for this?**

**There is none.**

**You split South Anchorage, the one agreed upon senate district, into two.**

**What was the rational for this?**

**There is none.**

**You split Turnagain and Spenard, despite overwhelming public testimony.**

**You split the city of Eagle River in two, right down the middle.**

**You split East Anchorage and put one part in a district on another side of an uninhabited mountain range, in order to give the white, affluent population on that opposite side of the mountain range a louder voice, not at all concerned about the voices of those you silenced.**

**None of this makes any sense from any standpoint other than an egregious gerrymander determined to elevate Republican voices in Eagle River and gain an extra senate seat, and the refusal of this board majority to even allow discussion or make any attempt to rationalize these decisions beyond the incredibly entitled attitude of "I drive down Muldoon to go shopping" and four testimonies saying oh hey, maybe JBER should go with Eagle River absolutely confirm this. Unfortunately now you will waste untold amounts of taxpayer dollars fighting the inevitable lawsuits that will come out of your decidedly egregious and dishonest decisions.**

**The public has lost a great deal of trust in this process in seeing that it was never in this board majority's plans to do the right thing or listen to one bit of testimony, or do anything other than push through probably the worst partisan gerrymander that you can imagine. Not one single Anchorage community was respected nor left whole. It was never about the testimony, one vote, one person, or respecting socio-economically integrated communities and was always about winning elections based on how you can cheat and stack the deck in your favor, rather than on your ideas.**

**I will end this with a thank you to Nicole Borrromeo and Melanie Bahnke for your attempts to have rational, important and transparent discussions outlining the effects the board Majority's decisions will have on diverse and marginalized communities across Anchorage. It is unfortunate that they responded by silencing your voices just before silencing ours.**

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**From:** Yarrow Silvers <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 5:58 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** 2011 map made the same mistakes  
**Attachments:** 20211110\_054318.jpg

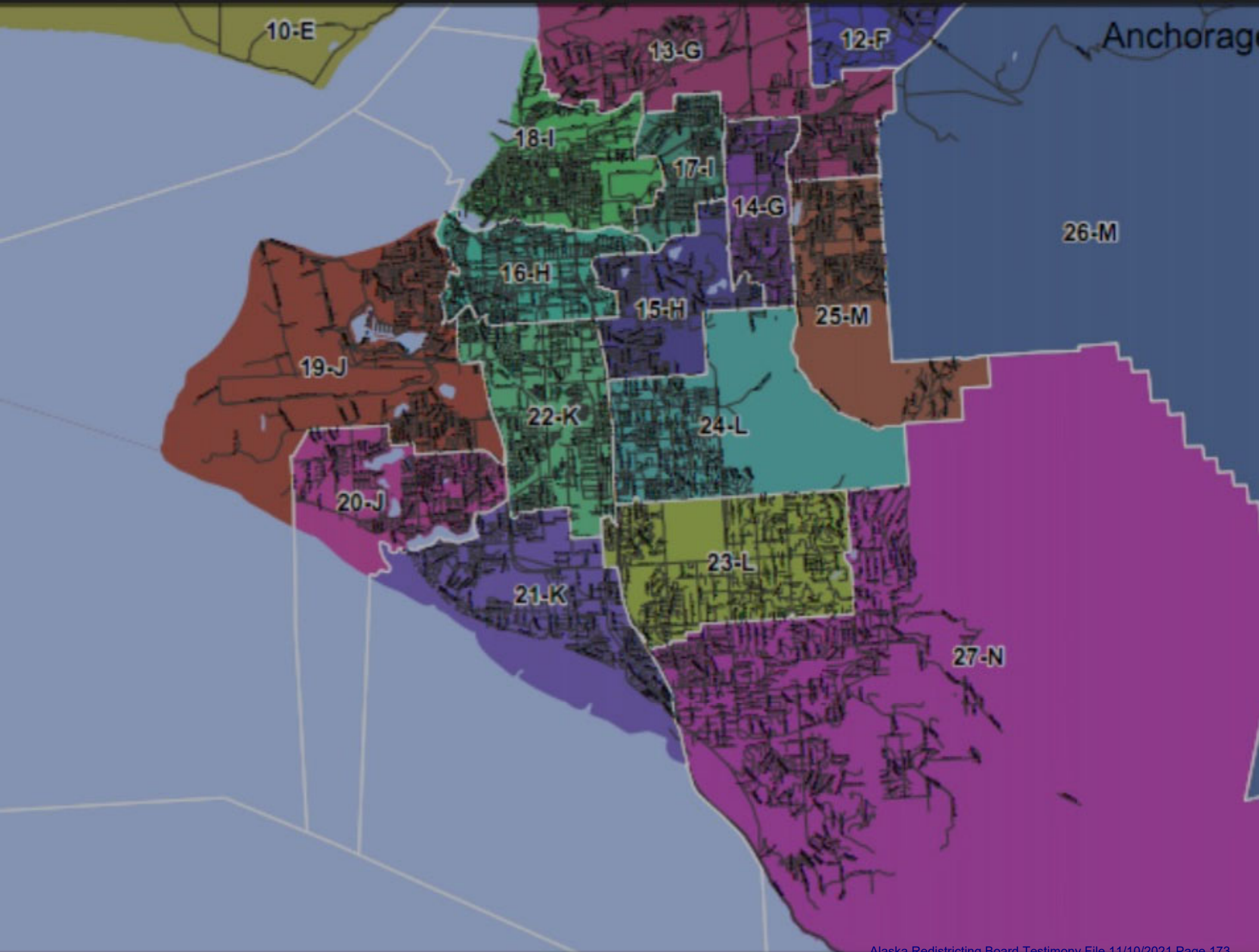
In light of the fact that 2011 redistricting maps made an identical Senate Muldoon/Eagle River pairing which was deemed illegal and subsequently changed by the courts, it seems obvious that the redistricting board majority knows that this year's proclamation is also illegal.

The end goal then is 2022 elections with 19 senators and a Constitutional convention on the ballot and a stacked deck in Republican favor with this aggressive, unexplained (because it is indefensible) bad faith maneuver to adopt illegal maps that the public doesn't want, and that the public will be forced to defend in the courts with 100,000's of thousands of tax payer dollars.

This is utterly shameful and I urge the board to change course from these illegal and transparently unethical actions. The ends do not justify the means.

The emperor indeed has no clothes.

Yarrow Silvers  
99504





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**From:** Cory Smith [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 9:18 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Please do not split Eagle River and do not split East Anchorage

As an Anchorage resident, I urge you to adopt Bahnke's proposed Senate map for the Anchorage area (or something very similar). It keeps distinct parts of town intact, specifically East Anchorage distinct from Eagle River. These are very different parts of town.

Please do not split Eagle River and do not split East Anchorage. Eagle River should be grouped with Eagle River.

Thank you,  
Cory Smith  
Anchorage AK

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**From:** Curtis Smith [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 10:10 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Proposed Senate pairings

As a present resident of East Anchorage and a former resident of Eagle River, with regard to the final redistricting map, I respectfully ask that Districts 16 and 18 not be paired with District 24 for a senate seat. There is very little in common between East Anchorage and the Eagle River area. Optimally, it makes more sense to pair together East Anchorage Districts 16 and 18.

Sincerely,  
Curtis Smith

Present address (since 2010):

[REDACTED]  
Anchorage, AK 99504

Former address (1998-2010):

[REDACTED]  
Eagle River, AK 99577

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

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

Date: November 8, 2021, 4:13 pm

First Name: **Robin**

Last Name: **Smith**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99515**

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

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

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

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**From:** David Song [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 12:38 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Senate Pairing Testimony

My name is David Song, I live in Juneau. I am writing to express my concern about the board's proposed Senate pairings that would pair Eagle River's House Districts with Northeast Anchorage and JBER. These pairings severely dilute the voices of already-underrepresented majority minority districts in East Anchorage and go against the spirit of dozens of voices from both Eagle River and East Anchorage who have testified to keeping their communities distinct. I also feel this violates the spirit of the Voting Rights Act, which is meant to protect the voices of majority-minority districts. Yesterday the Board's key argument for pairing Eagle River's house districts with JBER and Muldoon appeared to be the socioeconomic integration of having active and retired military in those areas. However, no numbers were provided to justify these pairings OVER keeping Eagle River with their own district and keeping East Anchorage's 4 House Districts together. There are retired military and veterans all over Anchorage. It seems the Board is choosing to prioritize the voices of active and retired military over the many voices who have testified throughout the redistricting process about keeping Eagle River distinct from East Anchorage. These arguments for socioeconomic integrated are flawed. Active Military may occasionally travel to Muldoon to shop, but East Anchorage residents hardly travel to the base to shop or to Eagle River for their needs. Please do not use this justification for splitting up Eagle River's voice and East Anchorage's voice. When you look at other factors such as income and ethnicity, it is clear these proposed Senate districts are NOT more socioeconomically integrated than keeping Eagle River with Eagle River and East Anchorage with East Anchorage. The military already has ample support and voice across Alaska. 20% of the Senate is made up of people who have served in the military, while veterans make up only 11.9% of the population. Meanwhile, there are no Hmong, Samoan, Latino, Somali, Korean, Filipino Senators or representatives to speak to the needs of these communities in East Anchorage. Their voices will be diminished by these pairings with Eagle River, while the military is already very well represented and receives a lot of support throughout Alaska. Although the Eagle River - East Anchorage pairing might seem contiguous, the vast majority of people in the Eagle River district live eight or more miles away from Muldoon, while the two Muldoon districts are MUCH closer together. Similarly, the two Eagle River House Districts are much closer together. Instead, here is what I would like to see: The Board has divided East Anchorage into 4 House districts which can easily be paired into two East Anchorage Senate districts. Please pair Districts 18 and 23 and Districts 17 and 19 together. These pairings would respect the voices of majority-minority voices in East Anchorage. The public has spoken loud and clear that East Anchorage is a distinct community with very different needs from Eagle River and South Anchorage and the Board's Senate pairings should reflect this. Please do not dilute the voices of majority-minority communities along East Anchorage. Thank you for considering this testimony on this critical issue.

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**From:** Jacob Spencer <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 7:47 AM  
**To:** TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony  
**Subject:** ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: November 9, 2021, 7:46 am

First Name: **Jacob**

Last Name: **Spencer**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99623**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Unequal representation of the MatSu**

Public Comment: **Hello,**

**Under this current map the matsu will be the most under represented area in the state. Please consider leaving it to just the matsu and drawing six districts. This would provide for the best representation for our area.**

**Respectfully yours,**

**Jacob**

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**From:** Susan Spyker <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:24 AM  
**To:** TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony  
**Subject:** ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: November 9, 2021, 9:24 am

First Name: **Susan**

Last Name: **Spyker**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Third Avenue residents and property owners**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **I do not support the proposed new House District 21.**

Public Comment: **I do not support the proposed new House District 21. The argument that Government Hill, JBER and parts of Eagle River are socio-economically aligned is not a valid argument. I own property in east downtown at Third and Eagle. For a number of year I have been actively working with a group of residents, businesses and property owners to revitalize east downtown. Our alignment and focus is with downtown Anchorage. We work closely and regularly with the MOA assemblyperson and all the legislators representing downtown. Weâ€™re making progress because we understand the problems in the area and how to focus on our assets. I support the alternative of House District 20, which keeps Downtown, East Anchorage, Fairview and South Addition together. All of those districts are already working together to collectively make improvements.**

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**From:** gary strickland [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 6:11 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Egregious Gerrymandering

November 8, 2021

Do not pair Eagle River with East Anchorage: we do not want to lose representation as Eagle River gains representation. Above all, we do not want any affiliation or pseudo representation by Jamie Allard or potentially Lora Reinbold, two individuals who never cease to embarrass themselves and Alaskans with their anti-intellectual commentary and behavior.

Put an immediate stop to this egregious gerrymandering; we have seen enough of the Eagle River representatives' antics on the Anchorage Assembly: enough is enough. Do not malign East Anchorage with an artificial, politically conservative pairing with Eagle River. We neither want nor need Eagle River; we have supported them enough without bearing the humiliation of sharing their political interests, interests that do not represent East Anchorage.

Keep East Anchorage East Anchorage—and if you must, Eagle River, Eagle River: the twain should not meet in this blatant display of political skullduggery.

G. L. Strickland

# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

## WEBSITE RESPONSE

Name: **Sharon Strutz-Norton**

Email Address: 

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Date: November 7, 2021, 11:28 am

Comments: **Although I live in Homer - my children have attended school in the East End Homer Russian Villages ... our children play on the same hockey and other sports teams...to redistrict them from Homer is not in the best interests of anyone.**

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Date: November 7, 2021, 11:23 am

Comments: **New redistricting mapping separating the East End Russian Villages from Homer is truly segregation of a longstanding population from the very community they have been a part of for decades: where they have and will continue to work, shop, are educated, and in every way are a part of the community where they will NEVER be in anyway a part of the Kodiak region. This is purely a political move to effect local, state, national issues and is gerrymandering in every way.**



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**From:** David Syren <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 7:43 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: November 9, 2021, 7:42 am

First Name: **David**

Last Name: **Syren**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Third Avenue Radicals**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **East Downtown should be in district 20**

Public Comment: **It seems to me the "East Downtown Edge" needs to be working with those in district 20 (the bulk of downtown Anchorage and other closely associated neighborhoods) towards revitalizing downtown. It makes more sense to be a part of district 20 and NOT a part of JBER and Eagle River, which is district 21 and just doesn't match up well with some of the criteria that is a part of redistricting considerations. Please consider a small adjustment that better aligns East Downtown with the greater Downtown Area. Thanks.**

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**From:** Michael Szidloski [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 8:21 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Senate Map redistricting

Good Morning.

I have made my views known prior during the congressional house redistricting, but it bears repeating here for the Senate map redistricting: The eyes of Alaska are upon you as you go through this process. Ruderichs' antics may have flown under the radar in 2011, but this is a much more visible process and more Alaskans are interested in the process today than back then. The actions of certain board members, live, have shown a blatant disregard for the lived experiences and testimonials of Alaskans regarding their desire for representation. As a reminder to those board members: your allegiance in this process is not to any political party, but to the people of Alaska. Do not do more to damage the idea of democracy in this state, LISTEN to the testimony, and not just the testimony you agree with. Chair Binkley is letting his partisanship show in this process, and it's been a disgrace to Fairbanks. I also feel for my fellow Alaskans in Anchorage, with Marcum's absolutely absurd attempts to create more political representation (and thus, power) at the expense of the rest of the municipality. Do Better. You are being watched, and graded, by those you are supposedly speaking for.

~Michael Szidloski

Resident of Fairbanks, Alaska since 2004

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One day posterity will remember, this strange era, these strange times, when ordinary common honesty was called courage. -- Yevgeny Yevtushenko

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**From:** John Tatham <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 10:27 AM  
**To:** TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony  
**Subject:** ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: November 9, 2021, 10:26 am

First Name: **John**

Last Name: **Tatham**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **3rd Ave Radicals**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

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

Public Comment: **We (District 21) wish to be aligned with Downtown and Fairviewâ€™not Eagleriver.**

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**From:** John Thurber <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 7, 2021 5:18 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: November 7, 2021, 5:17 pm

First Name: **John**

Last Name: **Thurber**

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

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**protect minority voting rights in multiple Senate districts stretching into East Anchorage.**

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

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

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

**Very respectfully,**

**John Thurber**

**South Addition Community Council (HD 20)**

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**From:** Tafi Toleafoa <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 12:31 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Redistricting Testimony

Malo le soifua (Hello),

My name is Tafilisaunua Toleafoa, I live in the Bayshore/Klatt neighborhood in Anchorage and I have family and friends residing in Muldoon and East Anchorage.

I am writing to express my concern about the board's proposed Senate pairings that would pair Eagle River's House Districts with Northeast Anchorage and JBER. These pairings severely dilute the voices of already-underrepresented majority minority districts in East Anchorage and go against the spirit of dozens of voices from both Eagle River and East Anchorage who have testified to keeping their communities distinct. I also feel this violates the spirit of the Voting Rights Act, which is meant to protect the voices of majority-minority districts.

The Board's key argument for pairing Eagle River's house districts with JBER and Muldoon appeared to be the socioeconomic integration of having active and retired military in those areas. However, no numbers were provided to justify these pairings OVER keeping Eagle River with their own district and keeping East Anchorage's 4 House Districts together. There are retired military and veterans all over Anchorage. It seems the Board is choosing to prioritize the voices of active and retired military over the many voices who have testified throughout the redistricting process about keeping Eagle River distinct from East Anchorage.

These arguments for socioeconomic integration are flawed. Most of my family and friends of Samoan descent that live in the Muldoon and East Anchorage area do not have access to the base and do not travel to Eagle River for their needs. Please do not use this justification for splitting up Eagle River's voice and East Anchorage's voice. When you look at other factors such as income and ethnicity, it is clear these proposed Senate districts are **NOT** more socioeconomically integrated than keeping Eagle River with Eagle River and East Anchorage with East Anchorage.

The military already has ample support and voice across Alaska. 20% of the Senate is made up of people who have served in the military, while veterans make up only 11.9% of the population. Meanwhile, there are no Hmong, Samoan, Latino, Somali, Korean, Filipino Senators or representatives to speak to the needs of these communities in East Anchorage. Their voices will be diminished by these pairings with Eagle River, while the military is already very well represented and receives a lot of support throughout Alaska.

Although the Eagle River - East Anchorage pairing might seem contiguous, the vast majority of people in the Eagle River district live eight or more miles away from Muldoon, while the two Muldoon districts are MUCH closer together. Similarly, the two Eagle River House Districts are much closer together.

Instead, here is what I would like to see:

1. The Board has divided East Anchorage into 4 House districts which can easily be paired into two East Anchorage Senate districts. Please pair Districts 18 and 23 and Districts 17 and 19 together. These pairings would respect the voices of majority-minority voices in East Anchorage.
2. The public has spoken loud and clear that East Anchorage is a distinct community with very different needs from Eagle River and South Anchorage and the Board's Senate pairings should reflect this.
3. Please do not dilute the voices of majority-minority communities along East Anchorage.

Thank you for considering this testimony on this critical issue.

Tafilisaunua Toleafoa

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**From:** Katelyn Tullius <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 2:30 PM  
**To:** TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony  
**Subject:** ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: November 9, 2021, 2:30 pm

First Name: **Katelyn**

Last Name: **Tullius**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **N/A**

Email or Phone Contact: k [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Against - Proposed New House District 21**

Public Comment: **I do not support the proposed new House District 21. The argument that Government Hill, JBER and parts of Eagle River are socio-economically aligned is definitely not true. I currently live in the east downtown addition. District 20 should include at least all of downtown and include East Downtown to Ship Creek and preferably include Government Hill. To split downtown at 4th Ave where one side of the street's voice is heard from Eagle River is not practical. Eagle River is very different from downtown Anchorage. On top of this Eagle River has been wanting to split from the Municipality of Anchorage. To include east downtown with Eagle River does not make sense. Our area is composed of very different demographics compared to Eagle River. We have issues here that are more similar to what downtown, Fairview, and South Addition are facing.**

**I support the alternative of House District 20, which keeps Downtown, East Anchorage, Fairview and South Addition together. All of those districts are already working together to collectively make things better and they understand the unique challenges facing our areas.**

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**From:** Mary S Tullius <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 11:43 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: November 9, 2021, 11:43 am

First Name: **Mary S**

Last Name: **Tullius**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Districts 20-21 merging**

Public Comment: **I am contacting you to let you know I do not support the merging of district 21 to include part of downtown Anchorage District 20. District 20 should include all of downtown and government hill. We have been working together as homeowners and property owners to continue to improve this area. The MOA assembly person and legislators representing downtown have been working with us to understand the problems and to help improve. To include such a small area of District 20 with JBER and Eagle River I believe will diminish the importance of improving our area. Eagle River/JBER will focus on these larger areas and the tiny downtown area will be easily forgotten. Please consider what makes sense, keeping downtown north of 4th Ave and Government Hill part of District 20.**



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**From:** michael Tullius <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 11:28 AM  
**To:** TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony  
**Subject:** ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: November 9, 2021, 11:27 am

First Name: **michael**

Last Name: **Tullius**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

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

Public Comment: **I do not support the way district 20 and 21 is drawn. District 20 should include at least all of downtown and include East Downtown to Ship Creek and preferably include Government Hill. To split downtown at 4th Ave where one side of the street's voice is heard from Eagle River that wants to split from the Municipality of Anchorage is ridiculous.**

**Remember EagleExit. Keep Eagle River separate from Downtown Anchorage.**

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

Alaska Redistricting Board,

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Cathy and Daniel Gleason  
[REDACTED]  
Anchorage, Alaska 99517

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## Turnagain Community Council

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

November 1, 2021

(sent via email)

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

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

Alaska Redistricting Board,

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

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

#### **Draft Map Version 3:**

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

#### **Draft Map Version 4:**

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

#### **Turnagain Community Council Request:**

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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

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Anchorage, AK 99517  
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# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

## WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: November 8, 2021, 8:18 am

Name: **Michelle Turner**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**From:** Shayla Urevich <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:04 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: November 9, 2021, 9:03 pm

First Name: **Shayla**

Last Name: **Urevich**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99508**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Pairing East Anchorage with Eagle River**

Public Comment: **I am opposed to pairing the East Anchorage/Muldoon district with Eagle River. The proposed pairing waters down the diversity in the voices of the people of East Anchorage, while having little to no impact on Eagle River. The proposed change is illogical and potentially detrimental to minority voters. Eagle River is a completely separate part of the municipality, with different needs and wishes from the East Anchorage population.**

November 7, 2021

To the Redistricting Board:

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Susan Urig  
Jim Kubitz

  
Anchorage, Alaska 99571



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**From:** Angela Vermillion <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 1:50 PM  
**To:** TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony  
**Subject:** ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: November 9, 2021, 1:49 pm

First Name: **Angela**

Last Name: **Vermillion**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Copper River Native Association**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99573**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **I am testifying to support the Doyon Coalition Map**

Public Comment: **Dear Chairman Binkley and other members of the committee,**

**My name is Angela Vermillion, CEO of Copper River Native Association. I am a tribal member of Gulkana, and a shareholder of the Ahtna Corporation. I live in Gulkana, Alaska.**

**I am testifying to support the Doyon Coalition Map.**

**It is very important that the Ahtna villages stay together in one district. Our concern is the other proposed maps do not achieve this goal. For example, every other proposed map excludes Cantwell in the Interior district. All the Ahtna villages, including Cantwell are socioeconomically related.**

**Cantwell is a part of the Ahtna region and should be represented as such. Cantwell is compacted with 5 other Ahtna Villages to comprise the Copper River Native Association. Time has proven that we are stronger together, a separation on this map will separate our voice.**

**Please consider supporting the Doyon Coalition Map with us and ensure the voice of the Ahtna people is not stifled.**

# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

## WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: November 7, 2021, 6:04 pm

Name: **Daniel Volland**

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

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

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

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

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

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

**Sincerely,**

**Dr. Daniel Volland, Vice President**

**South Addition Community Council (HD 20)**

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**From:** Wisteria Ward <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:55 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: November 9, 2021, 9:54 am

First Name: **Wisteria**

Last Name: **Ward**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Proposed Pairing Senate District 23 & 28**

Public Comment: **To whom it may concern,**

I am a 61 year resident of Alaska who values equitable community-based representation. I am in opposition to Muldoon being broken up specifically to be joined as a district with Eagle River. I have lived in the Muldoon area with my family where we raised our children, for 35 years. Our schools, our commercial and economic needs, the future development of parks, community, and land resources, are far removed from and unrelated to the needs, demographics, and resources of Eagle River. It would not be ideal for a senate or house representative who neither lives in the Muldoon area nor economically interacts on a daily basis, to represent a constituency completely removed from their own community priorities. Similarly the following pairings: the NE corner north of Duben that are in a House district w JBER & Gov't Hill would be paired with Downtown (21 & 20), and NECC neighbors in Southern Nunaka Valley that are in a HD with the UMed District would be paired north with Airport Heights north to Mountain View (17 & 19), are also a divisive proposals that could result in non-community specific needs being addressed as well as fostering a disconnect between neighborhoods.

Currently Muldoon representatives are residents of the community area they represent therefor they are stakeholders in current dilemmas and future aspirations. It is far more democratic and practically ideal f or any community to have representatives who will be directly affected by outcomes. These proposed changes could establish an arena whereby Muldoon's interests would be overshadowed by representatives whose interests are the antithesis of our own.

Finally, the wheel is not broken. Breaking it has the very strong possibility of crippling all the affected communities.

Sincerely Wisteria Ward

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**From:** Brett Watson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 7:39 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Support Pairing East Anchorage 23 & 18

To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of the proposed HD-18 and am writing to urge a Senate pairing of HD 23 & 18 to create a distinctive Muldoon senate district. I list four reasons below:

**Bartlett High School:**

HD 23 & 18 and the Bartlett HS district boundary are closely aligned so this creates natural social integration. (Similarly 19 & 17 naturally align with East High School, for a second East Anchorage district).

**Representation**

Current HD-27 is paired with South Anchorage in Senate district N. The Senator currently representing District N advertised on his campaign website that he represents "South Anchorage." As someone active in the Scenic Foothills community, I do not see our Senator at community events, including community council meetings. I believe that if proposed HD 18 were paired with proposed HD-24 that a Senator elected to this seat would be absent from all community functions in East Anchorage and would see themselves as an Eagle River senator. In fact, Board Member Marcum suggested at the meeting on November 8th that this would be a feature of the proposed pairing of HD-24 and HD-18: a Senator elected in this district would represent the interest of Eagle River.

**Physical Proximity**

A 5 minute drive separates one corner of district 23 from the opposite corner of district 18. Pairing either 18 or 23 with one of the districts in Eagle River would result

**Eagle Exit:**

Only a small area in North Muldoon is currently combined with Eagle River in Anchorage Assembly District 2. Proposals for Eagle River to become independent from the Municipality of Anchorage do not include the larger North Muldoon area in their proposals. Advocates for an independent Eagle River note on their [website](#): "Whereas, "Eagle River-Chugiak-Peters Creek-Eklutna-JBER", hereinafter referred to as "District 2", have common demographic, economic and political interests that historically have been ignored or militated by special interest groups in the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA)."

Sincerely,

Brett Watson

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

Dear Redistricting Board Members,

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

Regards,

Tyler Watson  
Anchorage, AK  
HD 18


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

# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

## WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: November 7, 2021, 5:04 pm

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

Email or Phone Contact: 

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Thank you,**

**Ryan Webb**

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**From:** adam weber [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 7:44 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** East anchorage redistricting

I am strongly opposed to any plan to include East Anchorage residences as part of the same district as Eagle River. East Anchorage and Eagle river are dramatically different in demographics, income, and attitude. This will only add more strength to a majority white, conservative district, while taking a voice away from lower income more diverse people.

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**From:** Gretchen Wehmhoff <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 9:42 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: November 8, 2021, 9:42 pm

First Name: **Gretchen**

Last Name: **Wehmhoff**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99567**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Chugiak-Eagle River Senate Pairing**

Public Comment: **I strongly suggest you keep the Chugiak Eagle River districts together in the Senate pairing. It will allow the Senate seat the ability to focus on two large districts in the same community. Whatever the case, keeping the Mat-Su districts separate from the MOA districts is practical and efficient.**



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**From:** Anna Wen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 1:27 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony for Redistricting

Hello,

My name is Anna Wen, I live in Northeast neighborhood in Anchorage and attend UAA as a full time student. I am writing to express my concern about the board's proposed Senate pairings that would pair Eagle River's House Districts with Northeast Anchorage and JBER. These pairings severely dilute the voices of already-underrepresented majority minority districts in East Anchorage and go against the spirit of dozens of voices from both Eagle River and East Anchorage who have testified to keeping their communities distinct. I also feel this violates the spirit of the Voting Rights Act, which is meant to protect the voices of majority-minority districts.

Yesterday the Board's key argument for pairing Eagle River's house districts with JBER and Muldoon appeared to be the socioeconomic integration of having active and retired military in those areas. However, no numbers were provided to justify these pairings OVER keeping Eagle River with their own district and keeping East Anchorage's 4 House Districts together. There are retired military and veterans all over Anchorage. It seems the Board is choosing to prioritize the voices of active and retired military over the many voices who have testified throughout the redistricting process about keeping Eagle River distinct from East Anchorage.

These arguments for socioeconomic integrated are flawed. Active Military may occasionally travel to Muldoon to shop, but East Anchorage residents hardly travel to the base to shop or to Eagle River for their needs. Please do not use this justification for splitting up Eagle River's voice and East Anchorage's voice. When you look at other factors such as income and ethnicity, it is clear these proposed Senate districts are NOT more socioeconomically integrated than keeping Eagle River with Eagle River and East Anchorage with East Anchorage.

The military already has ample support and voice across Alaska. 20% of the Senate is made up of people who have served in the military, while veterans make up only 11.9% of the population. Meanwhile, there are no Hmong, Samoan, Latino, Somali, Korean, Filipino Senators or representatives to speak to the needs of these communities in East Anchorage. Their voices will be diminished by these pairings with Eagle River, while the military is already very well represented and receives a lot of support throughout Alaska.

Although the Eagle River - East Anchorage pairing might seem contiguous, the vast majority of people in the Eagle River district live eight or more miles away from Muldoon, while the two Muldoon districts are MUCH closer together. Similarly, the two Eagle River House Districts are much closer together.

Instead, here is what I would like to see:

The Board has divided East Anchorage into 4 House districts which can easily be paired into two East Anchorage Senate districts. Please pair Districts 18 and 23 and Districts 17 and 19 together. These pairings would respect the voices of majority-minority voices in East Anchorage.

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

Please do not dilute the voices of majority-minority communities along East Anchorage.

Thank you for considering this testimony on this critical issue,

Wen (concerned voter)

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 7:47 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Please APPROVE the Borromeo Senate Map

Dear Redistricting Board Members:

Recognizing the time pressures that you are all under, I will keep this brief:

Please approve the Borromeo map for the Senate pairings of House districts, as it best meets the constitutional requirements to keep socioeconomic groups together. Eagle River needs to stay together in one senate district, East Anchorage needs to be grouped together in one senate area, midtown Anchorage needs to have districts 19 & 18 paired together to prevent splitting the U-Med District up, and this all ripples throughout Anchorage.

The Borromeo map is the best and most fair overall map proposed and I urge you all to approve it. Thank you, Sheri Whitethorn (Anchorage)

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**From:** Erin W [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 12:46 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony for the record on Anchorage Senate Pairings

Hello,

My name is Erin Willahan and I was born and raised in East Anchorage and currently reside in Spenard. I am writing to state my frustration and disappointment in the Board's Senate pairings for Anchorage and the process through which these Senate pairings were achieved.

The Senate pairings proposed by Member Marcum and agreed to by Members Binkley and Simpson is a glaring display of racial gerrymandering in Anchorage, denies low-income and communities of color in Anchorage fair representation, does not uphold the constitutional mandate of the Redistricting Board for compact, contiguous, and socio-economically integrated representation, and is so clearly unconstitutional that it will cost the State already dwindling money in lawsuits.

The testimony heard over the entire process from actual residents of Eastside (and Eagle River) communities as well as Spenard, overwhelmingly advocated against the Senate pairings adopted today - that would, for example, force Muldoon to share representation with Eagle River and split up Spenard and Turnagain.

Meanwhile, despite this overwhelming testimony, the public was left out of the process of Senate pairings this week, and were not given an adequate opportunity to comment on the decisions adopted in the last 24 hours before they became finalized. While I understand that decisions must be made and time is running out, this is an egregious procedural move when considering that testimony thus far has overwhelmingly been against a scenario such as the one just adopted.

There is no justification given whatsoever for the Senate pairings and it was not created in good faith. In this case, members Marcum, Binkley, and Simpson seem to be exploiting their position on this Board for the gain of their own political parties and private interests.

That said, I do want to thank Members Bahnke and Borromeo for their efforts to follow the mandate for the redistricting process, incorporate public testimony, and for their work toward a Senate Map that would have been fair to all.

Regards,  
Erin Willahan

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**From:** Cal Williams <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 3:40 PM  
**To:** TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony  
**Subject:** ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: November 9, 2021, 3:40 pm

First Name: **Cal**

Last Name: **Williams**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99508**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Repressing the vote**

Public Comment: **The citizenry of East Anchorage has little to nothing in common with the citizenry of Eagle River. As was done in the past they voice of the people on the Eastside of Anchorage and Eagle River undersea Lodge and will lead to and unfair, and just suppression of the voice of the citizens there.**

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**From:** Williams Karen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 8:46 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** East Anchorage

I am an East Anchorage resident. It is repugnant that the board is presenting a map combining parts of our community with Eagle River. They are none contiguous, economically separate, completely different communities. This is a clearly partisan ploy to advance one party over another-or possibly an attempt to combine a tax producing area of Anchorage with Eagle River to offset the expenses of "Eaglexit". If this plan is passed, there will be lawsuits in contest, which will only cost Alaskan taxpayers more money. You must not pass this plan.

Karen Williams  
East Anchorage Resident

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Linda Wright [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 4:03 PM  
**To:** Testimony

To whom this my concern,

I am against Eagle River's redistricting to becoming a part of Anchorage.

Thank you,  
Linda Wright