

# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY

**Anchorage 10/27/21 Verbal Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/5/2021

Name: **Randy Ruedrich**

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There were 27 districts that had changed as a result of the 2001 litigation. In searching through all of his files, Randy found the data for the 2002 map when it was compared between the 2000 and 2010 census. This was given to the board. It came out that the largest district in 2010 was overpopulated by 46% and the smallest district was underpopulated by 22%. Therefore, redistricting was in order for the 2002 map. Part of this data was about the deviations in the 2002 map. There have been several discussions on these deviations for Anchorage, which had 16 districts, 2 of which were not modified. The deviations in the 14 modified districts turned out to be 1/4 of a percent. The mean was 93% overpopulated with numbers - the highest being 1.11% overpopulated and the lowest being .88% underpopulated. The 14 districts were closely pulled together based off this data. When Randy found this data, he shared it. Fairbanks was pulled together to having an average deviation of .39%, much smaller than Anchorage's deviation. Therefore, it was most closely compliant and now is 13 times less compliant than it was in 2002. The Mat-Su Borough had too many people in the base map. In the post-litigation, plaintiffs negotiated to produce a proper map and the excess turned out to be 3.3%. The 2001 board accomplished excellent use of technology to bring deviations down and he encouraged the board to follow along with what the 2011 map did to bring the deviations down. Randy is in agreement overall with Senator Begich.

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

# Senate Pairing Recommendations Report



Submitted November 7, 2021 by

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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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## **Alaskans for Fair Redistricting**

Report to the Alaska Redistricting Board and Final Recommendations. November 7, 2021



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.



# Municipality of Anchorage

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## Anchorage Assembly Leadership

November 4, 2021

Alaska Redistricting Board  
P.O. Box 240147  
Anchorage, AK 99524

Dear Members of the Redistricting Board:

Given very recent proposals discussed before the Board today, we appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on plans that you will discuss tomorrow:

1. We were surprised to hear about a proposal to include Valdez and part of Anchorage in a House district. We have not seen what this conceptual district would look like, but it seems nearly impossible to produce a compact or socioeconomically integrated map given how different Valdez and Anchorage are, and how far they are from one another. We are also concerned about extreme last-minute changes that have had zero opportunity for public review and public comment. Given the late nature of these developments, the Anchorage Assembly has not had the opportunity to weigh them as a body.
2. We urge you to reject any proposals that could be perceived as placing partisan objectives ahead of Constitutional guidelines for districts, and are particularly concerned about the Marcum proposal to create an East Anchorage/Eagle River district. Gerrymanders produce legal uncertainty, confusion among voters, and undermine faith in our democracy. The Northeast Community Council has urged that East Anchorage neighborhoods not be gerrymandered into Eagle River districts, and we ask that you honor the request of local voters and their community council.

We appreciate the hard work of Board members to work collaboratively, consider the relative merits of third party map proposals, and carefully review public comments. We all have an interest in the most Constitutional map being adopted.

Sincerely,

Suzanne LaFrance, Assembly Chair

Christopher Constant, Assembly Vice Chair

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/20/2021 Teleconference Testimony**

**Summary Date: 11/4/2021**

**Name: Kathy Anderson**

**Kathy spoke in opposition of a redistricting plan that removes Fritz Creek and other communities out of the same district as Homer. These residents work, go to school, and use the airport in Homer. Additionally, the board should consider the Russian villages that have much in common with another Russian village that is up north of Homer. There is much more in common with Seward.**


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Name: **Michelle Anderson**

Affiliation: **Ahtna, Inc.**

Email or Phone Contact: 

**Michelle asked the board to include Cantwell in the interior map as it is one of the 8 Ahtna villages. The traditional chiefs always begin their messages with reminders of how they are related to the families that are living in Cantwell. Even though the road system separates the villages from Cantwell, the people connections do exist and are very strong today. Michelle discussed the economic benefits Ahtna provides to shareholders and Cantwell tribal members: 1. Dividends are distributed to shareholders based on performance. 2. Jobs are provided. 3. Village contributions are provided including to the church in Cantwell 4. Political advocacy is provided to Cantwell. This is taken seriously. 5. Owns vast private lands in and around Cantwell, considering looking at development up near the boundary There is no question that there is immense investment in the region with their land holdings, but they are most importantly, connected to the people of Cantwell. Allowing them to be separated by a political process is very unfair and causes Cantwell to feel abandoned. Cantwell has given permission for Ahtna to advocate and speak on behalf of their community to allow the Ahtna villages to remain as one people. Cantwell is served by Copper River Native Association and they have a health aide in the village for emergency situations who take people up to Healy. If there is something that is more critical, they refer people to Anchorage.**

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**From:** Steven Aufrecht <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 9:29 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 5, 2021, 9:29 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): **Thursday Marcum Map**

Public Comment: **It's hard to tell for certain over Zoom, but the new Marcum Anchorage area map looks suspiciously similar to the "obsolete" v1 map that so many people had so much trouble with that the Board abandoned it and created v3 and v4 to replace it and v2.**

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Summary Date: November 4, 2021

Name: **Gary Ault**

Gary lives just outside of Homer and spoke in opposition of redistricting the Kenai Peninsula with Kodiak. It is not an economically smart decision because the East End/Homer/Fritz Creek communities are "one big family" as they all work together, attend school together, etc. Gary does not believe that "political statures" are not a good reason to redistrict these communities.

The Kenai Peninsula is home to 1 million people every summer and home to 1/2 million people year round as others from outside of the peninsula also like to visit. The proposed redistricting plan will hurt the community and split the state "wide open" if political views are more important than the daily life of residents.

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/30/21 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/5/2021

Name: **Jim Ayers**

**Jim Ayers noted that the community functions very well. He has discussed how their community is naturally meeting the fair balance and non-partisan ways. It functions out the road (Auke Bay, Mendenhall Valley) in a way that flows together. Board Map v.3 brings divisiveness. The board has said they corrected concerns that were raised at the Centennial Hall meeting on the line being drawn that would pit elected representatives against each other. Jim wanted to ensure this error was corrected, and it was clarified by Board Member Borrromeo that this was corrected and the board does not have knowledge of where incumbents live and it was not their intention to gerrymander. Jim stated that the state suffers from the severe intrusion to plug divisiveness. The focus on socio-economic and deviation balance are both important and imperative that the board considers whether their actions make further strife and divisiveness in the state. Jim urged the board not to fall into this political behavior. If there is a reason or motivation of some to change the elected officials, then a candidate should be found and redistricting should not be used to pursue political goals. He urged the board to consider and support the Doyon Coalition map, AFFR map, and Senate Minority Caucus maps.**

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**Cordova 11/1/21 Verbal Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/4/2021

Name: **Jeff Bailey**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Jeff Bailey is a 40+ year resident in Cordova and has seen Cordova being passed around to many districts that needed more population without fair representation. Jeff understands that the board is searching for populations to fill others. His contention is that there are two neighborhoods in Spenard that have had more representation than Cordova. Their connection with coastal communities is strong. Southeast Alaska is too far away. Native groups are culturally different. There may be fishery resources and ferry issues shared, but the Gulf of Alaska is a huge barrier in being able to share resources there. It is a good point to bring up that the commercial fishing has come up this year having the third highest amount the state has ever seen. When the fish are being delivered, some go to Cordova, Seward, Kodiak, Valdez, and Whittier. Valdez is a large seafood producer now. Silver Bay is well over a 2-million pound capacity and Peter Pan's production has also grown. Their connection with the PWS communities and the fisheries is where Cordova should stay. Whittier should be districted with Cordova as they travel through Whittier, their ferry system is through Whittier, and much of their seafood goes through Whittier. Cordova does dispatch for Whittier and Girdwood. His perfect map would be a Kodiak/PWS district where Seward, Whittier, Valdez, and Kodiak are one. The road to the interior is getting shorter, not longer. It used to go up to Mile 54, now it goes up to Mile 32.

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**From:** Timbi Barron <automated@akredistrict.org>  
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Last Name: **Barron**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

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Your ZIP Code: **99508**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Support of Nicole Borrromeo's map**

Public Comment: **The proposed map submitted by Bethany Marcum does a grave disservice to the residents of East Anchorage. Bethany's map is very similar to her hugely unpopular V1 map and ignores virtually all public input. It is unreasonable to combine East Anchorage with Eagle River: Eagle River has been trying to "exit" the MOA for years. Placing Muldoon into a South Anchorage district makes absolutely no sense either. East Anchorage is culturally and socio-economically diverse and has no commonality with South Anchorage or Eagle River. This mapping will only make it more difficult for East Anchorage residents to vote and will not provide adequate representation for this area. I wholeheartedly support Nicole Borrromeo's map that is much more supportive of the needs of East Anchorage. I urge you to dismiss the map put forth by Bethany Marcum.**

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Name: **Domnica Basargin**

**Domnica Basargin is an East End Road resident and spoke in favor of her community being districted with Homer. Her community would also likely feel the same way as everything they do is in Homer.**

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**Name: Drasida Basargin**

**Drasida lives out East End Road, 25 miles from Homer. Drasida spoke against redistricting her community to Kodiak as she shops, attends school, and does business in Homer. Drasida asked the board to consider keeping her community in District 31.**

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Name: **Val Basargin**

**Val Basargin spoke in opposition of removing the East End Road community from the Homer district as Homer is the central location for her to shop, fish, vote, and go to school. She is confused why this plan is being proposed. There is no road access to Kodiak.**

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Summary Date: 11/5/2021

Name: Tom Begich

Affiliation: Senate Minority Caucus

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Senate Minority Caucus began mapping with a blank slate, taking into account known socio-economic entities and the Alaska Constitution requirements. The map was then adjusted to meet low deviations and to meet the federal "one person, one vote" standard, a process that is referred to as the Hickel process. At the time that the map was presented, the board expressed concern about the placement of Cordova and what they numbered as District 6, the large interior district, and the placement of Galena and McGrath in a district that included Nome. They affirm that these were difficult decisions and their argument was that these placements would be acceptable due to low deviations that are acceptable within the Alaska courts. They cited prior decisions to support this. They've listened to testimony and have adjusted their starting point map to reflect the testimony while keeping constitutional premises aligned. In doing so, they've communicated with other third party groups to understand the rationale behind their decisions, and with other political parties and looked at extensive public testimony. What they know is that no map will satisfy everyone, so difficult decisions will need to be made.

Today, the Senate Minority Caucus submits an updated map for consideration. They are not asking the board to post them, they want it to be for the board's deliberation. These maps, they hope, will give the board options they need to address concerns described by the public. All maps place Cordova with the southeast and divides southeast districts into 4 overpopulated districts by no more than 2.52 percent, which is the overall overpopulation in District 35 (an islands district). The overall deviation goes from 1.89 percent over to 2.82 percent over. This is on the record for consideration by the board as one option. There is an additional option that will not be submitted unless requested by the board and staff; the map places Cordova with Valdez and create an extensive eastern district. There would be a second district using the western part of the interior into the Dillingham area. The maps submitted today set the hard Doyon border, using the Doyon regions to the west and the south. If Cordova is not in southeast, then regardless of where it is placed, that Doyon boundary must shift eastward. There is no other way to draw a constitutional map. That being said, in doing this hard boundary, the excess population is absorbed that would have been needed from Cordova and thus becomes part of the interior map.

The maps also addresses two other key issues heard in formal and informal discussions. They slightly reform the 2 city Fairbanks boundaries using the east city boundary and seeks the excess population from the 2nd Fairbanks city district from the west. It firms up the eastside boundary consistent with testimony heard. The maps fairly allocate the excess population into the Doyon-based district and fully addresses equivalent populations due for Mat-Su and Anchorage. They also allocate the Kenai overpopulation to 20% though between 2 additional districts, taking care of the issue of how to allocate the Anchorage 12% that is necessary and also ensures the Kodiak-based district has enough population to not be over or underrepresented. This is consistent with a finding in the Kenai Peninsula



v. State and Hickel v. Southeast Conference where all excess population should go into another district in order to maximize fair representation of the excess group. Both of the board's concerns of the initial maps having Cordova added into an extensive interior district and the Galena, Ruby and McGrath communities being excluded with the Doyon district have been addressed in the updated map.

Anchorage, Fairbanks, and some Mat-Su districts have been cleaned up to be more compact. Combination 1 creates a more complete Doyon district based on the testimony of Doyon and others, puts Valdez in a Kodiak district, makes Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Mat-Su more compact, and adjusts the 4 western rule districts to balance the population.

Another option: Seward was put in with a Kodiak-based district and moves Seldovia and Valdez into the Kenai borough districts. This was done to show that there are other options, but they always bring you to the same place: You have to take 2 cuts to the Kenai borough to accommodate a large interior district Third option: The original map is changed by moving a population from the Delta Junction area into the Mat-Su borough district and taking the Denali Borough and moving that into the Doyon area. Shifts a population of about 1,600 or 1,700.

All the maps come in at 6.77% overall deviation, well under the 10% threshold. At least 4 districts contain a majority of Alaska Natives and 2 others would have fallen under the threshold of Native influence. At least 15 of the house districts would have a majority, minority, or an over 45% minority population; these should be considered in how maps are developed. They are not looking to replace the maps that are submitted, but would like to provide options to the board. Constitutional issues should be avoided so all Alaskans can have faith in the reapportionment process.

Tom referenced the 2001 redistricting cases regarding deviations. The caucus had built maps based on community council boundaries in Anchorage. They used the whole plus 5 percent and minus 5 percent deviations in creating that map. The court specifically identified that that was unconstitutional and that was a new rendition or new interpretation of the court at the time that since has been reaffirmed by the courts. Since then, they remanded the map back to the board to redraw and the maps were redrawn to have a deviation of only 1.35 percent and the court accepted it and stated this: "Newly available technological advances will often make it practicable to achieve deviations substantially below the 10% federal threshold, particularly in urban areas. " They did not specifically identify Anchorage at that point. "Accordingly, Article 6, Section 6, in many cases will be stricter than the federal threshold. This is post-adjustment of the reapportionment constitutional standard." This means, when it comes to Fairbanks, Mat-Su and Anchorage the board will be held by the court to a very strict standard reflective of at most 1.35 percent deviation that was accepted in the 2001 reapportionment process and reaffirmed in 2011.

What is truly important about this is the board has not "gotten more lax" in its requirements and technology is no where near where it was in 2001 when technological advances were identified, so the board must meet the deviations. The areas in southeast cannot have unnecessary deviations that are significantly plus or minus, when it can be shown on the record that you can create socio-economically integrated districts that clearly are very close in deviations. The Senate Minority Caucus maps do that. They show that you can keep all 4 southeast districts within a fraction of each other in terms of overall population. The maps also allow high deviations, but another map can be drawn to meet all criteria with deviations that are lower than the maps presented by the board.

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**From:** Christopher Behnke <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 6, 2021 8:44 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Goldstream Valley Redistricting Testimony

Hello, I'm writing in as a third Gen Alaskan who has lived in Goldstream for over ten years. Ten years ago Goldstream was inexplicably redistricted out of Fairbanks, and became part of, what, Bethel, and parts of the Aleutians? Wasn't Lyman Hoffman from Bethel suddenly our senator? It seems unusual, since Goldstream is essentially where all the folks from the university live. If you think otherwise, you might be engaging in Gerrymandering.

I learned yesterday that the redistributing board is trying to draw a jigsaw around the university and goldstream and join Ivory Jacks, Murphy Dome, Moose mountain area— and join them into the same district as Tok and Delta Junction. For some weird reason, Salcha and Eilson are excluded from this convoluted redistricting effort.

This is clearly obvious effort to dilute the progressive trends of the goldstream area, hopefully reducing representation of the voters in that area by mixing them with other, far less progressive regions. This is Gerrymandering— this is Voter Fraud.

The Alaska Constitution is clear in its requirements, that “each house district shall be formed of contiguous and compact territory containing as nearly as practicable a relatively socio-economic area”

Chopping off goldstream and joining it to Tok makes as much sense as chopping out Juneau and joining it to Wasilla. Tok and Goldstream are 1) not relatively contiguous 2) not compact 3)are socio-economically entirely distinct and unlike each other.

However— Salcha, Eilson and other places have much in common with Delta Junction and Tok— And are geographically contiguous and relatively compact!

This smacks of Gerrymandering, and feels like the redistricting board is trying its damndest to gerrymander Alaskas “liberal” “university types” out of representation by blending them with more conservative rural areas in utter violation of the Alaska constitution and in defiance of common sense and moral decency.

Sincerely, Christopher Behnke, Goldstream Valley Resident.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Nathan Belz <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 4, 2021 11:37 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** RE: Redistricting Plan Testimony for 11/5

To whom it may concern:

My name is Nathan Belz and I reside at 1618 Sunlight Dr. Fairbanks and self-identifying as a resident of the Goldstream Valley. Please let this email serve as public testimony in opposition of redistricting the Goldstream Valley area, to include those points north and west of the University (UAF) such as Jones Road, Spinach Creek Road, Photon Road, Keystone Road, Frenchman Road (among many others). Those of us in The Valley have strong connections to College and UAF and therefore speak on behalf of that area as well as the area in which we reside. We are part of the University and Fairbanks communities and are markedly different from the interior rural villages, like Tok and Delta. If you need to populate that (Tok and Delta) area for the purposes of redistricting, I encourage you to use Salcha, Eielson, and Harding Lake if for no other reason than spatial continuity (and decent common sense).

Regards,  
Nathan Belz  
Concerned Citizen  
Local Business Owner  
Teacher

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**From:** Teal Rogers <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 8:36 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Redistricting Plan Testimony for 11/5

To whom it may concern:

My name is Teal Belz and I reside at [REDACTED] Fairbanks and self-identifying as a resident of the Goldstream Valley. Please let this email serve as public testimony in opposition of redistricting the Goldstream Valley area, to include those points north and west of the University (UAF) such as Jones Road, Spinach Creek Road, Photon Road, Keystone Road, Frenchman Road (among many others). Several of us in the Goldstream Valley have strong connections or work for UAF and therefore speak on behalf of that area as well as the area in which we reside.

The Goldstream Valley is part of the University and Fairbanks communities. We are markedly different from the interior rural communities, like Tok and Delta.

Thank you for listening,  
Teal Belz (Rogers)  
Fairbanks, Alaska

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**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

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/20/2021 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: November 3, 2021

Name: **Laurie Benson**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **District 31**

**Laurie spoke in opposition of the proposed plan(s) that remove Fritz Creek and Fox River out of the Homer district. These areas are economically and socially tied to Homer and are a part of the Homer community. These communities should have the same representation as the Homer community.**

**Laurie would like to see Seward added back into their district as it once was because Seward is very similar to Homer by being a waterfront community with fishing and tourism. It is more similar to Homer than Kasilof or the south end of Soldotna, which are not tied to Homer in any way and don't have similar industries or relationships with the water.**

**Laurie would like to see some of the northern part of Kasilof removed from the district as well.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Cordova 11/1/21 Verbal Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/4/2021

Name: **Nancy Bird**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

**Nancy is in favor of Cordova remaining coastal. Being in the interior was "nightmare-ish" as there were no socio-economic ties with the Delta Junction and Tok. Even though the newly proposed maps do not propose this type of connection, Cordova would not share much in common with the villages. Nancy did like when Valdez has been excluded from Cordova. Nancy likes being with Kodiak as this has been a good fit. Nancy is concerned about the Anchorage districts where 3 democrats have been placed into the same district in both Board Maps v.3 and v.4. There are other seemingly gerrymandering issues in Fairbanks and Juneau. Nancy is concerned about the direction that is being taken. There are some growing ties with some in the Copper River area, but there are not many socio-economic connections overall.**

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**From:** Doug Bishop <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 4, 2021 9:52 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 4, 2021, 9:52 pm

First Name: **Doug**

Last Name: **Bishop**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99709**

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

Public Comment: **The Fairbanks area redistricting in this plan appears to provide reasonably good representation.**



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**From:** Louise Bishop [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 10:29 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Public Comment

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to oppose several things, foremost the proposal to redistrict Goldstream to be included in District 36 along with Delta, Tok and other rural interior communities that was tweeted yesterday. Goldstream is a community of Fairbanks, almost all of us work in Fairbanks and we are a large part of the Fairbanks community, especially the university. Separating us and placing the community within a district that we do not have community ties to and that in most cases votes much differently is obvious gerrymandering. This violates Alaska's constitution, Article VI section 6. Second, North Pole is a distinct community from Fairbanks with it's own city center and should not stretch into Fairbanks. Again, this looks like a ploy to dilute distinct communities from voting for their values. Third, the lack of transparency for this meeting by not publishing maps a reasonable amount of time before the comment period is upsetting and makes it extremely difficult for citizens to participate. I hope that you all decide to do the right thing and create actually representative districts, rather than diluting people's values by separating them into communities they aren't a part of.

Thanks,  
Louise Bishop  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** dbonito@alaska.net  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 4:33 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Opposition to Combining East Anchorage with Eagle River

To Whom it May Concern:

I am an East Anchorage resident and small business owner. I object to combining East Anchorage with Eagle River into one House District. The communities have unique infrastructure needs and very different demographics.

Thank you,

Deborah Bonito

6447 Colgate Drive

Anchorage, AK 99504

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/30/21 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/5/2021

Name: **Laura Bonner**

**Laura spoke in favor of fair representation and the AFFR plan, especially for Anchorage, ensures that all neighborhoods are equally represented with a deviation of 0.35% with no district having more than 36 people from the ideal number. This map is the only map that takes into account the diverse communities of East Anchorage, Fairview, Mountain View, and Downtown Anchorage. These areas feed into the most diverse schools in Alaska and should not be grouped with JBER which would ineffectively dilute and silence the voices of the most diverse communities. Board Maps v.3 and v.4 groups the JBER populations together as a whole, but also includes parts of Mountain View and Downtown. In the AFFR plan, the community council lines are respected as much as possible which is important for the socio-economics and cultures of these districts. Senators, representatives, and staff attend the community council meetings to stay in touch with the communities that they represent. The AFFR map has Chugiak and Eagle River forming its own senate district. Board Maps v.3 and v.4 groups parts of Chugiak and Eagle River with Anchorage; these are distinctly different areas culturally and socio-economically. There is also a well-organized effort called "Eagle Exit" to leave the Municipality of Anchorage and form its own bureau. This is another reason Eagle River/Chugiak should have its own senate district, so the AFFR plan is the best plan for fair representation in Alaska.**

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**From:** Cecilia Borries-Strigle [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 1:52 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony for AFFR Redistricting Map

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in my support of the redistricting map proposed by AFFR.

I am a Kenai resident. Kenai is the economic hub for the communities along the Kenai Spur Highway like Salamatof and Nikiski. The AFFR map is the only one that keeps these communities in the same district. It does not make sense for these communities to be in the same district as communities like Moose Pass or Anchorage. Furthermore, as Soldotna is the economic hub for the communities along the Sterling Highway, Kenai and Soldotna should be in separate districts as well. Again, the AFFR map is the only map that does this.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Cecilia Borries-Strigle

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**From:** Anna Bosin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 4, 2021 10:01 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Cc:** Rep. Zack Fields; sen.tom.begich@akleg.gov  
**Subject:** Testimony on proposed redistricting maps

I am providing my written testimony regarding redistricting for Anchorage. I support Nicole's map because it appears more compact, respects individual neighborhood boundaries, and does not split up East Anchorage between Eagle River and South Anchorage.

I strongly **object** to Bethany Marcum's proposed map for the following reasons:

This map would put East Anchorage/ Muldoon into Eagle River - overwhelming testimony from both East Anchorage and Eagle River opposed this concept. Eagle River is Socio-economically distinct from East Anchorage and is a bedroom community - in fact they have a current Eagle Exit movement to separate themselves from the Municipality! If Eagle River is joined with East Anchorage, then I expect the voting location to solely be located in East Anchorage and therefore force Eagle River residents drive to East Anchorage to vote!

Marcum's map also puts part of East Anchorage, around the Muldoon curve, into a South Anchorage district. You have to drive through four other districts to get to the rest of this proposed district! This is THE OPPOSITE OF COMPACT! East Anchorage is socio-economically distinct from South Anchorage. There is no bus route that would take residents directly from Muldoon to the center of the South Anchorage district and their votes would be disenfranchised.

The remainder of East Anchorage is placed with JBER in an odd, long, diagonally shaped district. This part of East Anchorage is one of the most racially diverse areas in the country and diluting minority voices in this manner may run afoul of the Voting Rights Act. The map does not respect the diverse communities in east Anchorage & mountain view.

The slicing and dicing of East Anchorage represents an egregious gerrymander and reduces the voice of East Anchorage residents to reduce their representation.

-Anna Bosin  
Anchorage resident  
99501

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

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**From:** Aurora Bowers [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 6, 2021 6:57 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Redistricting

Hi there,

I'm writing to express my opposition to redistricting Goldstream out of Fairbanks. As a born and raised Goldstreamer, I can attest that Goldstream is part of the Fairbanks community. This should be obvious, and anyone who would legislate otherwise is obviously not familiar with Goldstream.

Thank you,  
Aurora Bowers

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**From:** Jackie B [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 12:03 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Public Testimony

Chair Binkley and Members of the Board -

I am writing in my capacity as a resident of Eagle River to request that we do not be combined with east Anchorage in this redistricting process. Eagle River is not socioeconomically integrated with east and doesn't pass the "Fred Meyer" test. It would be a disservice to both vastly different areas to combine them into one district. Again, please do not combine Eagle River with east Anchorage.

Thank you,  
Jacquelyn Boyer

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

Hello,

Thank you to the team managing the redistricting work in Alaska. As a Chugiak resident and prior Eagle River resident (and homeowner 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



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

Good morning,

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

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

Thank you,  
Wade Boyle  
99567

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

Dear Redistricting Board,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/20/2021 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/4/2021

Name: **Allen Breittnam**

**Allen lives 14 miles out East End Road and spoke in opposition of removing Fritz Creek from District 31 and redistricting it with Kodiak. This area is socio-economically tied with Homer. Residents also go to school, work, use the harbor and airport in Homer. Russian villages are also tied to Homer. If anything should happen, it would make more sense to have Seward added to the district as they are also a waterfront community. Drop Kasilof north to gain Seward as the area is not socio-economically tied to Homer.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Skagway 10/27/21 Verbal Testimony**

**Summary Date: 11/5/2021**

**Name: Jamie Bricker**

**Jamie echoed the testimonies of Mayor Cremata and Assemblymember Deborah Potter. The socio-economic connection between Skagway and Downtown Juneau is strong and important. Jamie would like to see Skagway remain connected to Downtown Juneau and other areas that are similar in size, location, and issues.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/30/21 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/5/2021

Name: **Kary Brinson**

**Kary Brinson spoke in opposition of Board Map v.3 and Board Map v.4 as it separates Fritz Creek from the Homer area; this makes no sense. She wants to ensure that her opposition was voiced as she knows that her community members also feel the same way. Kary does not understand the Doyon Coalition map. The Senate Minority Caucus and the AFFR's proposed Kenai Peninsula maps look logical. The AFFR map does not make logical sense.**

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**From:** Robert Brodie <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 11:26 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 5, 2021, 11:25 am

First Name: **Robert**

Last Name: **Brodie**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **self, former 2010 redistricting board member**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99615**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Doyon district 5c**

Public Comment: **I want thank the board for coming to Kodiak and sharing the 6 plans. I appreciate the time they took to explain the process and resulting plans for consideration.**

**I realize the change in Alaska's population there must be some changes made to reflect a fair distribution of residents. Kodiak's current district stretches from Kodiak Island to Seldovia, Tatitlik, Cordova & Yakutat. All rural communities with fishing interests.**

**Of the 6 plans I lean towards the AFFR and Doyon plans.**

**AFFR has Kodiak paired with Lake & Peninsula Borough, Whittier & Seward, small communities with fishing interests.**

**Doyon has Kodiak paired with Seward**

**the other 4 plans have Kodiak encroaching in to the Homer east end urban area or being paired with Valdez an the oil industry. I don't think these urban & oil focused communities are a good match with Kodiak.**

**thank you for your time and efforts.**

**I well remember the hours, sweat and effort our board put in 10 years ago and commensurate with your position. I know you will do your best to present a fair and balanced plan for the next 10 years of Alaska's future.**

**Respectfully,**

**Bob Brodie**

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**From:** Janis Bronson <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 11:19 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 5, 2021, 11:18 am

First Name: **Janis**

Last Name: **Bronson**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99517**

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

Public Comment: **I oppose the map proposed. by board member Ms Marcum because it would dilute the votes of minority people in East Anchorage. By lumping minority voters together with a larger number of conservative White voters in Eagle River, the perspective and concerns of many East Anchorage voters are likely to be lost. Please do not support Ms Marcus's map. Thank you.**

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**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.**



# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/20/2021 Teleconference Testimony**

**Summary Date: 11/4/2021**

**Name: Malcolm Brown**

**Malcolm is against redistricting District 31 to the Kodiak district. If the district needs more people, Malcom recommended adding Seward to the district due to similar economies through the waterfront activities and dropping Kasilof northern area. There are multiple reasons to maintain the social, cultural, and economic connectivity between District 31 and Fox River residents.**

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**From:** Barbara Brulotte [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 12:17 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** East Anchorage / Eagle River Redistricting

Hello,

I am an East Anchorage resident, and I would like to voice my opposition to the combining of East Anchorage and Eagle River.

I support Nicole's map as it is more compact and does not split East Anchorage up into Eagle River and South Anchorage. This map shows more respect for residential boundaries.

Thank you,

Barbara J. Brulotte  
[REDACTED],  
Anchorage, AK 99504  
[REDACTED]

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/30/21 Verbal Testimony**

Date: November 4, 2021, 8:57 pm

**Name: Christina Buffington**

**Christina Buffington spoke in favor of the Doyon Coalition map and some aspects of Senate Minority Caucus map. She does not support Board Map v.3 in the Greater Fairbanks area, which in the Doyon Coalition map is shown in a donut shape. Christina appreciates the differences respected in Fairbanks, North Pole, Salcha, and Eielson. It also integrates tribal communities in the surrounding area. The Senate Minority map keeps communities together with consideration for socio-economic needs although she has not reviewed that map beyond the Greater Fairbanks area.**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 8:28 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** redistricting concerns

As a concerned MatSu borough resident I would strongly encourage you to consider the following with regard of redistricting.

**Wherever possible the final map should ensure that populations are fairly distributed.** This means that packing residents, as the Board's map version 3 does in Fairbanks, is not a good idea, leads to high deviations that are unnecessary, and is unfair.

1. **Wherever possible, MatSu should have at least five full house districts and then only break the Borough boundary to add population to get its sixth district.** That should be to the east of the Borough or the north of the borough. MatSu has been combined with Anchorage before, but now they each have enough population that they need to add persons. The most effective way to address that appears to not draw population from each other - robbing Peter to pay Paul - but rather to draw from the North and East for the MatSu, and south to Kenai for Anchorage (as Kenai has about 20% extra to give and these folks should have the full impact of their vote honored).
2. **Please keep deviations low.** We recognize a final map will likely have an overall deviation in the 7% range, but in the organized Boroughs that have multiple House seats these deviations can be kept to a minimum and should be. AFFR and Senate Minority Caucus maps do this.
3. **Doyon map is not bad**, but breaks Anchorage and MatSu

Thank you for your consideration,  
Monika Bujotzek

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**From:** Erika Burr [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 6:04 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Fairbanks area districting

To the redistributing committee;

I am writing in opposition to combining the Goldstream Valley with Tok, Delta and the Richardson hwy.

Goldstream is part of the Fairbanks University community and the north and west. It does not belong in the same district as the interior rural villages or Tok and Delta. The board could more reasonably use Salcha, Eielson and Harding lake to populate with Tok.

Thank you for taking the time and energy to hear our concerns and work to make sensible and fair districting plans.

Erika Burr  
[REDACTED]  
West Fairbanks

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**From:** John Burr <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 5:18 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Goldstream belongs with University district

5:14 PM (1 minute)

**John Burr** [REDACTED]

to Testimony



Alaska Redistricting Board,

Goldstream should NOT be included with the interior rural villages and Tok and Delta. Goldstream is part of the University community and the north and west.

The board should use Salcha, Eielson, and Harding Lake to populate with Tok.

Thank You.

John Burr

[REDACTED]

Fairbanks

[REDACTED]

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/30/21 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/4/2021

**Name: Frana Burtness-Adams**

**Frana spoke against Board Map v.3 because of the following reasons: 1) It is a gerrymandered map put forth by a former Republican legislator whose party will benefit at the expense of the community and its values. 2) It overpopulates each Fairbanks district resulting in votes to be counted less than the voters in Kenai, Anchorage, or Mat-Su. 3) It divides Fairbanks into north and south areas, which is the opposite of the natural, cultural, social, and political orientation that follows the Chena east to west. 4) It puts parts of North Pole and parts of Fairbanks together into the same district; this is an injustice to the community of North Pole that has its own distinctive community. Frana asked the board to not adopt Board Map v.3 as it does serve the best interests of the community. Frana spoke in favor of Board Map v.4 and the AFFR map because they both keep Fairbanks and North Pole separate, does not overpopulate districts, adheres to the lines of Fairbanks, ensures that the community has appropriate representation for the next 10 years.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/20/2021 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: November 3, 2021

**Name: Barbara Buzzelli-Ault**

**Barbara is a Fritz Creek resident who spoke in opposition of Fritz Creek being redistricted with Kodiak. She has been self-employed on the Homer Spit for close to 40 years and actively uses the harbor. East End residents work, attend school, etc. in Homer. She does not feel that redistricting should happen with Kodiak where it is 125 miles away via water. They will not get accurate representation from Kodiak. Also, Kodiak does not receive snowfall like Fritz Creek residents do. Additionally, there are close ties of the Russian villages to Nikolaevich. If redistricting needs to happen, Seward should be added to the Homer district as it once was as they are a waterfront community with tourism and fishing. Kodiak is more based on hunting, not waterfront activities.**



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**From:** Amanda Byrd [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 7:07 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** No to Goldstream gerrymander

Dear Redistricting Board,

I am opposed to the gerrymandering of political boundaries for the benefit of the current party.

Please keep Goldstream area in its current boundary as it is intimately tied socioeconomically to the university and Fairbanks. Please keep that boundary as it is so simple and smart.

Please use instead Harding Lake, Salcha and Richardson Highway. Those communities are more similar to the Tok socioeconomic area.

Thank you so much for the hard work you do.

Kind regards

Amanda Byrd.

[REDACTED]  
Fairbanks 99709  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Alexis Bystedt <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 8:45 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Goldstream Redistrict Issues

Goldstream is part of the University community. Lumping our University community in with more rural areas does not make sense, do not do this.

Thank you for your time,

Alexis Bystedt



CALISTA CORPORATION  
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November 5, 2021

Dear Directors of the Alaska Redistricting Board,

Thank you for your public service and diligent, intense work in this compressed redistricting period. Calista supports the AFFER map 2.7.4.1. Its overall deviation of 3.08 is low to ensure one person one vote. District 37 deviation is -1.08% and AFFER District 38 deviation is -0.35% which are excellent numbers appropriately reflecting the improved technology available in this 2021 redistricting process; the first time the Alaska Redistricting Board provided public access to mapping software. In addition to protecting the voting rights of the Alaskans who live in the Yukon Kuskokwim Region, the AFFER map 2.7.4.1 also follows the *Hickel* process and appropriately balances the legal requirements.

This map is largely consistent with prior socioeconomic integration supported by Alaska legal precedent: 2013 Proclamation map approved by Alaska Superior Court had Calista Region in three districts: 37, 38, 39. 37, 38, and 39 also incorporated regions from Bering Straits Native Corporation, Bristol Bay Native Corporation, and Doyon. This map adds Buckling and Deering from the NANA Region into 39. In the 2001 map the Seward Peninsula Village of Shishmaref was placed in D 40 to decrease D 40 excessive negative deviation. In the 2020 US Census, the Northwest Arctic and North Slope Boroughs are 2.7% above ideal district population. We propose Buckland and Deering shift to District 39; otherwise District 40's overpopulation would impermissibly dilute the voting power of District 40 residents. Since D 39 and D 40 share State Senator T, the Buckland and Deering voters will vote with all Northwest Arctic voters in the Senate T elections.

The Calista Region population grew. The Calista Region's population in the Bethel and Kusilvak Census Areas is 27,034, resulting in 1.474 Alaska State House Districts and .737 Alaska Senate Districts. To protect the voting strength of the Yukon Kuskokwim residents, the districts must shift. Alaska courts have affirmed having the Calista Region's population in 2 or 3 districts (District 37, 38 and 39). However, Calista Senate representation has been diluted for decades by splitting the House districts with the largest Calista Region population into separate Senate Districts. In 2011, the Alaska Supreme Court in *Riley* found City of Fairbanks Senate representation must not be split into two Senate Districts. This is analogous to Calista as ANCSA Regional Corporation boundaries are similar to a local-government boundary and also suggest socio-economic integration.

To ensure that Calista voters have their legal right to one person one vote, some Calista population appropriately shifted to District 37; this increases Calista representation in Senate District S. The Southern Villages of the Lower Kuskokwim School District are assigned to AFFER District 37. While the Calista Region grew, the combined populations of Lake & Peninsula Borough, Bristol Bay Borough, Aleutians East Borough, Aleutians West Census Area and Dillingham Census Area from 2010 Census to 2020 Census decreased by 348 people. Therefore, Alaska's Southwestern District must add population. The 2013 District 37 included eight Doyon villages and Doyon could be looked to for adding the necessary population.

Hooper Bay requested to be included in the Bethel District for socio-economic integration purposes. Accordingly, the Villages of Hooper Bay, Scammon Bay and Chevak---three linked coastal Villages--moved from D 39 to D 38. To reduce the 2020 Census excess population in D 38, the Southwestern Calista villages of Kwigillingok, Kongiganak, Quinhagak, Goodnews Bay, and Platinum are assigned to D 37. Calista Kuskokwim River villages form the northern boundary of D 37. These five Calista villages allow the Doyon Yukon River and Upper Kuskokwim River villages previously in District 37 to return to the Interior. The addition of Calista Villages reduces the D 37 length by more than a hundred twenty miles from the 2013 Proclamation Map. The width of the district increases by seventy-five miles. The resulting AFFER D 37 becomes more compact and more socioeconomically integrated.

The compactness of D 38 is not measurably changed. One person one vote is upheld with the low deviations: District 37 deviation is -1.08% and AFFER District 38 deviation is -0.35%. This Calista Village reassignment ensures that Doyon Villages remain in the Interior and does not pull them into AFFER Districts 37 or 38. Furthermore, the Kenai Borough breach for Coalition District 37 population disappears. Since AFFER District 40 does not require any Doyon Villages, the 2021 AFFER Map has all the Doyon Villages in Districts 5 and 39.

Both Calista and Doyon have Villages in AFFER District 39. The 2021 AFFER Map Is the best legally defensible compromise for the 2020 Census Data appropriately balancing one person one vote, compactness, contiguity, socioeconomic integration, and following geographical features as Districts 37-38 largely follow river drainages for example.

Thank you,

CALISTA CORPORATION



Andrew Guy  
President/CEO

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**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

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**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*

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# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Cordova 11/1/21 Verbal Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/4/2021

Name: **Kristin Carpenter**

Affiliation: **PWS Economic Dev. District (Executive Director) but speaking on behalf of self**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

**Kristin is in favor of keeping Cordova in a district that includes as many Prince William Sound (PWS) communities as possible. Cordova has a maritime economy which is something they have in common with Kodiak. Although there is a connection by the Copper River up to the interior, regarding transportation, there will always have a tension between discussing the ferry system and surface road issues; these two do not align well. Harbor infrastructure is also a big issue for all coastal communities. PWS and Cordova also has the following in common: - Ferry system - Schools and teams play in the same leagues - Tourism, shares same tourist traffic Cordova prefers to be in a district with Kodiak, then southeast, then the interior. There is a map that has Fox River north of Homer (a few hundred people) that were looped into District 5-C, yet Whittier was lumped in with Anchorage with only 287 people. Why not include Whittier with other PWS communities?**

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**From:** Jackie Cason <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 2:29 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 5, 2021, 2:28 pm

First Name: **Jackie**

Last Name: **Cason**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99517**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Community coherence vs gerrymandering**

Public Comment: **I would like to support the version 4 map.**



# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/30/21 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/4/2021

Name: **Alison Casort**

**Having grown up in Fairbanks and North Pole, Alison can testify confidently that both areas are two distinct communities that should not be districted as one. Board Map v.3 puts a large portion of North Pole, including urban Fairbanks into a district, and this does not feel representative of either place. It also overpopulates every Fairbanks district without following borough boundaries. She does not see a reason to draw the district along these lines at the expense of accurate Fairbanks representation particularly when borough boundaries are not followed in other areas of the state such as Anchorage and Kenai. Fairbanks has always been oriented along the Chena River from east to west. Board Map v.4 and AFFR map both follow this orientation, but Board Map v.3 divides the community in a north to south orientation. As a current UAF student, she hopes for the West University of Fairbanks communities (Goldstream, Fox, Ester, Chena Ridge) together which only the AFFR map does currently. This should be a guiding principal for how the West Fairbanks area is represented.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/30/21 Teleconference Testimony**

**Summary Date: 11/4/2021**

**Name: Kasey Casort**

**Kasey Casort grew up in Fairbanks and North Pole and knows with confidence that they are fully distinct communities that should not be included in one district. Board Map v.3 puts a large part of North Pole in one district, including urban Fairbanks, but it does not feel representative of either place. Fairbanks has always been oriented along the Chena River on an east to west direction. Board Map v.4 and and AFFR maps both retain this orientation. Board Map v.3 divides the community against the grain along a north-south orientation and divides the community in an unnatural way. Board Map v.3 also overpopulates every Fairbanks district and there is no reason to redistrict along the district lines of the borough boundaries at the expense of unfair representation. Whatever map the board develops will hopefully have fair representation. Please keep the West Fairbanks University communities together, which only the AFFR map does currently. These communities consist of students, staff, and professors. UAF is an important part of Fairbanks and it should be a guiding principle for how West Fairbanks is represented altogether.**

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**From:** Kasey Casort [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 1:18 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Please do not separate Goldstream from Fairbanks

Hello,

I just provided the following testimony verbally, but I wanted to send it in writing for the record.

Hello, my name is Kasey Casort, and I am a lifelong resident of Fairbanks.

I want to say for the record that I am **extremely frustrated with this process** and how challenging it was to make public comment today. **There still isn't a map of Fairbanks available that we're supposed to be commenting on today--** I only know about the proposed changes because I've seen photos on social media. Plus, we still haven't heard anything about Senate pairings, which is something I would like to testify on. Today I was on the line from 8:55AM until I finally got to testify at 1:12PM. I know of at least a few other people who were on line to testify this morning but who have had to hang up since they simply couldn't be online for 4+ hours waiting to testify at some unknown time, on maps we haven't been able to see yet.

My actual reason for calling, though, is that I've testified twice before the Redistricting Board, and was maybe naively hopeful that my testimony, along with dozens of others who I heard sharing similar feelings about the value of keeping Goldstream with its neighbors in Ester, Chena Pump, Chena Ridge, and the University of Alaska Fairbanks, would be reflected in the final map. I'm quite dismayed to see now that in order to make Fairbanks fairly represented and not overpopulated, the board is pulling Goldstream out of Fairbanks and into a district with rural Interior Alaska, which is really not representative of either area. I've read that in previous redistricting cycles another map tried to pull Goldstream into a district that went all the way to the coast, and this was ruled unconstitutional because it's not compact or keeping similar communities together.

I grew up mostly in the Chena Pump area, but my family moved to Goldstream for a few years while I was in middle and high school. When we lived in Goldstream, nothing functionally changed for us except that the drive to school was longer and I rode a different bus route home. My family still shopped at the west fred meyers, still used the Borough transfer sites, and still regularly attended events on the UAF campus. I can't think of a more cohesive part of Fairbanks than Goldstream, Ester, and Chena Pump and Chena Ridge, and it really doesn't make sense to me to split Goldstream as a way to stop overpopulating Fairbanks. Instead, I'd like to see population pulled from southeast rather than the northwest, since I think there's more similarities with the more rural area to the southeast than to the north, which I believe is already done in board map version 4.

I also want to mention again that Fairbanks and North Pole are distinct places and the North Pole district should not go all the way into Fairbanks.

Thanks for the opportunity to testify today.

Sincerely,  
Kasey Casort  
Fairbanks, AK

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**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

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**From:** Matt Casort [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 9:18 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Redistricting Testimony 11/5

Hello there,

I would like to add my testimony to the record regarding the current redistricting process and it's affect on Interior Alaska. I have previously written a letter to the editor, published in the Daily News-Miner, in which I described the board's effort to change the current voting districts.

As a former resident of North Pole, I know that North Pole has a separate culture and identity from Fairbanks. While there are many similarities, each community deserves their own representation. The current plan combines much of North Pole with south Fairbanks, this is a mistake and the two communities need to have their own representatives.

I am a current resident of Two Rivers and the plan to combine Two Rivers with the Goldstream Valley doesn't seem to make much sense. Most of the Goldstream Valley has much more in common with west Fairbanks, Ester, and the University of Alaska than it does with the Two Rivers area. Please consider keeping Goldstream connected to west Fairbanks and keep Two Rivers united with the eastern part of the borough.

Thank you,

Matthew Casort  
[REDACTED]  
Fairbanks, AK 99712  
[REDACTED]

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/30/21 Teleconference Testimony**

**Summary Date: 11/4/2021**

**Name: Stuart Chapin**

**Stuart strongly prefers the AFFR map or Board Map v.4. Board Map v.3 divides Fairbanks up in ways that are not in the best interest of any of the communities involved and has inadequate representation of Fairbanks. Board Map v.3 does not represent the various communities that make up Fairbanks. The communities in Fairbanks differ in east/west directions in parallel to the Tenana River. It is only fair to these communities, who share the same values, service areas, and interests, to be grouped together. The AFFR map would do a better job of achieving these things instead of Board Map v.3.**

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**From:** Su Chon [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 1:24 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Redistricting Maps Public Comment

Hello,

My name is Su Chon, and I'm a lifelong Alaskan who was born and raised in Anchorage. I am writing to express my concern with the V3 board proposed map because it does not follow the constitutional guidelines and they do not allow for fair representation of all voices. I support a map that more closely aligns with the AFFR map which meets the mapping criteria of contiguity, compactness, socio-economic integration, and equal population. It goes a step further to consider federal equal protection requirements as well. Between the considered V.3 and V.4 board maps, V4 more closely follows the constitutional guidelines but could still be improved with equal population and other aspects but it is still better than V3 especially in regards to compactness and socio-economic integration.

I am a part of Anchorage's multi-cultural communities and the board would be remiss to not acknowledge the growing diversity as one of Anchorage's defining socio-economic features. The maximum number of districts should be drawn to allow these diverse neighborhoods to elect their preferred candidate. The parts of Anchorage that are diverse should not be split up in ways that don't make sense socio-economically which takes away the voice and power of these communities. Please do not lump East Anchorage with Eagle River. Having lived in Anchorage my entire life and having worked in those areas, they are two very separate communities.

Finally, I request that the board enable commenting on the final version that the Board draws. This is an extremely complicated process yet a critical factor in shaping Alaska's democracy and it deserves more time and engagement from Alaskans as it will define the political landscape for the next ten years. Please extend the comment period and allow for more Alaskans to engage in this process.

Thank you,  
Su Chon

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**From:** Ron Clarke [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 4, 2021 10:48 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Redistricting

Members of the Redistricting Board:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your task of redrawing Alaska's election districts. Briefly, my main concerns are as follows:

1. **Distribute populations fairly.** Generally, the Board should avoid high deviations, especially if they are unnecessary and unfair, as is the case with map version 3, which packs residents inappropriately.
2. **Give the Matanuska-Susitna region at least five full House districts, without breaking the MatSu Borough boundary, except to add population to create a sixth district.** Further, voters in such a district should come from areas to the east and/or the north of the Borough. For example, as a Chickaloon resident, I have far more in common with Alaskans outside my borough to my east and north than I do with people who live in Anchorage.
3. **Keep deviations low.** Deviations are unavoidable, but in the organized boroughs with multiple House seats, these can and should be kept to a minimum, as is accomplished by the AFFR and Senate Minority Caucus maps.

Sincerely,

Ron Clarke  
Chickaloon, AK



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**From:** Carolyn Clift <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 2:44 PM  
**To:** TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony  
**Subject:** ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: November 5, 2021, 2:43 pm

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): **Best Version 4**

Public Comment: **My husband, Robert E. Clift, and I are both in favor of adopting the newest "best" version 4. We find that the boundaries of our district, currently labeled district 18 in east Anchorage, are very much in keeping with the guidelines. We also find that the neighboing districts are sensibly formed. As a former Senate candidate, I had to drive two hours, round trip, to get to the furthestmost population area in our partner Senate district. None of the neighboring districts have any point that would require that much driving. It will be easy to get around to all residences in our own district.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/30/21 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/4/2021

**Name: Alyssa Clinton**

**Board Map v.3 switches up Fairbanks orientation in an unnatural way and the AFFR map and Board Map v.4 does a better job in representing the natural orientation. Board Map v.3 is most opposed to for the following reasons: When looking at District 31, anyone that lives in Fairbanks knows that you have to go through 2 districts on the map to get to Two Rivers from Farmers Loop. When thinking of what the districts will turn into, they will turn into voting places and determine the representatives. There are completely two different communities in one district and a representative would not be able to accurately represent two distinct communities and this is unfair to Two Rivers. You are asking for people to compete for their needs.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/30/21 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/5/2021

**Name: Christopher Constant**

**Affiliation: Self & Chair of Anchorage Redistricting Committee**

**Testimony on behalf of self: Please consider adopting the AFFR and Senate Minority Caucus maps. The issue that seems clear is that Eagle River should remain intact with 2 house districts and 1 senate district. Anchorage would be better served to take a small population to the south of its districts and Kenai has 3.2 districts and needs to lose a measure whereas the Mat-Su is growing. Eagle River has a distinct social, economic, and political perspective that is different than Anchorage. He would like to address his grave concern that the Gov't Hill neighborhood, where he resides, is drawn in several maps to be represented by Eagle River majority areas where there are no associations. There are strong associations with the joint military base (JBER) as they shop, recreate, and go through their neighborhood to exit and enter downtown. They strongly associate with Mountain View, Downtown, and South Addition residents. It would be a grave injustice to force these communities into a district with other neighborhoods that have opposite beliefs, values, and perspectives on how they live and organize their lives. For example, Eagle River prides themselves on having large bluffs, being in road service areas, and not in the road service district which is most of Anchorage. They are prideful in not being connected to the grid whereas his neighbors are on municipal services such as city water, sewers, and have small contiguous lots. If you look at the lot layout, you can see the rationale for why this part of town should not be gerrymandered in the Eagle River district. Testimony of behalf of Assembly Redistricting Committee: Eagle River is asking for the annexation of Eagle River. They have a unity of demographic and economics that is different from Downtown Anchorage. AFFR map keeps Anchorage intact and does not divide Downtown into Eagle River which makes absolutely no sense.**

# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

## WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: November 7, 2021, 7:41 pm

Name: **Christopher Constant**

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

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

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

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

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

Dear Board Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my written testimony.

First let me thank you for your service. We know this 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

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**From:** Tahnee Conte-Seccareccia <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 4, 2021 11:17 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 4, 2021, 11:16 pm

First Name: **Tahnee**

Last Name: **Conte-Seccareccia**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99517**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Bethany Marcum's Map - Clear Partisan Gerrymandering and Ignores Community Testimony**

Public Comment: **I am writing to state my objection to Bethany Marcum's updated map which remains very similar to her V1 map, and which was largely objected to by citizens, including myself, during hours of public testimony, as well as hundreds of written comments. Her "updated map" continues to blatantly disregard the previous public testimony which objected to how Anchorage was being split up in a clear attempt to gerrymander Anchorage by drawing district lines to unfairly favor the republican and conservative party in future elections.**

**As someone who has lived in West Anchorage and the Spenard area for 23 years, I am appalled at how my wonderfully unique area and those neighborhoods around me (Turnagain, Midtown, Downtown, etc.) have been split up in a way that is so blatantly ignorant to the cultural, socio-economic and geographical distinctness of these long-standing Anchorage communities. Especially following aforementioned comments and testimony provided by community members, residents, and even by the Spenard Community Council and the Turnagain Community Council. The fact parts of Turnagain (which is as West Anchorage as you can get) is combined with the Midtown area says to me that Ms. Marcum is continuing to ignore those who will be most severely and unfairly impacted should the board choose to adopt her map.**

**Ms. Marcum's map would put parts of East Anchorage (the Muldoo n area) with Eagle River - the testimony from both East Anchorage and Eagle River residents overwhelmingly objected to this. Eagle River is so geographically, culturally, and socio-economically distinct from East Anchorage (and the majority of Anchorage) that they are currently attempting to annex themselves from the Municipality of Anchorage in a movement called "Eagle Exit" .**

Her map also puts other parts of Muldoon (i.e., the east Tudor neighborhood) with South Anchorage. This makes absolutely zero sense “ that area is a part of the East Anchorage collective and have more in common with the rest of their Eastside neighbors than those who live in South Anchorage. The two areas are made geographically unique (and separate) by massive swath of uninhabited parkland (i.e., Bicentennial Park and the land owned managed by the United States Bureau of Land Management). East Anchorage is incredibly socio-economically and culturally distinct from South Anchorage “ if you need any more proof, just go to a football game or other sporting event between East or Bartlett High School and South or Service High School.

Another significant problem with Ms. Marcum’s map is combining Downtown and Mountain View together in a single district and completely disregards just how socio-economically, racially, and culturally distinct these two areas are.

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.

I support Nicole's Borromeo's updated map because it appears more compact, respects individual neighborhood boundaries, and does not split up East Anchorage into Eagle River and South Anchorage. It keeps West Anchorage, Midtown, and the Downtown areas in their own unique districts. Lastly, Ms. Borromeo’s map redistricts the rest of Alaska in way that is respectful of each area's unique cultural, socio-economic and geographical distinctness.

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

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

Date: November 8, 2021, 8:53 am

First Name: **Tahnee**

Last Name: **Conte-Seccareccia**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99517-2577**

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

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

**Therefore, I ask that The Spenard district (District 13) should be paired with the Turnagain district (District 12). We work well 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.**

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**From:** Matt Cooper [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 8:48 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Opposition to new interior proposal

Dear Board:

The newest proposal to place Goldstream in a large rural district improperly combines areas with different socioeconomic backgrounds and interests. I think it violates constitutional redistricting principles. Please reconsider.

Sincerely,  
Matt Cooper

[REDACTED]  
Fairbanks, AK 99712

Sent from my iPhone



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**From:** Trista Crass [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 4, 2021 10:04 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Goldstream is Fairbanks

Is this a joke? I can't believe this is really happening-- to put gold stream with toke Delta and the Richardson highway corridor is a crystal clear case of trying to gerrymander progressive votes out of Fairbanks.

I drive 7 miles to get to Fairbanks from my cabin in Goldstream---there is no socioeconomic connection between Tok and Goldstream, Delta and Goldstream or the rest of the Richardson Highway Corridor.

Except through Fairbanks.

Because Goldstream is a neighborhood of Fairbanks, not part of the Richardson Highway.

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Skagway 10/27/21 Verbal Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/5/2021

Name: **Andrew Cremata**

Affiliation: **Mayor of Skagway**

**The opinion of the Assembly, the Mayor's opinion, and the opinion of the Borough Manager are the same: They believe it is in their best interest to remain in the same district as Downtown Juneau. Andrew's personal preference is the Senate Minority Caucus map. Collectively, Skagway prefers the maps that keep them with Downtown Juneau. Their economies are linked as they both deal with tourism directly through the cruise ships. There are also historical buildings with both communities in the districts that are important to their heritage and culture. The most important reason overall is because of the similarity in the economy.**

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**Anchorage 10/27/21 Verbal Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/5/2021

Name: **Rich Curtner**

Affiliation: **Alaska Black Caucus**

Email or Phone Contact: 

**Rich stated that the Alaska Black Caucus has a mission to assert the constitutional rights of African Americans, but they also support the black, indigenous, and people of color communities in urban Alaska. Membership reflects the diversity of urban Alaska and they feel the Voting Rights Act ensures minority groups are not disenfranchised during redistricting. The Alaska Black Caucus supports the proposition that the Voting Rights Act protects multiple minority coalitions in redistricting of voting districts and encourages the board to respect the multiple minority coalition districts to protect the minority representation in a redistricting process. They've reviewed the map submitted by AFFR and this map best protects the rights of minorities.**

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**From:** Jude Czopek [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 9:35 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Redistricting

I have lived in the Goldstream area for 39 years and we are a part of the University community and the North and West! Connecting Goldstream to an area that we have no ties to let alone not connected to is WRONG.

This is NOT socioeconomic for us to be a part of the interior rural villages, Tok, Delta and the Richardson Hwy. We would be driving through the University, through Fairbanks to the Richardson Hwy then past North Pole to Delta & Tok - more than a 3The hour trip - How does that connect us?

The board should use Salchs, Eielson & Harding Lake to populate with Tok which are all on the Richardson Hwy and a part of that area.

The Czopek Family

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**From:** Michael Czopek [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 10:07 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Redistricting

I live in the Goldstream Valley. My address is Fairbanks, Alaska. My address is not North Pole, is not Tok, is not Delta Junction, is not Nenana, is not Manly. My address is Fairbanks, Alaska. I receive my mail in Fairbanks, Alaska. I vote in Fairbanks, Alaska. My children went to school in Fairbanks, Alaska. To include my household, which is in Fairbanks, Alaska, with the other communities and interior villages is a gross injustice as it is an obvious ploy to subvert my vote and controll representation. Citing socioeconomic factors is a cover.

If you would like to discuss this in person, feel free to drop by. I live in FAIRBANKS, ALASKA!!!

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Robert Czopek [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 8:36 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Goldstream Community

The Goldstream area is part of the University community with the north and west, and it is wrong to lump us in with Tok, Delta, and the Richardson highway. Please do not do this to our community. Please find another way!

Sent from my iPhone

# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

## WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: November 5, 2021, 7:17 am

Name: **E.J. David**  
Your ZIP Code: **99504**

Email or Phone Contact: 

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

Public Comment: **Dear Redistricting Board:**

**My name is E.J. David. I am part of the Filipino community. My wife and four children are part of the Alaska Native (Athabascan) community. We live on Muir Court, by the Tudor-Muldoon curve, east of Muldoon road. My children play basketball at Begich Middle School. Their teammates and friends are kids from Black, Samoan, Native Hawaiian, Filipino, Latinx, Alaska Native, or Multiracial families. Our grocery shopping is usually done at the Fred Meyers near Debarr and Muldoon or at Carrs on Muldoon and Northern Lights. Our family visit Baxter Bog, Chanshtnu park, and Mountain View Community Center regularly. We love the restaurants and movie theater in Tikahtnu, and we do most of our shopping (clothes, shoes, household stuff) over there. Kava's on Muldoon road is my and my kids' favorite restaurant. We consider these areas and businesses as important parts of our neighborhood.**

**I feel our neighborhood is very distinct from Chugiak and Eagle River. We do not shop at the same places, go to the same parks, visit the same restaurants. Chugiak and Eagle River have expressed a lot of interest in leaving the Municipality of Anchorage, so why would we include them with East Anchorage? Please do NOT include us in the same district. This is not a socioeconomically integrated pairing.**

**Not to mention these communities are very racially distinct from each other. East Anchorage, particularly my neighborhood, 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 crack our communities up into multiple districts.**

**I also do not feel it is appropriate to put East Anchorage in a district with communities south of Tudor or JBER.**

**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 your time and consideration.**

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**From:** John Davies [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 4, 2021 10:29 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Final map

I strongly object to the inclusion of the Goldstream area of west Fairbanks in with the Tok, Delta and rural villages areas. Pairing Salcha, Eielson and Harding lake with these south of Fairbanks areas would make much more sense from a socioeconomic point of view and from a compactness criterion. The proposed pairing of regions would dilute the representation of both areas by this socioeconomic mismatch. This apparently politically driven mapping is unconstitutional on its face.

John Davies  
[REDACTED]  
Fairbanks AK 99709  
[REDACTED]

Sent from John Davies' iPhone



# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Cordova 11/1/21 Verbal Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/4/2021

Name: **William Deaton**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

**William loves that Cordova is coastal and expressed the importance of maintaining this when it comes to state representation. Cordova should be kept with Kodiak, this provides for good representation with the Alaska Marine High and commercial fisheries. Regarding the socio-economic ties, William mentioned how Valdez is on the road system where there is oil, not a high percentage of commercial fisherman, and on the opposite end, when you look at Cordova there is high commercial fishing, no road besides the marine highway, and no oil. William would like maintain this socio-economic compatibility when redistricting. Hopefully Cordova can stay with coastal Alaska as interior Alaska would not represent Cordova at all. Any effort to keep Cordova costal would be greatly appreciated. If Valdez is with Cordova, please include Whittier as well so they have the entire Prince William Sound.**

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**From:** David DeLong [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 8:49 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** districts

Do not place Goldstream in the same district as Tok. This is gerrymandering, an attempt to dilute the votes o those living in ESTER AND GOLDSTREAM.

DAVID DELONG

[REDACTED]  
FRBKS, AK 99709

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**From:** Robin Dern <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 2:20 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Redistricting

My name is Robin Dern. I live in Eagle River, my zip code is 99577. I have lived in the Eagle River/Chugiak area since the mid 90's.

I love my neighborhood and the people in this area. While we all may have differing opinions they are kind and have supported my family, for which I am grateful.

With that said, and perhaps in contrast to how some of them might feel about the proposed plan, I support Nicole's mapping. I do not want anyone's needs unmet in our state. Socio economic boundaries absolutely must be considered when making these types of decisions.

Having lived in the Eagle River area for most of my 26 years in Alaska and having worked in the Muldoon vicinity for nearly just as long, I feel I am a good judge of community needs and I can tell you they are completely different and would be better served by candidates and public service officials who were not constantly put at opposite ends of the spectrum on issues.

When I served as a board member of the Anchorage Schools Foundation Advisory Committee, I can tell you the types of grant requests we received from Bartlett were often for feminine hygiene products, underwear, shampoo and deodorant. We received requests from Eagle River and Chugiak for digital cameras, books and musical instruments. All important needs, all worthy of funding. However, this should illustrate the different realities that face the folks living across Alaska.

I urge you to recognize this is an opportunity to ensure all Alaskans are fairly and equitably represented.

Many thanks for your service to our communities, especially now while we all navigate the challenges of Covid. Your work is very appreciated.

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**From:** Susan Derrera <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 9:38 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 5, 2021, 9:37 am

First Name: **Susan**

Last Name: **Derrera**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99503**

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

Public Comment: **Imposing lines around parts of East Anchorage to include as part of the large Eagle River district is a blatantly dishonest manipulation of boundaries designed to diminish the voices of East Anchorage residents. Any map with such configurations should be rejected by the board.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/30/21 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/5/2021

Name: **Andrea Dewees**

**Andrea spoke in support of the Senate Minority Caucus for Southeast Alaska as it serves the voters in Southeast Alaska best. Overall, as someone who grew up in Alaska and has had her professional career here, she supports redistricting a map that supports voters' best interests.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Anchorage 10/27/21 Verbal Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/5/2021

Name: **Veri di Suvero**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

**Veri is a South Addition resident near Westchester Lagoon and shared about her and her neighbors. Veri shops at Sagaya in Midtown and Carrs on Minnesota/Northern Lights. She skis and bikes the coastal trail and only uses this trail going to Westchester Lagoon and Earthquake Park. In thinking of the watersheds, the AFFR map details both where she shops and plays. Veri spoke in favor of the AFFR map. Veri also used to live on C Street and Fireweed, which is not as far. She shopped at Fred Meyer on Seward and Northern Lights and her habits were different even if it wasn't that from her current residence. Thus, the way AFFR maps the city makes sense considering her lived experience and habits.**

# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY

Anchorage 10/27/21 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: 11/5/2021

Name: **Tanner Amdur-Clark**

Affiliation: **Doyon Coalition**

The coalition represents a broad range of interests across Alaska with a particular focus on rural representation that is fair and effective. The coalition has prepared and submitted maps for public testimony and certain changes/updates have been made: - They started with consultation with stakeholders statewide and have taken public testimony that have been taken into account. - Changes to the Kenai and Mat-Su were made to correct errors. - Anchorage has been significantly been redrawn and the coalition would like to receive more public input on this.

In response to testimony and commentary regarding Anchorage, they've created district lines with low population deviations while improving the compactness of the districts. Anchorage community council regions were adhered to wherever practicable. The coalition also tried to follow major natural features and road corridors throughout. Tanner spoke regarding the constitutionality of certain maps proposed to the board: - It would be a disservice to everyone if the map adopted by the board is declared unconstitutional. The board's proposed districts within the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) are all upwardly deviated by having more than 800 people than what is ideal in each district.

An important key point is that deviations in Fairbanks are not constitutional and will be challenged and reviewed by the courts. Until the 1988 amendments to the constitution, plans did not need to justify the deviations from the ideal district size within 10%, the federal standard. This is no longer the case and now the constitution requires that each district contain a population as near as practicable to the quotient obtained by dividing the population of the state by 40. The constitution states that the population within each district must be as near as practicable to 0. Large total deviations within a particular region or borough may be evidence of other equal representation issues, but having a low total deviation within a borough does not absolve the board of its constitutional responsibility to ensure each district's deviation is as low as practicable. The coalition has presented a practicable and constitutional way to draw an area with a non-high deviation. The Alaska Supreme Court "has acknowledged that in urban areas in particular, the population is sufficiently dense and evenly spread to allow minimal population deviations, especially in light of newly available technological advances." In the 2001 cycle, the Supreme Court threw out the map because the board failed to show that the deviations in the Anchorage districts and in the Artic Slope district were as low as practicable. The board did not explain why they were unpracticable. Achieving 0 deviation is sometimes not practicable due to geographic constraints or not having available socio-economically integrated areas nearby to round out a district or region. For example, Southeast Alaska does not have enough population to have near 0 population deviations. This is the same for the North Slope and Southwest Alaska, but this is not an issue in Fairbanks. FNSB is deeply socio-economically integrated with the rest of the interior. This is also true for the communities within the ANCSA region and the Ahtna region. The Doyon map shows an entirely practicable example of how Fairbanks and the rest of the interior can be mapped without justifying compactness, contiguity, relative socio-economic integration, or the principal of 1 person, 1 vote. There is nothing impracticable about drawing Fairbanks in a way that

does not devalue the vote of each resident, therefore, the Board Map v.3 would be unconstitutional if adopted in the final map and the coalition urges the board not to adopt this map. In urban areas, when there are strong neighborhood identities, you try as hard as you can to keep these distinct neighborhoods together. The court will be asked whether the resulting district is socio-economically integrated. It is not about comparing whether one version is more socio-economically integrated than another one. For example, on the coalition's map, there is a portion of FNSB included with the rest of the interior (Pleasant Valley and Two Rivers). The court would ask if Pleasant Valley, Two Rivers, and the resulting rest of the rural interior are socio-economically integrated. You can also show socio-economic integration by having links in a region as a whole or in an individual place. For example, the court looked at Kenai and South Anchorage and saw that the peninsula was socio-economically integrated with Anchorage and South Anchorage is socio-economically integrated with Anchorage. Therefore, South Anchorage is socio-economically integrated with the Kenai Peninsula. If we apply this to Fairbanks, we conclude that the neighborhoods are socio-economically integrated with Fairbanks. The court does not compare, they just ask whether or not it's integrated.



# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/20/2021 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: November 4, 2021

Name: **Melanie Dufour**

**Melanie lives in District 31 out East End Road and objects to moving her district in with Kodiak. Kodiak and her community have nothing to do with each other. Her children attend school in Homer, she shops in Homer, and the current district is her home district. She does not see any benefit to redistricting her community Kodiak and she would be surprised if the Kodiak community wanted her community to be districted with them.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Anchorage 10/27/21 Verbal Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/5/2021

Name: **David Dunsmore**

Affiliation: **Alaskans for Fair Redistricting**

As Joelle stated, one of AFFR's main focuses is to ensure that the true socio-economic integration, as required by the constitution, is recognized both within rural and urban Alaska and to look at the different cultural communities in Alaska to ensure that they are people who live, work, play, and vote together. The AFFR map is the only map that keeps the Alutiiq/Sugpiaq people across the Gulf of Alaska within a single house district. The map also takes a neighborhood-driven approach within urban Alaska to ensure distinct neighborhood communities are respected, which is why their map has resulted in the NE Community Council being in a single senate seat and respects neighborhoods like Fairview and Mountain View. The map also recognizes the connection the coastal trail has with western areas such as Turnagain. AFFR submitted a memo related to Voting Rights Act concerns that they hope the board will consider. The process for mapping focused on the Hickel process and maps were drawn to respect the constitutional requirements. Their map is likely the only map that is constitutional. Within Anchorage, their map and the Senate Minority Caucus map are the only constitutional maps. If the board looks at respecting majority/minority coalitions, the analysis submitted by AFFR, they will see it is constitutional and also compliant with the Voting Rights Act.

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**From:** Mike Edgington [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 1:09 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Comments on 11/5 maps

Dear Redistricting Board,

I am very disappointed with the last-minute substantial changes to the Anchorage area maps under consideration by the Board. While I appreciate the speed staff were able to upload those maps, it has not been possible for the public to analyse the changes in the few minutes before the final round of public comments.

Of the two maps under consideration, the "v.4 Anchorage Best" map is the only one that appears to meet the constitutional requirements. Compact districts that are primarily convex are strongly preferential to convoluted shapes, unless there are geographic restrictions which do not apply to Anchorage Bowl.

I am unclear the status of the other maps which were adopted earlier by the board, but as a resident and elected official for Girdwood, I want to comment on the proposals on the southern area of Anchorage.

The communities in and to the immediate south of Anchorage Bowl are tied together by strong economic and cultural links along the Seward Highway.

So it is supportable to combine Turnagain Arm communities with more rural sections of South Anchorage, along with Whittier and even the very northern section of the Kenai Peninsula (Cooper Landing and Hope).

However, adding completely disparate areas of Kenai Peninsula that are not contiguous by road, such as Nikiski, looks like partisan gerrymandering and does not meet the socio-economic connection required by the Alaska constitution.

Thanks,

Mike Edgington  
Girdwood, Alaska.

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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:** Matthew Eglin <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 9:57 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 5, 2021, 9:57 am

First Name: **Matthew**

Last Name: **Eglin**

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Comments: **What is the real reason behind this waste of time and money?**

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**From:** Andrew Elliott <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 11:44 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 5, 2021, 11:43 am

First Name: **Andrew**

Last Name: **Elliott**

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Comments: **Redistricting board**

**Just wanted to give my opinion on the Mat-Su Valdez question.**

**Putting Valdez with the Mat-Su along with the Denali borough is unacceptable. The Mat-Su has 107,081 people by itself. This is 2929 short of 6 ideal districts, add Valdez, Denali borough, Nenana and take out Cantwell leaves 113,088 people 3,078 people over 6 ideal districts. This means that Mat-Su by itself would have a -2.66% deviation per district and would have a +2.79% deviation per district with the before mentioned population added in. Basically, you can put Valdez or the Denali borough with the Mat-Su. Not both.**

**My Opinion would be to put Valdez only with the Mat-Su, and put the Denali borough with the rural interior. This would leave Mat-Su/Valdez with 111,150 people or 1140 over 6 ideal districts, this comes out to +1.03% per district. If you really want to get your deviations lower you can take the 792 people that live in the Mat-Su on the south side of the Knik River and put them in the Peters Creek District (like in board map V.1). This does not disenfranchise Peters Creek/Anchorage at all because it is such a small number of people. This would leave Mat-Su/Valdez with 110,348 people or 348 over 6 ideal districts. this would come out to +0.31% deviation per district.**

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**From:** [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:** Louise Farquharson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 9:51 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Redistricting testimony

Name: Louise Farquharson (pronounced Far - ker- son)  
Address: [REDACTED] Fairbanks, Alaska, 99709

Comment:

Goldstream is in no way socioeconomically linked or geographically contiguous to the Tok/ Delta corridor and I oppose any map that places them in the same district. Being placed in the same district as Tok and Delta would impact the quality of life and community services in Goldstream Valley, and also disenfranchise the residents of this area. I commute into Fairbanks daily to work at the University and my family and I frequent the post offices, grocery stores, restaurants, and coffee shops in west and downtown Fairbanks several times a week. Our socio-economic footprint is primarily in the University area. In summary it is most equitable to include Goldstream in a district that allows the population's socio-economic ties to Fairbanks to be represented fairly.



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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**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/20/2021 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: November 3, 2021

Name: **Lisa Fellows**

Public Comment: **Lisa lives out East End Road and opposes the District 31 redistricting to Kodiak as she lives and works in Homer. She does not feel that she would be represented well if the community was redistricted with Kodiak.**

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**From:** Mary E. Fenno [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 12:39 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** The Goldstream Valley is part of Fairbanks!

To the Alaska Redistricting Board:

I strongly disagree with versions of the redistricting map that put the Goldstream Valley into a district with outlying communities. As stated in Section 6.6, District Boundaries:

*"Each house district shall be formed of contiguous and compact territory containing as nearly as practicable a relatively integrated socio-economic area."*

It is wrong to include the Goldstream Valley with the outlying areas, such as Tok and Delta! We are part of Fairbanks and especially the University of Alaska community! If you want a socioeconomically cohesive map, it would be better to group the outlying communities along the Richardson Hwy. with Delta and Tok.

The Fairbanks districts are over 19,000 each and this is a much larger population than any of the other districts. It will not give us equal representation. This also needs to be addressed to make it fair!

Please choose maps that do not distort, pack, and crack our districts and make our votes worthless! Give Alaskans an equal voice in our state government!

Sincerely,

Mary E. Fenno

[REDACTED]  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Mary Fenno <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 6, 2021 9:21 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 6, 2021, 9:21 am

First Name: **Mary**

Last Name: **Fenno**

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Comments: **I AM DISGUSTED WITH YOUR BLATANT DESTRUCTION OF OUR DISTRICT BY MOVING OUR AREA OF THE GOLDSTREAM VALLEY TO DISTRICT 36 TO FURTHER THE REPUBLICANS PLAN TO NEGATE THE FAIR VOTIING OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/30/21 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/5/2021

Name: **Chelsea Foster**

**Chelsea spoke in favor of the AFFR map because it is the only map that respects the distinct and diverse communities in the East Anchorage, Mountain View, Downtown Anchorage, and Fairview. It does not split up these areas and includes them in Eagle River, South Anchorage, and a large unified JBER district where peoples in the areas will have their votes diluted. This is a simple matter of equity. These communities are highly diverse and deleting representation would also eliminate minority representation. Although the board may be inclined to choose their own map, strong feedback on the AFFR map should help the board to make thier maps more equitable. The AFFR map puts hillside neighborhoods in its own district with no portions of East Anchorage or Downtown Anchorage included. It would put the Abbott Loop neighborhood in its own District 14 and the Huffman/O'Malley neighborhood in one district, keeping houses on both the north and south of Hillside Drive in the same district which is very important to her as a southside resident. It also puts south Hillside in District 9 from Huffman and O'Malley in a district with Turnagain Arm communities.**

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**From:** John Gaedeke [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 12:58 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Redistricting of Goldstream

I respectfully request you do not put Goldstream Valley in District 36, it appears to violate article 6 section 6 of the Alaska State Constitution.

Thank you

John Gaedeke  
[REDACTED]  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

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**From:** Glenna Gannon [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 6, 2021 12:48 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Districting in Fairbanks

Goldstream is in no way socioeconomically linked or contiguous to the Tok/Delta corridor, It IS very much tied in with the college corridor/ area and should be included as such. As a resident of Goldstream for over 16 years, my daily commute was to College and East Fairbanks, and my life and livelihood was NOT economically or otherwise independent of Fairbanks like the more rural communities of Tok and Delta. I oppose the map that places Goldstream with Tok and Delta areas in the same unit, and I believe being placed in that same unit would decrease the quality of life and services and would disenfranchise Goldstream residents.

Sincerely,  
Glenna Gannon, MES.c

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**From:** Angela Gastaldi [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 10:15 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Public testimony regarding redistricting of Goldstream Valley

To whom it may concern,

As a member of the Goldstream Valley community I am writing to inform the Redistricting Board that it is NOT appropriate to group the Goldstream Valley with the far-away rural towns of Tok and Delta. Goldstream community is a vital part of Fairbanks. Myself and many neighbors work in the city of Fairbanks (I work at the University) and our votes should count with the city, not with rural areas hundreds of miles away.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Angela Gastaldi



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**From:** Sharon George <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 1:47 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 5, 2021, 1:47 am

First Name: **Sharon**

Last Name: **George**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99709**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Fairbanks area as shown late 11/4/2021**

Public Comment: **In the latest Fairbanks area map as shown on the screen late today, it is extremely difficult to understand where the boundaries are when the only identifying feature shown in the background is the stream network. At a minimum the road network including names of major roads needs to be displayed for the Zoom audience. It makes it very difficult to comment otherwise.**

**If what I think I saw is correct, the most current map shows the Goldstream Valley area, which is intimately tied to the university and urban Fairbanks culturally and economically, now as part of District 36. In the world in which the citizens actually live and work, Goldstream Valley is a suburb directly tied physically and culturally to the College/Fairbanks area and has much closer ties and concerns in every way to Fairbanks than, for example, Eielson AFB does. I totally support the concept of District 36 to ensure the representation of rural Interior Alaska citizens, but I hope I am wrong about the Goldstream Valley being part of District 36.**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 9:03 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** East anchorage proposal

Add my name to the growing chorus of voices who object to placing parts of Muldoon road into Eagle River and South Anchorage.

I grew up in Muldoon and I can testify that most of the economic and social issues important to the residence of Muldoon are not widely shared by residence of Eagle River or South Anchorage. Muldoon residents will lose their voices if this plan is adopted.

Fred Giddings

[REDACTED]  
Anchorage, 99508

Sent from my iPad

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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:** Leslie Gonsette [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 9:15 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** I SUPPORT NICOL'E'S MAP!

AK Redistricting Board:

My name is Dr. Leslie Gonsette and I live at 99577 in Eagle River. I want to express my support of Nicole Borromeo's map. Bethany Marcum's latest map continues to ignore MANY prior public testimony against grouping parts of Anchorage's Muldoon area with Eagle River. Eagle River and East Anchorage are socio-economically distinct and geographically separate and should be treated as such. It will also decrease the voice of East Anchorage residents.

Lastly, Valdez should not be treated as being part of Anchorage and thus shouldn't be added to the map. Not only is it far but they do not share similarities, being remote and rural. Priorities and goals will not align.

Respectfully,

Leslie Gonsette, M.D.

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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 paring 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:** Friday, November 5, 2021 9:22 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** UPDATE: maps for redistricting

Update: the map I think makes the most sense is version #4 on the website; it was designed/submitted by Nicole Borrromeo.

Thanks

Penny Goodstein

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**From:** Penny Goodstein [REDACTED]  
**To:** testimony@AKredistrict.org <testimony@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021, 01:07:29 AM AKDT  
**Subject:** maps for redistricting

PLEASE ACCEPT THE MAP BY NICOLE BORRROMEO!

We do not seem to be immune from the national hobby of creating districts that do not reflect the voters.

I have reviewed 2 maps.

One is by Nicole Borrromeo, the other by Bethany Marcum. They are so different!

Bethany Marcum's map is RIDICULOUS. It puts East Anchorage and Eagle River together. They are separate entities; so separate that once again Eagle River is attempting to create a new musicality. It puts part of East Anchorage near Muldoon curve, with South Anchorage, creating a strange shape and even stranger voting groups.

Marcum's map sticks JBEAR and the rest of East Anchorage together in a very odd shape; it puts the military personnel and the most diverse Anchorage population into the same voting district.

Just LOOKING at the maps indicates that Nicole Borrromeo created a map with some idea of communities. Bethany Marcum seemed to have a pre-determined outcome and threw neighborhoods together into an oddly shaped map.

Penny Goodstein



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**From:** Rozlyn Grady <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 7, 2021 5:25 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 7, 2021, 5:24 pm

First Name: **Rozlyn**

Last Name: **Grady**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

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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**From:** Madeleine Grant [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 7:05 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Anchorage diverse areas

Hello

East Anchorage/Muldoon is one of the most racially diverse areas of Anchorage & socioeconomically quite distinct from both Eagle River & also South Anchorage. The proposed plan to lump these together does not meet the stated goals of redistricting. And the proposed plan also looks a bit likely the legendary "gerrymander" cartoon

Please do not do this

Thanks for your hard work

Madeleine Grant

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**From:** Patricia Grenier <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 12:48 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 5, 2021, 12:48 pm

First Name: **Patricia**

Last Name: **Grenier**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **V.4 Anchorage Best**

Public Comment: **This is the best map for community/neighborhood integrity I have seen so far.**

**V.3 Anchorage Alt 3 dices up East Anchorage and the Hillside too much.**

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**From:** Jeanine Griek [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 7:47 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Redistricting

I strongly urge you to not include the Goldstream area as part of rural interior Richardson Hwy/delta/Tok in redistricting. It makes far more sense to include the Salcha/Eielson/Harding lake area that is geographically nearby and have similar needs.

The Ester/Goldstream area is part of the Fairbanks and University area and not rural alaska villages.

Thank you for taking the time to thoughtfully consider this.

Jeanine Griek

Sent from my iPhone

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Cordova 11/1/21 Verbal Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/4/2021

Name: **Jennifer Grimwood**

Email or Phone Contact:



**Jennifer would like Cordova to be separated from Kodiak. For the last 10 years, they've had more political power than Cordova and Cordova has not had much influence in the elections in terms of representatives. She would like to see Cordova go southeast or merge with Valdez. For 10 years, they had a district comprised of Cordova down to Craig, meandering through all the villages and this worked out well. Jennifer agreed with Sylvia Lange's comments about the history of the Cordova and the relationship with the Upper Copper River. In the 90's, Cordova was apart of Copper River and the district went all the way up to Delta. It's time for a change.**

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

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

Date: November 8, 2021, 8:26 am

First Name: **Jo Ann**

Last Name: **Gruber**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

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

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

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

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

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

**Respectfully,**

**Jo Ann Gruber**

# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

## WEBSITE RESPONSE

Name: **David GUTTENBERG**

Email Address: [REDACTED]

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Date: November 5, 2021, 3:44 pm

Comments: **November 5, 2021, 3:30 pm.**

I just saw the the new map with the Goldstream district, new district 36, (I think it's Fairbanks v7) all of the testimony your have heard regarding Goldstream and disenfranchising the voters is still relevant. The bizarre horseshoe district you created is simply partisan gerrymandering. If you had simply shifted district lines east, instead of creating a horseshoe around Fairbanks that would have accomplish a greater representation for all the communities in the new district instead of the new lines and it would have kept socio economic and natural communities together in a way that makes sense.

It appears the board acquiesced to the chair to draw the Fairbanks lines because he is from Fairbanks. He simply illustrates his partisanship.

There are much simpler way to draw the natural Fairbanks districts, the board chose not to do it. That can be illustrated in the Chairs comments on redistricting by the Fairbanks Borough Assembly's resolution, he chose to paraphrase the resolution to fit his needs and not the intent of the resolution.

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Date: November 5, 2021, 11:28 am

Comments: **Friday, November 5, 2021**

**To: The Alaska Redistricting Board**

**My name is David Guttenberg.**

I currently serve on the Fairbanks North star Borough assembly, I'm not representing the borough. I also served 16 years in the Alaska legislature, from 2003-2019. I represented three different districts under three different redistricting maps, one of which was declared unconstitutional by the Alaska Supreme Court.

That was District 38, began in my community of Goldstream in Fairbanks took in much of the Yukon River, McGrath, and along the western coast of Alaska from Kotlick to Hooper Bay.

Now imagine that, look at a map of Alaska, draw a circle around western Fairbanks, circle the Yukon River to the Emonock, and extend that line a hundred miles north and south along the coast that was district 38 in 2012. You are repeating maps that look like districts that were previously declared unconstitutional. That district had too many distinct socio economic and community centers.

Now you're repeating that same unconstitutional mistake of breaking up social, economic and political boundaries and disenfranchised communities from Fairbanks to Homer.

Few know the consequences of that. I do.

When you repeat what was done in 2010 and repeat those same mistakes, you disenfranchised Alaskans and their communities. You're forcing under representation regardless of the population deviation.

The ability of a representative or senator to represent such diverse interests under representation, it's inevitable. I know, I had to do it.

When you break natural socio and political boundaries when you don't have to, you're forcing inequality.

That's not fair representation.

I'm asking you to not do that again. It's hard to keep up with current maps, your redrawing then as I rewrite my testimony. I'm testifying again with written backup because it is my understanding that the board will not be transcribing oral arguments and that is unfortunate and it doesn't serve the public purpose of the redistricting board.

Thank you



# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

## WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: November 6, 2021, 10:02 am

Name: **David Guttenberg**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

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

Public Comment: **The board hasn't listened or heard a thing the Goldstream community said.**

**All of the comments from the Goldstream community regarding the Fairbanks map are still relevant regarding the new Fairbanks map that was only available on the redistricting board page after everyone testified. All the people that testified over all the meeting regarding Goldstream were not listened to.**

**I've lived in Goldstream for 51 years. I represented the community for 16 years in the legislature and now on the borough assembly (I'm testifying) The board was deaf to their concerns. The demographic of Goldstream show it is the highest educated community in the state, that's because it's a strong university community. The UA is one of the largest employers in the borough and Fairbanks identifies itself that way. I drive by the university everyday. The new map is difficult to read but it looks like the board put Goldstream in with communities on the east end of the Richardson hyway. That's not just awkward it's absurd.**

**The way to draw the Fairbanks map that aligns with the mandates for socio economic integration and compactness it to "leak" the borough to the east along the Richardson Hyway.**

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**From:** Elyse Guttenberg <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 2:46 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 5, 2021, 2:46 pm

First Name: **Elyse**

Last Name: **Guttenberg**

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am writing today to express my deep concern with the new map which takes Goldstream Valley, where I have lived since the 1970s, and removes it from the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) with which it is closely aligned, and places it in a rural district with which it has nothing else in common.

I also want to express my disappointment with Mr. Binkley's continued habit of debating callers during public testimony, thus using up the one hour that citizens from across the entire state were allowed for a call in. Only after waiting five hours online, and finally voicing my disappointment in the process, was the hour of time extended to allow public debate.

Not only did Mr. Binkley debate callers "which prevented people who could not stay online any longer from speaking" but the so-called "information" he used to tell people from my home community that they were wrong, was incorrect and disingenuous.

Mr. Binkley referred to Resolution 2021-36, passed unanimously by the FNSB Assembly on October 28, 2021, and claimed that the Redistricting Board had done everything requested by the Borough to prevent overpopulating districts, and that this was done by breaking the borough boundaries, also as requested. He implied that the board had gone out of its way to honor the Resolution and removing Goldstream from the borough into a rural district was appropriate.

What he failed to mention was that the Resolution also said, "WHEREAS, Existing communities of interest should be represented based on city boundaries, geographical proximity, and interconnected neighborhoods that share common interests and values. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly further requests contiguous and compact districts that keep communities of interest together."

Goldstream has in the past been used as a ping pong ball in Redistricting efforts that the courts deemed unconstitutional. The board is doing it again.

1. The University of Alaska Fairbanks is a 10 to 15 minute drive from Goldstream Valley and a four hour drive from Tok.
2. Many people that live in Goldstream work and go to school at the University.

3. Children that live here go to school in Fairbanks schools, from pre-school through elementary, Junior and Sr. High.
4. We shop, attend religious services, recreate, use the post office, roads, library, volunteer here, and so much more.
5. We vote with the Fairbanks North Star Borough that represents our interest.
6. To get to Tok or Delta requires a two to four hour drive “in good weather” and takes us through all of Fairbanks, out the highway past North Pole, Salcha, Harding Lake and Eielson Airforce base. None of these are places where we go to school, shop or have very much in common with.

To remove Goldstream and place it in a district with which it is not socio-economically aligned “as defined in the constitution” is to deny us representation in the Legislature. It disenfranchises our citizens and denies us the right to one person one vote.

If population is needed to meet the appropriate deviation numbers, the board would be more faithful to the constitution by taking portions of Salcha, Eielson, Harding Lake and/or Eielson, which is far nearer and has more in common with Delta and Tok and placing them together in one district. This is easy. The technology and staff is available. To do less brings up questions of intent, and gerrymandering. This is also true of the latest maps which take North Pole, a distinct and proud community, and enlarges it to encroach on Fairbanks. It makes no sense, and leads one to question the supposed non-partisan nature of the process.

Thank you for your time.

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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 distort 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

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Skagway 10/27/21 Verbal Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/5/2021

**Name: Janalynn Hager**

**Janalynn expressed concern that Skagway may not be included with other similar communities.**

**Janalynn would like Skagway to remain in a district that is dependent on cruise ships like Skagway's so the decisions made are like-minded.**

# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY

**Anchorage 10/27/21 Verbal Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/5/2021

Name: **Joelle Hall**

Affiliation: **AFFR**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

On October 19th, AFFR submitted a document written on majority/minority coalition districts. They acknowledged that the court has seen both sides of this issue. This comes down to a judgement call on behalf of the board as to whether or not to create a majority/minority coalition as a protected Voting Rights Act group. AFFR hopes that the board will consider this in the Voting Rights Act process and think of protecting these voices and districts in Anchorage. The AFFR map does create these districts and it is done in conjunction with exploring some of the natural breaks in the military community and the exits that they use. The AFFR map also uses the Coastal Trail and western lakes districts as the trail is the main integrator on the westside districts. Joelle pointed out that senate pairings are available for the public to comment on with logical pairings inside the boundaries for the most part. They do not combine east and south together. They are more logical than pairing Eagle River and Anchorage. It is about time for Joelle to live in District 12, which is a small piece of Anchorage that belongs to the Mat-Su. It's time for South Anchorage to break its boundaries so she can come back to an Eagle River seat.

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/20/2021 Teleconference Testimony**

**Summary Date: 11/4/2021**

**Name: Pamela Hall**

**Pamela is a 50+ year resident of the area and taking East End Road out of its current district makes no sense. East End Road should be included in Homer's district and not in another district. Pamela does not understand why this is happening, it seems like votes are trying to be split.**



# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

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**Summary Date: 11/4/2021**

**Name: Connie Harris**

**Connie recommended redistricting to be based on the school bus transportation route as it is close to neighborhoods and educates the students who are attending school.**

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**From:** Hayden Nevill [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 3:43 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Goldstream district

Hello Redistricting Board Members,

I am a Fairbanks resident writing with concern about where Goldstream will end up with redistricting.

Goldstream is fully a part of the Fairbanks community, especially the University community. It is not part of the Interior rural villages.

Salcha, Eielson and Harding Lake are natural fits with the Interior villages, Tok and Delta Junction. Please group those communities in redistricting.

Please do not separate Goldstream from their community.

Thank you,

Hayden Nevill (*he/him*)

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Skagway 10/27/21 Verbal Testimony**

**Summary Date: 11/5/2021**

**Name: Cooper Hayes**

**Cooper spoke in favor of Skagway remaining connected to the Downtown Juneau district because their economies are very linked. This link is vital to their success as a tourist community. Cooper spoke in favor of Board Map v.4, the Senate Minority Caucus map, and the Doyon Coalition map. Cooper agrees with Mayor Cremata that the Senate Minority Caucus map is likely the best.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Skagway 10/27/21 Verbal Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/5/2021

Name: **Ian Hays**

**Ian urged the board to keep Skagway in the same district as Downtown Juneau. Ian is in favor of the Senate Minority Caucus map. Ian noted that he was raised in Mendenhall Valley from age 1 through 23. The lifestyle and socio-economic needs are not the same as Skagway. Please keep Skagway tied into downtown Juneau; this would be beneficial.**

# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

## WEBSITE RESPONSE

**Date/Time:** 10/2/2021

**Name:** Roger Helmer

**Email or Phone:** [REDACTED]


**Comment:** I support the adoption of districts, which have balanced populations, generally follow political sub-divisions, do not give an advantage to any particular political party and/or group, does not maintain any politician's position through gerrymandering.

# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

## WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: November 5, 2021, 11:29 am

Name: **Lacey Hemming**

Email Address: 

Comments: **Hello**

**My name is Lacey Hemming and I'm here to testify in support of Nicole's Map it keeps neighborhoods together with natural boundaries.**

**I do not support Bethany Marcum's map, her map completely ignores hundreds of public testimony that came in over the last few months. The major concern I have is placing East anchorage in with Eagle River and Muldoon curve neighborhood in with south Anchorage. These two communities can't be farther apart in terms of socio-economic standings. WE need to keep neighborhoods and communities together to help support the cultural diversity of Anchorage. I see it only one way it greatly silences the voices of east Anchorage residents.**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 2:27 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** support of Map # 73975

It is only right that you include people with commonalities  
in like areas.

You are to serve the people, not any type of special interests.

Thank you,  
Amy Henry

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/30/21 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/4/2021

**Name: Leo Hicker**

**Leo Hicker spoke in opposition of Board Map v.3 as it overpopulates districts and results in underrepresentation of Fairbanks. Through living and interacting with the Fairbanks communities, the social groups tend to be oriented east and west along the Chena River. The maps should represent these communities. As a university student, he feels connected to Goldstream, Ester, Chena Ridge, and university areas and he would like to be represented with these communities as they have similar interests and values. The AFFR map is the only one that would achieve this. The AFFR and Board Map v.4 both reflect the east/west divide, but Board Map v.3 uses north-south lines and breaks up communities of interest.**



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**From:** Anastasia Hoffman <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 10:16 AM  
**To:** TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony  
**Subject:** ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: November 5, 2021, 10:16 am

First Name: **Anastasia**

Last Name: **Hoffman**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99559**

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

Public Comment: **Thank you for your service and commitment to ensuring this redistricting effort is accomplished with integrity and transparency. I'm writing in support of the board proposed plan version 4 which addresses the constitutionally mandated considerations. The towns and villages in v4 are contiguous, compact and socio-economically integrated. One example showing the socio-economical connection occurred very profoundly this summer. On the Yukon River there was a terrible salmon collapse and the villages located near the mouth of that river were unable to harvest salmon there. As a result, people from villages along the Yukon coast boated up to the Norton Sound area in search of fish. The KYUK news article with a link posted below describes the situation. Essentially, when the local resource for food security was lost the community members went to the next closest point of access, fishing with their neighbors to the north. Another meaningful example is the likeness and exchange of Yup'ik songs and dance between those communities. During the Camai Dance festival in Bethel, dance groups from Stebbins often join the dance groups from Emmonak, Alakanak and Kotlik on stage to share songs, beat drums and move seamlessly with one another. The interconnectedness of the communities represented in board v4, takes these socio-economic and spiritual connections into consideration appropriately and fairly. Thank you for your work and for including my comments in this process.**

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<https://www.kyuk.org/environment/2021-08-13/yukon-subsistence-users-go-to-new-lengths-for-food-after-massive-salmon-decline>

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**From:** Noelle Holt <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 5:56 AM  
**To:** TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony  
**Subject:** ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: November 5, 2021, 5:56 am

First Name: **Noelle**

Last Name: **Holt**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

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

Public Comment: **Splitting East Anchorage into Eagle River and South Districts is blatant gerrymandering with the obvious goal of silencing our highly diverse community. We value our diversity and our voices and we are in no way similar politically or geographically to the districts you are trying to shove us in to. Our leadership fights for our community and our rights. Redistribution into Eagle River and South will bury our needs and send our taxes to neighborhoods other than ours where the human and physical infrastructure needs aren't as high, but the time to play ridiculous political games seems endless. Hundreds of voices before me have said this vey same thing to the board. We are distinct! Ignoring our voices is poor leadership and a wildly transparent attempt at voter suppression through gerrymandering.**

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**From:** Genevieve Holubik <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 8:56 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 5, 2021, 8:56 pm

First Name: **Genevieve**

Last Name: **Holubik**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

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

Public Comment: **Of the four items to consider - compactness, contiguity, socio-economic integration and equality of population - the easiest to consider is population. I would start by not trying to fix or change districts whose 2020 census population had a 5% or less deviation from the 18, 355 target population - for instance, districts 14, 16, and 20 . The fewer changes to district lines, the less confusion for voters and candidates. Then, I™d look at neighboring - contiguous- districts who 2020 population numbers have made one district significantly under the target and the other, over - like 12 and 13 - and work thru the socio-economic aspects and possible compactness. After that, it looks like it will take working thru the items with more than two districts to make a balanced. My rank ordering of the 6 maps under consideration as of Nov 4 is: 1) AFFR, 2) Board #4, 3) Senate Minority, 4) Doyon; 5) and 6) are definite NOs!: Board #3 and AFFER. I™ll check my ranking as the Board redraws the maps.**

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**From:** Luke Hopkins <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 1:56 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 5, 2021, 1:55 pm

First Name: **Luke**

Last Name: **Hopkins**

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Comments: **I am Luke Hopkins and I have lived in this west area of the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) for over fifty years. For all those years I have had my socioeconomic ties -. my everyday driving, shopping, schools and work routines near the University campus- within the boundaries of the FNSB.**

**During the Nov 4, 2021 Redistricting Board meeting, a board member's apparent comment that "you don't have to be terribly concerned with the socioeconomic integration of the borough" is not accurate or acceptable to me.**

**I have not had and do not expect to have any socioeconomic connections that would place my daily living experiences similar to the Delta and Tok communities in this proposed district. As with our current Fairbanks districts, I find that the eastern Borough areas of Eielson and Salcha have more socioeconomic connections withÂ areas east of the Borough boundaries than Goldstream has as proposed in the 11/4/21 Dist 36.**

**Public comment submitted on Nov 5, 2021 by Luke Hopkins, [REDACTED], Fairbanks, AK, 99709**

# 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:** Josh Horst [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 9:56 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Northwest Fairbanks - Goldstream Valley

Hello, my name is Josh Horst, [REDACTED], Fairbanks AK 99709.

Although not published on the redistricting board's website, it has come to my attention that the board will consider a map today which would slice Goldstream Valley out of any Fairbanks-centered districts and insert us into a far-flung rural district reaching as far East as Tok. I write to express my opposition to this map, as a resident and home owner in Goldstream Valley, a Fairbanks business owner, and a member of the Goldstream Valley Lions Club community service organization. Residents of Goldstream Valley should be aligned with and represented by our fellow residents of this community. Please do not cast Goldstream afar, as was done 10 years ago but instead to the Southwest, and rather keep us in a compact district that more accurately aligns with your mandate issued by the Alaska State Constitution.

Respectfully,  
Josh Horst

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Anchorage 10/4 Public Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/5/2021

**Name: Tasha Hotch**

**Tasha spoke in favor of the Doyon Coalition map because of how it maps out the senate districts. It does need work on the house districts. Mountain View has more than 50% of the homeless population; JBER does not understand some of the challenges Mountain View has, so this likely needs to be changed.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Anchorage 10/27/21 Verbal Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/5/2021

Name: **Brian Hove**

**Constitutionally, the AFFER map is closer to the requirements with its adherence to the Fish Creek boundary. Brian is conflicted with the Fairbanks North Star Borough and whether it is broken or not. He understands the desire to keep this area whole. As Randy Ruedrich has pointed out, it will be more difficult to justify larger deviations. If the borough cannot be kept whole, Brian prefers the AFFER map. There is a solution presented in this map.**



# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Cordova 11/1/21 Verbal Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/4/2021

Name: **Helen Howarth**

Affiliation: **Citizen of Cordova and City Manager**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

**Helen believes that Cordova wants to be in communities that share similar issues, this means coastal communities, communities off the road system, etc. Kodiak, Prince William Sound, and other similar regions have similar issues to Cordova. They also operate as a region when they participate in the PWS economic district which meets regularly to discuss the economic issues and ways to resolve them. They already operate as a collectively to draw resources to their community to solve issues they already have. Cordova could go southeast, but not sure to what extent the impact would be. Cordova is comfortable with the representation they get with having a Kodiak representative. The community is growing and has changed by 300. Kodiak is not a competing community since they share so many things. Regarding Whittier and whether they can be involved, Helen is unsure. It may also make sense to include communities out East End Road due to the similarity in commercial fishing and there being many Russian Old Believers in Cordova. However, their allegiance is to Homer. Cordova's decision is to be politically engaged with coastal communities with similar industries as well as native traditions where there is a strong presence in Cordova. (i.e. Tatitlek-Chenega Native communities)**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/30/21 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/4/2021

Name: Laurie Hueffer

Laurie supports a map that is fair, equitable, and does not gerrymander, thus she is unsupportive of Board Map v.3. Laurie is in favor of the AFFR map and Board Map v.4 which better represents the local communities in Fairbanks. Laurie appreciates that the need to separate the North Pole from Fairbanks was recognized in both maps. She also feels it is important to not overpopulate districts, consider equity, and the natural alignment of Fairbanks.

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**From:** Laurie Hueffer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 8:00 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Fairbanks area redistricting testimony

Hi, my name is Laurie Hueffer, and I live in Fairbanks. I testified previously about redistricting, but from what I saw yesterday the new draft map still creates serious problems in the Fairbanks area.

The new board plan breaks up west Fairbanks communities, including removing Goldstream from Fairbanks and putting it with Delta Junction and Tok in District 36 (Inappropriate: reference Article VI, Section 6 of the Alaska Constitution).

Separating Goldstream previously did not work (reference unconstitutional ruling when included in a district that ran to the coast). Goldstream shares strong social and economic ties with Ester, Fox, Chena Pump, Chena Ridge, and the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and they should all be represented together.

I also testified regarding the distinct differences between North Pole and Fairbanks, they continue to deserve distinct and separate representation.

I do appreciate that the board has listened to my testimony about not overpopulating Fairbanks. Now, I look forward to another update allowing the map to be fair, constitutional, and representative of each of our communities.

Thank you.

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Laurie Hueffer  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Christine Hutchison <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 1:49 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 5, 2021, 1:49 pm

First Name: **Christine**

Last Name: **Hutchison**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99611**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **complaints on Friday 11/05**

Public Comment: **I want to let the board know that I think the board and staff have done an expectational job both in showing and discussing the maps, making your own map formatting available and taking the testimony. I have listened to lots of such meetings both legislative and otherwise; and this process and been exceptionally available to the public. If there is a source for complaints, it is because the complainants were not involved in the process at an earlier point. Thank you again so much for the exceptional level of volunteer efforts.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Skagway 10/27/21 Verbal Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/5/2021

Name: **Reba Hylton**

Affiliation: **Skagway Assembly**

**The Assembly unanimously support Skagway remaining in the same district as Downtown Juneau due to all reasons that have been stated previously.**

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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 e'nen'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]

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Skagway 10/27/21 Verbal Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/5/2021

Name: **Katelyn Jarrod**

**Katelyn spoke in favor of keeping Skagway with Downtown Juneau.**



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**From:** Lisa Jodwalis [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 2:07 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Redistricting proposal for Districts 35 and 36

My name is Lisa Shon Jodwalis and I have resided in Goldstream Valley (zipcode 99709) since 1985. I respectfully request that the Redistricting Board not put Goldstream Valley in District 36. Goldstream Valley is contiguous with Fairbanks and shares common social and economic attributes with Fairbanks. Furthermore, any proposal that splits the Goldstream area between two or more districts divides a community that has widely shared social and economic interests, as evidenced by the Goldstream Community Facebook group.

Goldstream is almost 200 miles in a direct line from Tok. To lump this area with Tok is an extreme stretch of redistricting rules and as such violates article 6 section 6 of the Alaska State Constitution.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.  
Lisa Shon Jodwalis

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

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**From:** Michelle Johannsen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 11:20 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Goldstream Gerrandering

Hello,

My name is Michelle Johannsen. I live in the Goldstream Valley. The redistricting of our community to be included with the rest of rural Alaska is an obvious attempt to cancel out our voices. I am speaking out against this redistricting.

-Michelle Johannsen

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**From:** Tanner Johnson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 10:50 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** AK Redistricting 2021 Comment

Hello all,

I am writing to voice my comment for the redistricting discussion.

I live in the ANC area, East ANC. I strongly support the maps put forth by the AFFR plans.

I am concerned about the Marcum and Borrromeo plans for my local area, as well as the Binkley Fairbanks are plan and the Board plan for the Kenai.

Marcum's Anchorage plan has many similarities to her V1 map that she admitted on the record was largely unpopular. It also ignores public testimony given. I am an East ANC resident, and I would be strongly opposed to the combination of my area and Eagle River. This map ignore the diverse and unique communities in the East ANC area as well as Mountain View.

Tanner Johnson  
East ANC

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/20/2021 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: November 4, 2021

Name: **Avram Kalugin**

**Avram spoke in opposition of the East End Road community being redistricted with Kodiak.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/20/2021 Teleconference Testimony**

**Summary Date: 11/4/2021**

**Name: Damien Kalugin**

**Damien lives in Voznesenka Village and is against his community being redistricted to Kodiak. It does not make sense for his community to be excluded from the Kenai Peninsula.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/20/2021 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: November 3, 2021

**Name: Hionia Kalugin**

**Hionia is a Voznesenka resident and stated that during the wintertime, before they were a Kenai Peninsula Borough-maintained road, the roads were not maintained. In the last 5 years, this area has been the last area to be maintained (not until noon or 1 PM), even though it is apart of the system and Hionia expressed concern for the road and safety conditions during the winter. The roads must be maintained and taken care of. To be redistricted to an area such as Kodiak sounds like an unsound idea and this community would have no voice in the maintenance of their roads.**

**Tourists come to East End during summer time and must be taken care of properly, and this area must be given higher value than what it is given currently.**

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**From:** Len Kamerling [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 4, 2021 11:20 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Goldstream Valley Fairbanks Redistricting plan

Dear Redistricting Board,

I would like to register my strong objection to the planned redistricting for Fairbanks that joins the Goldstream Valley to Tok and Delta. First and foremost, this does not meet the constitutional intent of having communities with shared socioeconomic backgrounds kept together. Goldstream Valley is part of the University of Alaska community and it shares strong social, economic, and educational ties with Ester, Chena Ridge and the city of Fairbanks. As rural communities, Salcha, Eielson and Harding Lake have much more in common with the Tok / Delta district and are more closely located.

I urge you to reconsider this drastic redistricting plan. Most importantly, joining Goldstream Valley to the Tok and Delta electoral district would harm all of these communities by denying them a unified voice in Juneau.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Leonard Kamerling  
[REDACTED]  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

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**From:** Mark Kansteiner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 7:57 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Seward redistricting

Greetings,

As a resident voter of Seward, Alaska I strongly support having Seward and Moose Pass in the same district. Thank you,  
Mark Kansteiner



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**From:** Julie Kaufman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 12:05 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Goldstream Valley redistricting

Dear Redistricting Board,

I'm writing to express my strong objection to the planned redistricting for Fairbanks that joins the Goldstream Valley to Tok and Delta.

Goldstream Valley is part of the University of Alaska community and it shares strong social, economic, and educational ties with Ester, Chena Ridge and the city of Fairbanks. As rural communities, Salcha, Eielson and Harding Lake have much more in common with the Tok / Delta district and are more closely located.

This redistricting plan would deny all the communities involved a unified voice in Juneau.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Julie Kaufman

[Julie Kaufman](#) | [Vice President of Research](#) | [GrantStation.com, Inc.](#)  
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# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/30/21 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/5/2021

Name: **Mary Elizabeth Kehrhahn-Stark**

**Mary expressed concern about Board Map v.3 as it is unfair for the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) and the voters of the borough. According to the census, the FNSB should be allocated 5.23 house seats that are socio-economically integrated and then one other seat for the excess population. The excess population should go to another district with fair representation having one person, one vote. Mary asked for Board Map v.3 to not be adopted.**

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**From:** Mary Kehrhahn-Stark <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 1:11 PM  
**To:** TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony  
**Subject:** ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: November 5, 2021, 1:11 pm

First Name: **Mary**

Last Name: **Kehrhahn-Stark**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99708**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Integrity in the selection of the Final Redistricting Map for 2021**

Public Comment: **Hello, my name is Mary Kehrhahn-Stark. I live in the Goldstream Valley, Fairbanks North Star Borough.**

**I testified earlier regarding the proposed map where the Borough had been overpopulated. Thank you for the map change to remedy this distortion.**

**Today, I am testifying again, to ask that the board respect the federal requirement of "one person, one vote" by thoroughly evaluating how it is that the Goldstream Valley has been placed with interior villages, Tok and Delta to create one District.**

**Apparently, elements of socioeconomic integration have been ignored. Socioeconomic integration consists of (a) historic relationships, (b) common aspects in economics, and (c) geographic settings.**

**The Goldstream Valley is and has been integral to the University of Alaska-Fairbanks community. Our population largely consists of staff, faculty and students of the University. This has been the historical relationship for as long as I have been here, and that is for at least 30 years. It has, UAF and the Valley, as you know, even longer historical ties. The Tok or Salcha area hardly bears any relevance here, except once, when a friend was doing her student teaching in Salcha when she wanted test out teaching in a small remote village. Because of the UAF relevance, Goldstream has historic ties with Ester, Chena Pump, and Chena Ridge-for the same reason. We are students, staff and professor s. and other supporting businesses to that UAF population.**

Because of these historic relationships, Goldstream residents share the same post offices, grocery stores and other places of business serving our needs. We do not travel to the interior villages or Tok or Salcha. Lastly, our geographical setting, begs us to use the Parks HWY to go south, because it is closest to us. As for the interior villages, Tok, and Delta, they use the Richardson HWY because those towns are right on the HWY.

Pairing Goldstream with the Rural areas is not representative of either community and placing them together would harm both by denying them a voice in Juneau. It doesn't make sense-unless you are trying to dilute the Goldstream voice? Or is cracking a better description?

A suggestion: Use Salcha, Eielson and Harding Lake to populate Tok.

And, also leave North Pole to its own district. This is fair to North Pole and to Fairbanks.

Throughout this morning's discussion about Anchorage, there was so much talk of fairness, and deviation. Please do the same for Fairbanks, without piecing it apart.

Thank you for your commitment to making a fair Redistricting Map that promises the federal requirement of one person-one vote.

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**From:** Frank Keim [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 9:13 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Goldstream redistricting

Good morning,

I am a resident of Goldstream voting District 31 and I completely disagree with the board's most recent proposal to place us in District 36. That is a brazen attempt to water down the district to make it less representative of the citizens who live here. Please stay with Version 4 of the proposal and keep us connected with the University community, since a majority of the people I've come to know over the 60 years I've lived in this area are associated in one way or another with the University.

Thank you.

Frank Keim  
[REDACTED]

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"To seek a river's source is to seek our own, to turn and turn and always return--to snow and mountains, to sea and sky, and always to water, always to the soul's deep springs, always to the flowing ungraspable image that forever runs free of all names and knowing, singing the story of its own being, bearing forth from distant passages its mortal and infinite nature."

John Daniel  
*The Spirit of Rivers*

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**From:** Andrew Keller [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 12:35 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Fairbanks Districts

Hello,

Please do not put sections of the Goldstream Valley in Fairbanks with an Interior district connecting with Tok.

If more population needs to be added to Tok, please add Delta, Salcha and if necessary Eielson and North Pole.

Goldstream Valley, Farmers Loop, Becker Ridge and other areas around UAF should be consolidated in one or two districts that surround the University.

Thank you,

Andrew Keller  
[REDACTED]  
Fairbanks, AK 99708  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Kristan Kelly [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 3:31 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Fairbanks

To the members of the redistricting board.

I'd like you to reconsider grouping the Fairbanks area of Goldstream with rural areas. Goldstream is very much an integral part of Fairbanks and is economically and culturally similar to the west Fairbanks communities of Ester, Chena Pump, the university area and Fox. They should be kept together.

Thank you to all for your work on redistricting.

Kristan Kelly

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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.**



# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/30/21 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/5/2021

Name: **Kathryn Kindt**

**Kathryn is a Two Rivers resident in a gerrymandered district and she hopes this will change. Kathryn has reviewed the proposed changes and spoke in favor of Board Map v.4 and the Doyon Coalition map. She likes to see communities united and not split up, such as Chena Hot Springs and places off the road system.**

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**From:** Tyler Kirk [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 4, 2021 9:49 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Opposed to redistricting

I wrote to oppose the redistricting of Goldstream. It must remain a part of Fairbanks. Please stop gerrymandering and work to govern.

Tyler Kirk

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**From:** Kendra Kloster [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 12:25 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony for redistricting board

Dear Redistricting Board,

I am writing to you today as a resident of East Anchorage with concerns about some discussions and considerations taking place to include our area with Eagle River. I also serve as the President of Russian Jack Community Council and have been involved in a number of community efforts such as the Muldoon Farmers Market, served on the planning committees for Russian Jack Springs Park and Chantshnu Muldoon Park. I also write to you as an Indigenous woman, mother, someone who deeply cares about our state and ensuring that every voice in Alaska has a fair opportunity to be heard.

It is with great concern that I am writing to you today about combining together any part of East Anchorage with Eagle River. This action would greatly dilute the voices of the East Anchorage residents. Furthermore, East Anchorage is one of the most diverse communities in the nation with over 100 languages spoken in our community and high schools. Ensuring that our diverse community is represented adequately means that we need to have our district with the fair opportunity to elect a representative that best serves our community. Gerrymandering East Anchorage with Eagle River or South Anchorage would impact our voices and create a district that dilutes an area with so much diversity. By not keeping East Anchorage whole it would greatly impact our community representation and dilute the voices of East Anchorage residents, and therefore, believe it to be unconstitutional.

There are other maps that have been able to keep East Anchorage whole, so I know there are other options that will work.

Furthermore, I want to highly encourage the Board to be reviewing all comments from communities and do your very best to honor the communities wishes. As it is our representation, our voices, that will be impacted by the maps that you will be adopting for all Alaskans. People within their own communities are the experts on their homelands. We know our communities, and hope that our public testimony is weighed upon with great care.

Additionally, I would request that more care is taken when it comes to public testimony opportunities. Our rural communities have had less opportunity to weigh in because of the lack of call-in numbers and virtual participation. It should be standard practice that at every meeting there is a call in number for the community, the meetings are all live streamed, and information is made available well in advance. Our communities and people cannot plan when things are last minute, as this process is also taking place during harvesting time when many families are hunting to ensure they have food for the winter.

I appreciate your service to our state and appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts and concerns on this very important issue.

Gunalcheesh,  
Kendra Kloster

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Name: Jaeleen Kookesh

Affiliation: Sealaska

Sealaska is proud to partner with other Alaska Native corporations to develop a proposed statewide redistricting plan. Jaeleen urged the board to strongly consider the Doyon Coalition map and voiced the following concerns of importance to Sealaska: 1. The Doyon Coalition has proposed a compact map that is contiguous and socio-economically integrated. Southeast Alaska population is currently at 71,286 which corresponds to just under 4 districts. Southeast is entitled to this amount of districts, granted they will all slightly be under-deviated. Their proposed map creates district borders that make sense and include geographic boundaries. They have also proposed a Southeast Alaska island district (District 2) which includes communities on Prince of Wales Island. This proposed district of islands and rural communities maintains socio-economic integration and is contiguous. It is linked by geography, socio-economics, and culture. One of the most important features are the islands and whenever possible, they have tried to ensure the communities on the same islands are represented together with the exception of the Admiralty Island. They have tried to maintain the islands as a whole. They provided another option for Juneau, Proposed Districts 3 and 4. District 3 maintains the distinct Juneau areas of Ahk Bay and Mendenhall Valley and puts the downtown districts in northern communities of Haines, Gustavus and Skagway. Sealaska is okay with other map versions that keep northern communities of Mendenhall Valley, Ahk Bay, and Juneau together. 2. In past redistricting cycles, many rural communities have been placed with districts that do not share the same concerns, economic bases, or cultures. For examples, placing interior off-road system communities with coastal communities. Sealaska supports their coalition partners in retaining rural interior villages together and maintaining separation from coastal communities. 3. The Doyon Coalition has concerns about Board Map v.3 in the Fairbanks area as the districts are upwardly deviated between 4.23 and 4.43 percent. In their view, this is too high of a deviation. Jaeleen wants to ensure that rural representation is maintained overall. Regarding Prince of Wales Island, can they be broken and how can it be shared with Ketchikan or should it remain in larger Sitka district? Sealaska looked at the possibility of breaking up communities and their maps intentionally kept islands together, but looking at the possibilities, her preference for Prince of Wales is that at least the traditionally Native communities stay together (Craig, Klawok, Kasaan, and Hydaburg) and pull from eastern island of Prince of Wales such as Thorn Bay.

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**Cordova 11/1/21 Verbal Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/4/2021

Name: **Clay Koplin**

Affiliation: **City of Cordova Mayor**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

**Clay is in favor of Cordova being a coastal district as there are many commonalities with Kodiak and other coastal communities. Prince William Sound is a strong and growing fishery. There are many fishes coming in and out of Cordova as well. The fisheries connect the communities, which is 99% of their economy.**

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**From:** Silke Schiewer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 11:10 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Redistricting Tok, Delta and Richardson Hwy.

Dear Redistricting Board

We follow the news with great concern that the Fairbanks Goldstream Valley gets lumped together with Tok, Delta and the Richardson Highway.

How can that be, since the Goldstream Valley has so little in common with these other areas? Furthermore, Delta and Tok treat the Goldstream Valley with disdain. Why? Because of the proximity of the Goldstream Valley to UAF. Our life experiences, economic basis and education backgrounds could not be more different. Just to give you an example out of many: The vaccination rate in the Goldstream Valley is high, while that rate is Rock Bottom in Delta and Tok.

In addition, some of Delta's main concerns are favorable policies for mining and Army posts, while the Goldstream Valley is routing for increased funding for UAF and the public school system in general. In addition, the prospects of getting a gold mine right next to the Goldstream Valley (Felix Gold / Millrock / Pogo gold mine) is raising great concerns and opposition to this development. Please understand that these are only examples of a large spectrum of topics where we are not on the same page with the "outlying communities". It would be like caging a lion together with a wolf. The outcome would without doubt be catastrophic. We would be deadlocked on almost everything! There can not be even the appearance of "like-mindedness". Please do not bungle this up. There is no gain in doing so (not even political)!

Hoping for the best while fearing the worst,

yours

Thomas Felix Krause, [REDACTED] Fairbanks, AK 99709

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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

# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

## WEBSITE RESPONSE

First Name: **Margaret (Peggy) Kugel**

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Date: November 5, 2021, 12:17 pm

Comments: **I object to today's version of Map 3. It is not acceptable to chop off part of Muldoon and add it to Eagle River. This is not compact and it is not socio-economically integrated. It is also not appropriate to expect the public to be able to comment on a moving target that has not been made available until after 12 pm today.**

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Date: November 5, 2021, 9:51 am

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

Public Comment: **I have heard there is a new map that was proposed this week (week of Nov 1-5) (i.e., after the close of the period for submission of written testimony. If I could find this new map, I would love to make a comment on it today, but it does not appear to be posted on the Redistricting Board website where all the other maps are posted. I need to see a map that shows the streets in Anchorage so that I can see what district I would be in and so that I can see the boudaries of all districts. Otherwise, how is it possible to cmment ona map?**



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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:** Richard Kuzuguk <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 9:05 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 5, 2021, 9:05 am

First Name: **Richard**

Last Name: **Kuzuguk**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Shishmaref Tribal Member**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99762**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Lack of addressing current status in regards to fisheries**

Public Comment: **Shishmaref have never gotten any answers between whom is suppose to be supporting subsidies for fishing revenues, NSEDC boundaries are 17 miles short to include Shishmaref for fishing industry, we are suppose to be under Maniilaq fisheries, but our voting boundaries are with Nome district, this conflict needs attention before asking to changing anything. The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act must be reassessed before anything else.**

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**From:** Matt Kynoch [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 10:38 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Fairbanks redistricting testimony

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to oppose redistricting Goldstream Valley into district 36. Redistricting this area into a district with Delta Junction, Tok, and other rural communities far from Fairbanks not only makes no sense, but violates article 6 section 6 of the Alaska State Constitution.

Goldstream valley is part of Fairbanks. Almost everyone that lives there works in Fairbanks and relies on Fairbanks for their day to day needs. It takes me 9 minutes to drive to the University from my address in the Goldstream neighborhood. Hell, the mailing address says "Fairbanks".

This move to quietly lump this neighborhood of Fairbanks in with distant communities that don't share the same values is pretty fishy to say the least, and smells strangely of voter suppression. Again, to make this as simple as possible, this proposal violates article 6 section 6 of the Alaska State Constitution.

Sincerely,

Matt Kynoch  
**Fairbanks** Resident

# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

## WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: November 8, 2021, 10:01 am

Name: **Suzanne LaFrance**

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

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

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

Public Comment: **Dear Board Members:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**From:** Jonathan Lang <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 10:23 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 5, 2021, 10:23 am

First Name: **Jonathan**

Last Name: **Lang**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Muldoon Resident**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99504-1929**

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

Public Comment: **The Map 3 boundary including parts of Muldoon with Eagle River are inappropriate and literally divide the community. The Map 4 boundary that keeps Muldoon cohesive with the majority of the Northeast Community Council boundary keeps the community together.**

# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY

**Cordova 11/1/21 Verbal Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/4/2021

Name: **Sylvia Lange**

Affiliation: **Native Village of Eyak**

Email or Phone Contact: 

Sylvia serves as Vice Chair of the Traditional Council of the Native Village of Eyak. Board Maps v.3 and v.4 appear most closely aligned with their present needs for representation. The maps include their village in District 5 and includes the Chugach villages in the Lower Cook Inlet and Prince William Sound where there are many cultural and familial ties. The boundaries are also similar to what was used in the last redistricting cycle. They have been connected to Kodiak for most of the last 10 years and the connections have been strengthened; Kodiak and Cordova have similar socio-economic links, although Kodiak is a much larger community. There are mutual fishing ties to the Suqpiak and Alutiiq populations, similar freight transportation connections, and marine highways are important for their communities. The other maps have varying deviations. AFFR map, while including many small coastal communities, stretches too far to the west for the village to feel much regional connection. The Senate Minority Caucus map separates them from all coastal communities and does not meet any of the socio-economic needs.

The AFFR map poses serious problems by separating them from all coastal communities, including Prince William Sound, and pairs them with interior Alaskan communities with which there are limited connections. The Doyon Coalition map keeps the village with Prince William Sound and includes some Chugach villages, but it separates them from Whittier, which is their AMHS connection. The map also separates them from the Copper River watershed communities, such as Chitna and Gulkana. For these reasons, the village supports Board Maps v.3 and v.4. No map links the village to Southeast Alaska and this is important to the village as they feel an affinity on several levels with the communities of Southeast Alaska, particularly the more remote and smaller coastal communities. They share cultural connections with their Tlingit relatives, especially those in Yakutat. They host cultural events and the neighbors to the south travel to the village for those events. They also share a fishery and seafood processing economic base, similar to the southeast communities. They also share the extension of the temperate rainforest that stretches from the Southern Alaska border to Prince William Sound. Transportation systems, barge lines, and Alaska Airlines flights and 61 and 66 are all shared routes for decades. They are also similarly dependent on the Alaska Marine Highway System as the only road connection to the rest of Alaska. They were previously connected to the southeast islands in years past, and it suited their needs well. A link was included to a draft map that includes Cordova with Southeast for future redistricting considerations. The link is included in an email that was sent by Sylvia.

Kodiak has been a good fit for the village and they do not prefer to be separated from Prince William Sound (PWS). Valdez is more interested in going up the highway rather than being connected to the village. There is subsistence and commercial fishing with some sport fishing, but personal use on the upper Copper can cause resource conflicts. They make their living mostly by commercial fishing and they are a small boat fishery with very few large vessels. Socio-economically, the village is connected to Kodiak, but the smaller PWS communities and the small boat fisheries have more connection with the village.

Culturally, the village can go either way as they have Sugpiaq relatives in Kodiak, Unga relatives in PWS, Tlingit relatives in Southeast Alaska. It seems as though every 10 years, they are the "red-headed step child of the redistricting process". PWS has always been their "front yard and back yard". In some ways, they do get two representatives if they go either way. They can fit either way quite comfortably. Socio-economic ties that the village has with the Copper River: - There was a railroad service that went up to Kennecott, prior to that, it was a Native community. Then copper was discovered, then fishing. Generally, the village is a colonial community. - In pre-history times before non-Natives came to the area, there was much trade on the Copper River all the way up to Ahtna. - There was also a trade route that went behind the village on the Bremner River up to Yakutat. - Copper was highly prized in the Tlingit archipelago and they were in the middle of the trade route. - Fishing is all about PWS and Copper River Delta where there are small boats with single individuals. The village keeps an eye on the escapement on what goes up the river. This resource is a balance between subsistence, personal, and commercial fishing.

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Skagway 10/27/21 Verbal Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/5/2021

**Name: Elizabeth Lavoy**

**Elizabeth spoke in favor of keeping Skagway paired with Downtown Juneau due to economic similarities through their port, historic districts, downtown, walkability, etc. Skagway's business bases mirror what is happening in Downtown Juneau. It does not make sense for Skagway to be paired with the Mendenhall Valley. Elizabeth is in favor of any map that pairs Downtown Juneau with Skagway.**



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**From:** Christopher Lease [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 11:20 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Support for Board Proposed Plan #3

Hello,

I live in the Goldstream valley, and want to provide my support for redistricting plan #3 for the new district 31.

This provides rural areas around Fairbanks from the west to the east a singular area that has the most people who would have like concerns.

In my opinion, redistricting plan #4 is a disaster for the rural areas around Fairbanks, and combines areas that do not have similar concerns.

I have been listening in and watching the live Zoom discussion on the redistricting plans, and it seems to be centered on Anchorage. I unfortunately do not have time to sit and wait for the public testimony.

Thank you for your hard work on this, and for trying to make this as transparent as possible.

V/R,

**Christopher A. Lease**  
Goldstream valley resident

# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

## WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: November 5, 2021, 2:55 am

Name: **Melanie Leydon**  
Your ZIP Code: **99508**

Email or Phone Contact: 

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Marcum's Map (it's gerrymandered)**

Public Comment: **I ONLY support Nicole's map because it appears more compact, respects individual neighborhood boundaries, and does not split up East Anchorage into Eagle River and South Anchorage and also do not agree with adding a far flung part of the state such as Valdez in with Anchorage.**

**I have major issues with Bethany Marcums proposed map:**

**Marcum's Anchorage has many similarities to her V1 map that she admitted on the record was largely unpopular.**

**The plan completely ignores hours of public testimony, as well as 100's of written comments.**

**This map would put East Anchorage / muldoon into Eagle River - overwhelming testimony from both East Anchorage and Eagle River opposed this concept. Eagle River is Socio-economically distinct from East Anchorage - in fact they have a current Eagle Exit movement to separate themselves from the Municipality.**

**Part of East Anchorage, around the Muldoon curve, is also put into a South Anchorage district. You have to drive through four other districts to get to the rest of this proposed district. Again, East Anchorage is socio-economically distinct from South Anchorage.**

**Most of the remainder of East Anchorage is placed with JBER in an odd, long, diagonally shaped district. This part of East Anchorage is one of the most racially diverse areas in the country and diluting minority voices in this manner could run afoul of the Voting Rights Act . The map does not respect the diverse communities in east Anchorage & mountain view.**

**Taken together, this slicing and dicing of East Anchorage represents an egregious gerrymander and reduces the voice of East Anchorage residents.**

**Downtown and Government hill would be in a district with mountain view**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/30/21 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/5/2021

Name: **John Lincoln**

Affiliation: **NANA CEO**

**NANA is a for-profit Alaska Native corporation for 15,000 Inupiat shareholders in Alaska, including Buckland and Deering. NANA urges the board to adopt a map that reflects their ANCSA region, borough municipalities, and tribal health service areas by keeping their 11 socio-economically integrated communities together in District 40. Socio-economic integration is a critical component of the redistricting process and true integration will reflect the interactions of the people in these areas. There is clear evidence of this in the region including transportation, health, government, education, , significant ancient cultural ties and more. 100% of testifiers at the 10/5/21 Kotzebue asked for the same consideration to keep Buckland and Deering in District 40 to keep the region whole.**


# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Anchorage 10/27/21 Verbal Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/5/2021

Name: **Lucille Lincoln**

Affiliation: **Ahtna, Inc. and Enrollee of Kluti-Kaah**

Email or Phone Contact: 

**Lucille lives in Tazlina and testified in support of the Doyon Coalition map. It is important that the Ahtna villages remain in the same district because they are all socio-economically integrated; the same goes for Cantwell. They all have the same language, customs, traditions, and they hunt, fish, and do berry picking together. There are also relatives in Cantwell. Their village and Cantwell is very integrated in different ways. It is important for the villages to stay in one area. The other proposed maps exclude Cantwell from their village and this is wrong because Cantwell is apart of the village and they feel disconnected and abandoned. Please ensure that the Ahtna villages and Cantwell stay in the interior districts.**

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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]

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**From:** Liz Lyke [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 9:46 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Please consider keep communities together in Fairbanks.

Good morning,

I'm asking that you please keep the residents in Fairbanks together as you re-district. DON'T cram us all into 5 districts and dilute each voters voice. Likewise please connect districts by roads! Connecting residents with land that is not passage by car or even foot is not right. I've reviewed all the plan and the Doyon plan is by far the best. Let's consider keeping residents group together in the communities they've built. Likewise indigenous Alaskans voice are the ones we ought to be listening the most, please make sure to consider these things more than the likely outcomes of any future elections. Many of us are keeping track of this work, please give us a better map than the 2011 map, which was ultimately thrown out by the supreme court.

Thanks,

Liz Lyke District 5 resident.

"We must always aim for the impossible; if we lower our goal, we also diminish our effort." - Dorothy Day

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Summary Date: 11/5/2021

**Name: Lesley Lyman**

**Lesley favor of Senate Minority Caucus map. It is beyond understanding how Key Harbor and downtown can be put together. If it is redistricted to throw incumbents together by obvious gerrymandering, that is a thought she is blown away with. She hopes the board will settle on something more democratic than the Senate Minority Caucus map.**

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**Name: Dianne MacRae**

**Dianne MacRae testified regarding Mary Jackson's proposed map and Dianne does not feel that separating the community would be best. She likes Mary Jackson's proposed map as it is better for the Kenai Peninsula to be underrepresented, but represented as one community. She lived in Anchorage when Kenai was apart of the district, and she has lived in Kenai when the Kenai Peninsula was apart of the Anchorage district; it did not work well. When doing the math, you end up negating a small section of people who are not served or represented impactfully in their area. Dianne asked the board to consider Mary Jackson's proposed map as outlined in her testimony.**

**Currently, the Kenai community barely sees Sen. Gary Stevens and have learned to adapt to this. It is important that the community does not lose a fraction to be diluted into another place "because of the math".**



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**From:** Isabella Mamea [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 4, 2021 10:40 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Redistricting concerns for a minority in Anchorage

Dear Alaska Redistricting Board Members,

My name is Isabella Mamea . I am Samoan (from American Samoa, a territory of the US). I am a member of the Pacific Community of Alaska, a non-profit organization in Anchorage. I live in the East Anchorage neighborhood, and I work downtown on 4th Street. My children attend school at Airport Heights Elementary, Wendler Middle School, and East High School.

I usually shop for groceries at Fred Meyers on the corner of New Seward and Northern Lights, Walmart at A Street and often times Freddy's/Walmart at Debarr. I always take my kids to the Airport Heights playground or Tikishla park in my neighborhood

Our family attends church at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on Maplewood in my neighborhood.

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 their right to have districts that represent their unique make-up.

I feel our neighborhood is very distinct from Chugiak and Eagle River. We do not shop at the same places, worship at the same churches, go to the same parks, visit the same restaurants. Please do NOT include us in the same district. This is not a socioeconomically integrated pairing. Chugiak and Eagle River have expressed a lot of interest in leaving the Municipality of Anchorage, so why would we include them 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 crack our communities up into multiple districts. I also do not feel it is appropriate to put East Anchorage in a district with communities south of Tudor or JBER. 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.

I would like a map that reflects the diversity of Anchorage's neighborhoods

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- 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

Thank-you for your time in considering this humble request.

Sincerely,

*Isabella Maugatai Mamea*

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 7:39 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Goldstream redistricting

I am a 40 year resident of Goldstream Valley and I am writing to say I am opposed to the recent proposal that aims to group Goldstream Valley with the Tok, Delta areas in, I believe, district 36. For one, geographically, it makes no sense, as we share no borders and there are many communities in between us (Fairbanks, N. Pole, Salcha, Harding Lake, Eielson).

There are no shared activities and residents don't interact...there is little reason for residents of Tok or Delta to even be aware of Goldstream. I fear that any concerns of the residents of Goldstream would be overlooked and ignored.

We are not socio-economically similar in any way.

Residents of Goldstream work, shop, engage in activities, are members of clubs and organizations, attend schools that are based in the greater Fairbanks area and that is where our interests are. We need to be grouped with our neighbors.

There were some recent proposals that did group us with neighbors, in district 31.

I encourage you to follow the criteria in establishing districts ...contiguous, socio-economically similar .

I would have called in to testify, however I am heading into Fairbanks to my job and I am not available to call. I feel very strongly about this.

Sincerely,  
Margaret Mannix

[REDACTED]  
Fairbanks, Ak 99707

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Name: **Nila Martushev**

**Nila is an East End Road resident and spoke in opposition of this area being districted with Kodiak. Everything East End Road residents do leads to Homer and separating East End Road to Kodiak is not preferred.**

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Summary Date: 11/4/2021

Name: **Ledia Martushoff**

Affiliation: **Voznesenka Village, FoxCreek**

**Ledia stated that her community is apart of the Homer community. She shops in Homer and her daughter goes to school in Homer. She is against being removed from District 31 and would like to remain in this district.**

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Name: **Hellenmarie Matesi**

**Hellenmarie lives off Becker Ridge in the Chena/Ester area on the westside of town. Hellenmarie spoke in opposition of Board Map v.3 as it would group her community with North Pole. The map also overpopulates Fairbanks districts in a way that doesn't happen in other communities in the state. It would diminish the effectiveness of votes and fairness of the system. The map also results in Anchorage and Mat-Su being overrepresented while Fairbanks is underrepresented. The map also does not follow the east/west orientation that exists in the Fairbanks North Star Borough. Hellenmarie sent in a document. She spoke in favor of Board Map v.4 and the AFFR map as they recognize North Pole's distinct identity and keeps the Greater North Pole in one community. Ester is her community; North Pole is not her community. Her first choice is the AFFR map. Her second choice is Board Map v.4.**

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**From:** Megan McBride [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 6:44 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Save East Anchorage

The current draft of the redistricting map divides East Anchorage in a way that is unfair to the community. This looks like gerrymandering with the results of losing the voice of East Anchorage residents. The proposed map splits up East Anchorage and combines this neighborhood with Eagle River and South Anchorage, which both have very different demographics are much more white, much higher median income, and much more politically conservative. If you just encourage doesn't have enough residence to be its own legislative district then combining it with parts of Midtown or with North Anchorage in the makes much more more sense. If East Anchorage doesn't have enough residents to be its own legislative district then combining it with parts of Midtown or with North Anchorage makes much more sense. The East Anchorage high school and Bartlett high school areas have much more in common with each other, for example.

Thank you,  
Megan McBride

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Summary Date: 11/4/2021

Name: **Stephen McCasland**

**Stephen stated that his business is in Homer and he lives in Fritz Creek. He is worried because East End Road is socio-economically tied to Homer and should not be separated. Residents of East End Road go to school, work, and use the harbor and airport in Homer. The Russian villages are closely tied as well. If redistricting must happen, Seward should be added back to the district as it once was as they are also a waterfront community based on tourism and fishing. Drop Kasilof north to gain Seward as that area is not as socio-economically similar to Homer.**



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**From:** Adam McComb <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 6, 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 6, 2021, 9:28 am

First Name: **Adam**

Last Name: **McComb**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99709**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Final Redistricting Map Does Not Meet Constitutional Requirements**

Public Comment: **Hello,**

**The Goldstream Valley in Fairbanks North Star Borough is grouped in with the towns of Tok, McCarthy, Coldfoot, and others. It would be unfair for us and unfair for them if we shared a representative with different goals. Please reconsider this boundary to meet the constitutional requirements of combining similar socio-economic and adhere to government boundaries such as the Fairbanks North Star Borough, as it has for the last decade.**

**Thank you for your time.**

**Adam McComb 99709**

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**From:** Brooke McDavid [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 9:16 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Public testimony Re: Goldstream - Fairbanks

Redistricting Board,

I would like to submit this as public testimony against redistricting to include Goldstream Valley, which is directly adjacent to Fairbanks, in the same district as Tok and Delta Junction. Article VI, Section 6 of the AK Constitution states that:

“Each house district shall be formed of contiguous and compact territory containing as nearly as practicable a relatively integrated socio-economic area.”

Goldstream Valley is not in an area contiguous with Delta or Tok, nor does it have similar socio-economics. Pairing Goldstream, which is adjacent to Fairbanks and tied to Fairbanks socio-economically, with rural communities far away would essentially place Goldstream under representation that has vastly different priorities and issues. It would dilute the needs of both the Goldstream community AND those of the rural communities.

Please accept this is testimony against including Goldstream in the same district as Tok and Delta Junction.

Thank you,

Brooke McDavid  
Fairbanks, AK

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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**

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:** rosemary mcguire <[REDACTED]@com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 1:25 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Goldstream Valley redistricting

Hello,

I am writing to oppose the proposed redistricting of Goldstream Valley with Tok, Delta & the Richardson Highway. This makes no possible sense. Goldstream community members work, recreate and shop in Fairbanks. We have no community economic or social ties to Tok or Delta. I can't see this as anything but political gerrymandering. We belong with the University area, and areas north and west of Fairbanks (where we are located) not with the distant rural areas proposed.

Please join me in opposing this bad idea.

Rosemary McGuire

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**From:** Steve Meckel <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 7:19 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 5, 2021, 7:19 am

First Name: **Steve**

Last Name: **Meckel**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99709**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **My concern is with the proposed AFFER map for my area, specifically distrcit 5c.**

Public Comment: **I have a concern with the AFFER proposed redistricting map, district 5C. This map places me in a district with communities that are hundreds of miles away from my location. I live in Goldstream, which is just a few miles outside of the Fairbanks city limits. Fairbanks is my home community. I work in Fairbanks, shop in Fairbanks and interact with people in the community. It would be unfair to me and to the people in those remote locations to put us in the same voting district. Please do not consider the AFFER redistricting plan and work to provide fair representation to all Alaska voters. Thank you for the work that you are doing.**

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**From:** Dave Messier <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 11:36 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Goldstream Valley comment

Dear Redistricting Board Members,

My name is Dave Messier, I live at [REDACTED], Fairbanks, AK 99709 and recently learned that the redistricting board is considering grouping the goldstream valley in with the rural villages of Tok and Delta. I also serve on the board of Golden Valley Electric Association (GVEA) and work as a project manager for Tanana Chiefs Conference so I am well aware of the demographics in that part of the interior. Moving the Goldstream valley into a grouping with rural areas like Tok and Delta makes absolutely no sense when considering the intent of redistricting.

I would encourage the board to leave the Goldstream valley in a district that is geographically and socioeconomically more similar such as the university area north of UAF rather than torture the shapes and the intent of the law and group our census block with more far flung regions of the interior.

Thank you for all your work in ensuring that redistricting is a fair process that allows all Alaskans to have their voices heard.

-Dave Messier

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**From:** Lili Misel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 6:50 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Goldstream area should not be with Tok

Dear Redistricting Board,

I recently read that the Goldstream area is being redistricted with Tok and other rural and remote communities south of Fairbanks.

I live in Fairbanks and the new map being drawn creates serious problems for how the people of Fairbanks are represented. This mapping does not meet the constitutional goal of having communities with shared socioeconomic backgrounds kept together.

Goldstream is part of the Fairbanks community, NOT the Interior rural villages of Tok and Delta. The board would serve the Interior far better by using Salcha, Eielson and Harding Lake to populate Tok – they have far more in common and are near each other.

Pairing Goldstream with the rural area is not representative of any of the communities involved in this redistricting. Goldstream shares strong social, economic, educational ties with the Ester and Chena Ridge, Chena Pump and nearby neighborhoods and should be represented together.

Thank you,  
Lili Misel  
Fairbanks



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Name: **Robbi Mixon**

**Robbi is a Fritz Creek resident and spoke in opposition of redistricting Fritz Creek into Kodiak as there are no socio-economic ties to Kodiak. Redistricting Fritz Creek to Kodiak would be detrimental as the community would not get the representation that they deserve.**

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**From:** Dorothy Moore [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 11:16 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Cc:** Jake Staser; Schantz, Donna  
**Subject:** Support of Valdez proposal  
**Attachments:** DMM redistricting suggestions.docx

Members of the redistricting board:

Thank you for the opportunity to address the current redistricting process.

I am a lifelong resident of Alaska, first arriving in 1949. I remember getting my first voter registration -card when I was in college (AMU later renamed Alaska Pacific University) I am very proud of a voter registration number less than 3000. (#00002288) I am a retired government-civics-history teacher who represented Valdez City Council during the last two redistricting cycles.

I wish to support the city of Valdez proposal.

I understand the complexities of the process of redrawing the lines every ten years.

Living through the results of the 2000, and 2010 process I have not felt, as a voting individual, my community was adequately represented when lumping Valdez with larger communities in the Mat Su valley. It is convenient from a map point of view but people who live in smaller communities, or isolated communities, have different needs than those who are within an hour of large box stores.

In my representation of Valdez on the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens Council I have found more understanding between and among communities with water based access.

Because of my experience, with the process of redistricting, and living through the results for my community, I am supporting the City of Valdez redistricting proposal.

Thank you for your time and energy as you evaluate and recommend lines for redistricting.

Dorothy Moore, cvinternnet.net, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Valdez Alaska 996861

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**From:** Heidi Morel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 12:48 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Goldstream Redistricting

Hello,

I am a resident of Goldstream Valley and I am against being put in district 36. We are not only located very far from that district, but also our community's needs are not the same. I feel like this kind of redistricting would be a blatant display of gerrymandering instead of redistricting for the good of local communities. Please consider the residents of the Goldstream community instead of your own political agenda.

Thank you for your consideration.

- Heidi Morel

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Name: **Keon Mostofi**

**Keon opposes being moved from District 31 to offset the population. It would make more sense to move the line of Kenai-Soldotna's district southward so Homer loses some population and Kenai-Soldotna could gain population, then incorporate Fritz Creek into the Homer district again. This would better represent the people of those areas. East End Road is economically and socially tied to Homer. They live there, don't leave in the winter, start businesses there, and use the harbor. There is no way to leave without going through Homer. Thus, Keon spoke in favor of the community remaining with Homer.**

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Name: **Kathryne Mulder**

Affiliation: **Fritz Creek**

**Kathryne spoke in opposition of Fritz Creek redistricted elsewhere as District 31 allows them to be connected to Homer. Fritz Creek residents have a road system that connects them to Homer where they shop, go to school, travel to for emergencies, etc.**

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**From:** Kengo Nagaoka [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 1:47 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Fair districting for East Anchorage

Good afternoon,

I am writing with concern after seeing the new redistricting map include East Muldoon and Eagle River in the same district. These two locations are dissimilar in almost every way I can think of: geography, income level, race and ethnic background, and social connection. They should not be put in the same district.

The areas outlined in the 2013 Proclamation for Anchorage are much more fair, the districts are more fairly shaped, and include neighborhoods with similar socioeconomic backgrounds and social connections.

East Anchorage should remain East Anchorage, please reconsider this draft and ensure fair districting.

Kengo Nagaoka

Turnagain resident, former District 19 resident, and staff at Alaska Literacy Program (located in District 19)



November 5, 2021

John Binkley, Chairman  
Alaska Redistricting Board  
PO Box 240147  
Anchorage, AK 99524

Dear Chairman Binkley:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the six draft map proposals that are before the Board. NANA is a for-profit Alaska Native Corporation with a social responsibility to 15,000 Iñupiaq people from Northwest Alaska, including Buckland and Deering.

As the Board approaches the deadline to adopt a final map, we strongly urge you to adopt a map that keeps our ANCSA boundary intact and keeps our eleven, socio-economically integrated communities together in House District 40.

We believe socio-economic integration is a critical component of the redistricting process, and that true integration will reflect interconnectedness and interaction between the people of that area. There is clear evidence of socio-economic integration within our region. Transportation routes, health and education services, and significant cultural ties are long-standing examples of socio-economic integration in our region.

I would like to emphasize the fact that 100% of testifiers at the October 5 public hearing in Kotzebue all asked for the same consideration – that is to leave our regional boundary intact and keep Buckland and Deering in District 40. I echo the same request as those community leaders you have already heard from.

Additionally, we support the map proposal from the Doyon Coalition. Their map strengthens rural districts to allow a higher percentage of Alaska Native voters, effectively working toward the goal of fair representation. Further, the Doyon Coalition worked collaboratively with groups across the state to get input and adjust proposed districts based on local preference. In both the unified Interior district, the deference to the requests of the Northwest Arctic Borough and Bering Straits, and the "islands" district in Southeastern Alaska, the Doyon Coalition map has endeavored to find a path for Alaska Natives to elect the representative of their choice.

For these reasons, and many more, we support proposals that keep our regional boundaries intact, namely the proposal from the Doyon Coalition. Thank you for your service and leadership, and for the opportunity to share our comments.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Lincoln".

John Lincoln  
President/CEO

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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,



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**From:** Carrie Nash [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 9:35 AM  
**To:** Testimony

I am dismayed that Ms. Marcum and Mr. Binkley are derailing the redistricting process by pushing through really indefensible maps and districts in the name of making Calista happy, making EagleExit happy and diluting Fairbanksians voices by including a left-leaning, cohesive district with Tok and Delta Junction.

Please DO NOT APPROVE

- maps that include East Anchorage with Eagle River
- maps that include the bulk of West Fairbanks with Tok and Delta
- maps that give 100% say to Calista Corp. and ignore regional villages and corporations with valid testimony about cohesiveness
- maps that put Valdez into the MatSu Borough

None of the above ideas will work for fair representation. There is no reason to approve solutions that are clearly going to court due to their very clear violation of the standards the Redistricting Board is supposed to follow.

Thank you,  
Carrie Nash, Fairbanks

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Carrie Nash  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Fairbanks, AK 99709

# 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:** Elizabeth Newell <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 1:02 PM  
**To:** TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony  
**Subject:** ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: November 5, 2021, 1:02 pm

First Name: **Elizabeth**

Last Name: **Newell**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Map 3 improved. District 11 Weird shape. Not socio-economically integrated.**

Public Comment: **District 11 is a weird shape and has part but not all of Abbott Loop, Bayshore/Klatt, Taku/Campbell, and Huffman/O'Malley. 4 different community council areas makes community engagement extremely difficult. There's no time or place that people in this proposed district regularly interact. The communities shop in different places(Dimond, Abbott Loop Town center, Huffman Town center) and go to different schools.**

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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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# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

## WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: November 5, 2021, 4:00 pm

Name: **Gary Newman**  
Your ZIP Code: **99712**

Email or Phone Contact: 

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

Public Comment: **Written testimony of what was offered orally on 11/5/21**

**I ask the Board to reconsider factors that led the Board to tentatively approve representation of the 5.2 seats for Fairbanks by moving the northwest section of the FNSB into Rural District 36.**

**The Board appeared to accept that Eielson was an economic engine to the borough, thus was found compelling to meet the socio-economic integration of what was characterized as more rural northwest area of the FNSB composed of what was alluded to as including those who live in dry cabins, implying that is adequately similar to the Interior Athabascan villages. I find this comparison troubling on several levels.**

**The focus on Eielson being an economic engine fails to recognize the "socio" and "integration" of the constitutional requirement. Eielson is a closed air force base by definition. You can't get into the base without a valid reason to get past the guard gate. They have their schools, their own recreation and social structure, even their own power plant. Those who live on base are not anywhere close to being socially integrated into the FNSB. It was mentioned that, in the past, many military did not even register to vote in Alaska, but that receiving a Permanent Fund Dividend changed that dynamic.**

**By contrast, the equivalent roughly 4,000 people in Goldstream, work, shop, and recreate in Fairbanks. They are and have been here for the long term and engage in our community in many ways. The current Alaska House representative, the past two borough mayors and the past Alaska House representative of many years would be excluded from being represented by someone in the FNSB. These are individuals who have substantially contributed their time for their community and they are not alone. This proposed exclusion of the Goldstream area was driven by the Board's Fairbanks representative, and was given deference by other Board members because of his life-long knowledge of Fairbanks. On appearance, the proposed plan to exclude them appears to be politically targeted and I find that extremely suspect.**

**I want to touch on one of the things that, in my 50 years in Fairbanks, has become rather evident. Alaskans like recreation and we love our trails. The area proposed to be incorporated into District 36 has one of our significant ski areas and many trails, some historic, such as from Murphy Dome to the Elliot Hwy. These areas are used not just by the local residents, but by residents from around the entire borough.**

**In contrast, I would submit that Eielson Air Force Base residents who enjoy recreation like hunting and fishing typically use areas to the south of them along the Richardson and Alaska highways for recreation. They even fly their F-15s and F-35s more over District 36. The Board discussed the idea of a Richardson Hwy district that could include Valdez. I also played with the numbers there, but at a population of around 10,000, it falls short. However, even the Board recognizes the significance of the Richardson corridor. It seems logical that Eielson would fit better into District 36 than the northwest**

section of the FNSB with the people who are fully socio-economically integrated and engaged in community life in our borough.

At the Board's Fairbanks hearing last month, I heard a lot of support for the Board's Version 4. Other than one part of the FNSB Assembly's request by resolution to not overpopulate the borough districts and Doug Isaacson's request to include Eielson, I have heard no mention of others' testimony in the Redistricting Board's deliberation this week. That seems to discard the efforts FNSB residents made to educate the Board on their perspectives.

I request that the Board substitute Board Version 4 Best, recognizing that it far better meets the constitutional requirement of socio-economic integration than does the current Board proposal for the FNSB legislative house districts in fulfillment of your constitutional charge.

Thank to the Board and to staff for your dedication to this challenging exercise.

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**From:** Kerry [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 9:18 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** DO NOT separate goldstream from fairbanks

I find it laughable and highly suspicious that there is even the remotest idea to consider redistricting goldstream with Delta Junction and Tok -- How incredibly unethical and inefficient and illogical.

Obviously this does not follow the criteria in drawing districts of staying contiguous and compact. The ridiculous inclusion of goldstream into District 36 ignoring Salcha, Eielson, Harding Lake, North Pole and any other community directly connected to Tok and Delta Junction just makes this process seem a joke and makes the political parties seem desperate or making some sort of power grab.

Please do not consider this ridiculous proposal.

~K

Not all those who wander are lost

K. L. Nicholson PhD

Certified Wildlife Biologist®

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**Statewide 10/20/2021 Teleconference Testimony**

**Summary Date: 11/4/2021**

**Name: Wendy Noomah**

**Wendy shops in Homer, her children go to school in Homer, and her husband works in Homer. Wendy is against being in a district that is mostly comprised of Kodiak as she feels she has more in common with people in Seward than in Kodiak.**



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

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

Date: November 8, 2021, 10:07 am

First Name: **Jason**

Last Name: **Norris**

Email Address: [REDACTED]

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

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**From:** Sandy O'Connor [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 2:12 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Leave the Goldstream Valley Voters with the UAF Community

November 5, 2021

I have lived in the Goldstream Valley, Murphy Dome area since 1982. I am a part of the community living around the university and it's nearby areas. We are made up of a wide variety of social, educational and economic peoples. Yet, we share many common beliefs and goals for our large geographical area.

We DO NOT belong assigned to a voting block in far away Tok and Delta. Leave us alone and add citizens closer to that area geographically.

Thank you,  
Sandra O'Connor  
[REDACTED]  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

Sent from my iPhone

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/20/2021 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: November 3, 2021

Name: **Savannah Paladino**

**Savannah lives in the Fritz Creek area and spoke in opposition of redistricting East End Road and the Fox Valley area. Her child attends school in Homer, Savannah works in Homer, and she believes her vote should stay in Homer.**

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**From:** Erin Parcher-Wartes [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 4, 2021 9:21 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Goldstream Valley

In an essay about her hometown my daughter recently wrote for her sophomore writing course she said, “The valley begins a few miles north of the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF), a top university for Earth and Space sciences. This proximity means that Goldstream is the highest educated town in Alaska per capita; nearly all of your neighbors will be affiliated with UAF somehow, either student, staff, or alumni.”

At the age of 16, my daughter recognizes the connection that Goldstream has to the university and it’s surrounding region. Our community has little in common with Tok or Delta, nor with any remote villages. Goldstream, while having a uniquely independent spirit, is closely tied to the university and communities in the near west of Fairbanks.

Please reconsider the proposal to include Fairbanks in the voting districts associated with distant communities to the east and north, instead keep Goldstream where it belongs, with the western edge of the city of Fairbanks.

Many thanks for your time and consideration,

Erin Parcher Wartes

[REDACTED]  
Fairbanks, AK 99709  
[REDACTED]

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Sent from my tricorder.

# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

## WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: November 7, 2021, 7:14 pm

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

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

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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**Statewide 10/20/2021 Teleconference Testimony**

**Summary Date: 11/4/2021**

**Name: Queen Parker**

**Queen spoke in favor of keeping Nikiski with the Kenai Peninsula Borough to remain compact and contiguous with the borough.**

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**From:** Abigail Paul [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 9:29 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Goldstream Should Stay in Univ, North and West

Good Morning,

Goldstream should be included in the same district as the University, north and west instead of in a district with Tok, Delta and the Richardson Hwy. Socioeconomically, Goldstream is integrated with the University community. I am asking the board to please use Salcha, Eielson and Harding Lake to populate a district with Tok. This a matter of extreme importance to the Goldstream community.

Thank you for your consideration,

Abigail Paul  
[REDACTED]  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709

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**From:** Mary Sattler Peltola [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 9:34 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Board Version 4 is best for Bethel House District

Good morning.

Board Version 4 is best for socio economic integrity over the Binkley proposal on Tuesday.  
The Bethel and Nome areas are much more economically and socially integrated than either Bethel or Nome is with the interior region.

To exclude the villages surrounding Bethel from the Bethel district is ridiculous. People commute to work from our nearby villages and are fully integrated into the Bethel economy and get all services from Bethel, including the Legislative Information Office. Expecting Kwethluk to be in Nome is silly.

Having one hour to respond to brand new maps is also a very poor public process, as is expecting all people to have enough internet data to follow your process on your website.

Please don't put Bethel or Nome into an interior district.

Mary Peltola  
Former State House member, 1999-2009, District 38

Mary Sattler Peltola  
[REDACTED]



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**From:** Genevieve Johnson Perreault [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 8:43 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Fairbanks Map/Goldstream

I am very disappointed and concerned that the board is attempting to lump Goldstream in with Tok and more rural areas of the Interior. We are a neighborhood of Fairbanks. My friends and neighbors commute to Fairbanks and to UAF, not to Tok. The vast majority of Goldstream residents' lives and livelihoods are Fairbanks-based, and except for the residents of Goldstream on the Fox end, we are \*west\* Fairbanks-based, and our district should represent this. To claim otherwise is craven absurdity.

Genevieve Perreault  
Spinach Creek Road  
FAIRBANKS

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Anchorage 10/27/21 Verbal Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/5/2021

Name: **Linda Pete**

Affiliation: **Ahtna, Inc. and Gakona Tribe**

Email or Phone Contact: 

**Linda Pete resides in Copper Center, but was born and raised in Gakona. Linda spoke in support of the Doyon Coalition map as it is important to keep the villages together as they are socio-economically integrated. They share all the customary and traditional values, are related to the Cantwell residents, share the same values, and speak the same language. It is not right to split them up into different districts. It is important to stick together as "one people". The other maps does not include Cantwell in their district; Linda does not support these maps. Linda encourages the board the consider the Doyon Coalition map. Linda would like to be included in the Fairbanks population as there are social ties as well as ties to the Upper Tenana region where there are relatives and the same customs and values.**

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**From:** Ryan Petersen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 12:21 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony on Proposed Map

I am submitting testimony in opposition to Bethany's current proposed map. This map blatantly disregards hours of public testimony, and frankly makes no sense. I voice support of Nicole's map.

Regards,

Ryan Petersen

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**Statewide 10/20/2021 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: November 4, 2021

Name: John Pitcher

John Pitcher lives at [REDACTED] 6 miles down East End Road. He lives at the boundary of the district. It would make no sense for District 31 to be included with Kodiak as there are no connections. His wife works in Homer and he does as well, part-time, and there is no connection whatsoever with

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**Statewide 10/20/2021 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: November 4, 2021

Name: **Andrew Pollack**

**Andrew lives out East End Road and spoke in opposition of redistricting Fritz Creek, East End Road communities, Fox River, and Kachemak city. Even though these communities are technically not a part of Homer, the residents shop there, use their boat harbors, the airport, etc. Redistricting these communities to Kodiak is a bad decision as the community would lose representation.**

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**Statewide 10/20/2021 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: November 3, 2021

Name: **Meghan Pollack**

**Meghan spoke in opposition of Fritz Creek being redistricted with Kodiak as there are many East End Road residents who frequent Homer for work and recreation.**

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**Statewide 10/20/2021 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: November 4, 2021

Name: **Leedia Polushkin**

**Leedia is an East End Road resident whose children attend school in Homer. Additionally, her PO box is in Homer and she shops in Homer. Leedia spoke in opposition of redistricting the East End community to Homer.**

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**Skagway 10/27/21 Verbal Testimony**

**Summary Date: 11/5/2021**

**Name: Charity Pomerai**

**Cherry echoed the testimonies of all previous testifiers about retaining connections to Downtown Juneau as this is the center that mirrors what the residents are in Skagway.**



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**Skagway 10/27/21 Verbal Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/5/2021

Name: **Deborah Potter**

Affiliation: **Skagway Assembly**

**Deborah Potter echoed Mayor Cremata's statements. In 2020, Skagway did not have any cruise ships which resulted in a 95% loss of the economy; this is what ties them to the Downtown Juneau district and separates them from Auke Bay and Mendenhall Valley. It is important to be in the same district as Downtown Juneau.**

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**From:** Joe Prax <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 4:56 PM  
**To:** TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony  
**Subject:** ++ Map Comment Response

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Date: November 5, 2021, 4:56 pm

First Name: **Joe**

Last Name: **Prax**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99686**

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

Public Comment: **Hello**

**I would like to strongly urge Valdez be included in a district that would follow the Richardson highway corridor. Valdez is connected with these communities through the oil industry, tourism and school activities. Although we are on the water we have little connection to South East, Kodiak, the Kenai Peninsula or even Cordova although all are nice places. Thank you for your time and consideration.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/30/21 Teleconference Testimony**

**Summary Date: 11/5/2021**

**Name: Diane Preston**

**Diane stated that the AFFR and AFFER maps were difficult to navigate on the website. She believes the AFFR map is the best plan from what she can see in the Fairbanks area. Where she lives is part of a contiguous neighborhood that is not broken up by the roads she lives on. Diane spoke in opposition of the AFFER map which pairs her with Chena Hot Springs Road and puts her in a different district than her neighbors across the road. Board Map v.3 divides her and her neighbors, placing her with Fox and her neighbors in North Pole. The Senate Minority Caucus map also puts her neighbors across the street with North Pole with no community connection. Board Map v.4 at least has her in a contiguous district with her neighbors; she appreciates this. The Doyon Coalition map places her with her neighbors, but breaks up the Chena Hot Springs community. The AFFR map looks the best overall for Fairbanks.**

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**From:** Leila Pyle [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 1:14 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony about redistricting re: Fairbanks area

To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of the Fairbanks North Star Borough writing to submit testimony about the proposed redistricting maps for Alaska. Please count this as official testimony in the current redistricting process. I'm not sure if I have to prove that I'm an AK resident to testify, but you can look up my name and the address I'm a resident at if you need to - Leila Pyle, 615 Ginko Road Apt 2 Fairbanks, AK 99709.

In response to the map of the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) area, the Goldstream neighborhood on the northern side of the FNSB should absolutely not be included with a large swath of rural Alaska. As a resident of the Fairbanks area, the community of Goldstream is definitely a part of the Fairbanks community, with shared interests and concerns, and should be included in a compact and contiguous district with other parts of Fairbanks. Geographically, it would make sense to include it with the area that encompasses the Farmers Loop area of Fairbanks and/or the western part of the borough that extends to neighborhoods like Ester and the Rosie Creek area. These areas are geographically close and similar to Goldstream. Likewise, it would be doing a disservice to the rural communities in the other part of that area that they would probably end up being represented by a resident of the Fairbanks area - by Alaska standards the whole of the FNSB is a much more urban area and residents of the FNSB would probably not be the best people to represent rural communities in the northern and western Interior. The communities are very distinct.

So, my testimony is that I do not support the map that puts Goldstream with rural communities to the northwest. Instead, if it's not possible to combine Goldstream with its immediate geographically contiguous areas as I suggest above, I would suggest spreading the district with Goldstream in it out to the southeast rather than the northwest. More rural communities to the southeast of Fairbanks (including those included in the FNSB) have much more in common than those to the northwest. Many share the road system with Fairbanks and are part of the broader area in which Fairbanks is a hub community. I believe this is represented in board map version 4.

I know that other residents of the FNSB will be testifying similarly. Please take our perspective into account and redraw a different map that more accurately gives our community, as well as the communities of the surrounding rural Interior, the representation that we each deserve.

Thank you,  
Leila Pyle

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Leila Pyle  
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**From:** Alyssa Quintyne [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 3:09 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** AQ Interior Testimony

Hi good afternoon,

My name is Alyssa Quintyne from Fairbanks. I just testified today, and my apologies, I thought I had sent my written testimony in last week but had the wrong email. So I'll just surmise both here.

First, I just want to let you know that I had to wait 4 hours to testify, and I've never has that happen to me in all of my years being a constituent or organizer. I'm lucky because I can work from home, I kinda get paid to do things like this, and the only major lives I'm responsible for are my various aloe plants. The way for us to engage needs to be a little bit more structured, intentional, and transparent if the board is going to hold opportunities for public testimony before the 10th. Designated times and time limits should've already been established so local organizers could've shared that information with our communities, and folks could plan their testimonies ahead of time. I recognize that this is a very time consuming and fluctuating task, however, that comes with the job - making sure the public can engage fully without being rushed or confused.

As I've mentioned, I'm a community organizer and creative here in the Interior, and my job is to work and understand all the communities here in the Interior, how we work, play, vote, and thrive together. I have live in Fairbanks for 21 year. My parents and I were stationed hereto Ft. Wainwright in 2001, and I've lived here ever since. I've live on base, in Aurora for the majority of my time here, and recently moved to my own place here on Ookpik Way off of Farmers Loop. As an organizer, my expertise is community and our intersections. I strive to make sure any work, campaign, initiative, or project I am working on or bringing to my communities are inclusive, equitable, transparent, and intersectional. Part of that is understanding the numbers game of population, boundaries, and different area statistics yes, but I argue that more importantly - the most important thing is understanding the context and impact of those numbers, and how our decisions play a part in changing the impact drastically. That's really what I want to stress here.

Being a Bajan-American woman of color, I have never trusted the redistricting process. Everything in Alaska's history specifically, with blackboxing and redlining, has taught me that our elected leaders would rather condense Black, Brown, and Indigenous, LGBTQ, Disable, and Migrant voters into the smallest districts then actually hear us and let us have a seat at the table. As I've grown older and more aware of how imperative redistricting is, I saw laying down my mistrust as an opportunity to make sure my friends and my mother, who doesn't trust this process either, are aware and knowledgeable. I wanted to give them a shot to consult the board on how we can best represent ourselves.

Interior Alaskans know our communities best. We may not have official neighborhood boundaries or community councils like other cities in the state do. And that can be a challenge. What we do have is strong connection and communal knowledge. We know where Aurora ends and Totem begins. We know why our towns move with the Chena and Tanana, and why the name Nuchalawoyya touches our spirit (it's the Dene word for where the Chena and Tanana meet). We not only built our town around that, but our cultures, roads, schools, and our visions around that. Our little pockets of West, East, and South parts of town all center around our schools and bodies of water. We all wanted to be connected to what will educate, move, and feed us. Chena Pump, Ester, Goldstream, UAF, and Farmers Loop, for example, all work and vote and play together for a reason. 29th on South Cushman, Lacey and Clay street Downtown, and the whole Aurora neighborhoods being our towns more racially and economical diverse districts are that way for a reason. That's what West Valley is literally down the hill from UAF. That's why there's 2 bus lines, the red and blue, that run from UAF, to Farmer's Loop, to College, and half of Airport to Freds West. That's why Ft. Wainwright branched out to host another family housing spot near Anne Wien in the early 2000s to

let families live on the west side, as well as the east. And that's why they're in the same district. Same thing with part of College, Downtown, and South Cushman. Same thing with the business side of east Fairbanks, South Van Horn, and Ft. Wainwright. Same thing with North Pole and Eielson and Salcha. Same thing with Delta and Fort Greely. You get my point- You can live in Fairbanks your whole life and not have that context. It takes being immersed in our communities to really comprehend why. We're pocketed not by party, but by our values and the issues we face in the Interior, how we are not only impacted by the many crises of climate, healthcare, housing, and transportation; but also how we handled those crises And so far, our districting process and our elected leaders have respected that.

Why it's so imperative to me to continue to respect that is the way in which we vote. We know that voter access to transportation and information is deeply inaccessible in the Interior. And we know that how we fix that is by voting together. When our future reps and sens represent us and our values and visions, we are more likely to vote. When we see our friends and close ones engaged and talking about the elections, we are more likely to vote. When our polling places and constituent meetings are held in central locations and community space that make sense to those district, we are more likely to engage. When we are part of a district with relevant, transparent, common sense boundaries, we are more likely to engage. That's why I have stressed in my two testimonies so far that keeping communities together is more important than deviations or what the FNSB says in a resolution. I understand that the Board has \*many\* constitutional and municipal obligations that I don't know of and don't understand. I understand that Fairbanks is growing exponentially and we have to make tough decision on how we are to be included. I really do hold space for that. But too often, those decisions are made ignoring and sacrificing the people most impacted. Too often, census numbers and statistics and resolutions are taken higher than the knowledge and voice of the people who these things center and impact. These maps and this process \*have\* to make sense to the people. It has to center us and it has to view us as the experts. Otherwise you detrimentally impede us from fully and enthusiastically engaging and being represented.

In the current Interior map, I will strongly argue again, removing Goldstream from the west side into Rural Interior makes no sense. Ask yourselves - exactly what does Goldstream have in common with Minto? Do Goldstream folks have to deal with racial profiling from Troopers around fishing season because of implicit bias against Native people? Do Goldstream folks have to provide their own snow shoveling to bush fire services? Do they only have one road thru their community to access necessary resources? Do they have to drive for hours to get to a major medical appointment? Do Tok residents like in the FNSB? Can YKF folks drive 10-15 mins max to get to Freds? Does rural Alaska have easier access to bulk water, oil, food, and emergency services? Do they have a central fire and ambulance service, or do they rely on the state for that? Or do they have to provide most of that themselves because most of them live in an un-organized borough?

When you deviate Eielson and Salcha and put them with Fox and Steele Creek - an Airforce community and a bush town, with two affluent smaller communities filled with people that just wanna live in the woods and not be bothered by anyone - communities where the pollution from the coal refineries travel and sit, causing our military personnel and families to develop sudden lung an heart conditions and severe allergies to the point where they request to be stationed elsewhere (I know that because I am from one of those families who now has a chronic heart condition from air pollution), versus communities where the pollution mostly rolls over - two areas that are more than 2 hours away from each other - How then will a representative properly advocate from their district? Who's burdens will have to be sacrificed for the others benefit? How is that then fair to either community to speak and work with their elected leaders?

It's not! All of that matters in re-districting because that's what you impact. That's how we make decision to fix and improve public services, that's how we get funds to support our communal and municipal work. That's how we take care of each other. The current changes to Goldstream, North Pole, Eielson, and Salcha are not transparent, compact, balanced, equitable, or fair. When I see maps like that, it feels like members of this Board have ulterior motives by splitting up well known moderate and progressive districts in to conservative districts, and diminishing our POC and other communities votes into the smallest districts. That doesn't make me trust this process or who was appointed to represent us. And I know, and will continue to hold steady that is not the intention of this Board. But that is the impact, that's how it comes across to us. And that makes a lot of us, especially us young folks of color, not want to engage - because what's the point? Y'all are just going to put us where you see fit, and not by how

we actually live. That's not the interpretation that I want my communities to leave with once this process is over.

I sincerely hope and ask that you all reconsider and vote to add the proposed AFFR map of the Interior into the current Board version you are working on. The Interior has spoken already, loud and clear. That map is the best representation of the Fairbanks I currently, and future-ly, will work and live in. That is the map I want to show people that I know will make sense when it is time for us to learn our new district boundaries. That is the map that will ensure Black and Brown and Indigenous, LGBTQ, and Migrant voices are equally represented like everyone else. That is the map that makes me trust this process a little bit more.

With all of this, I thank the Board for your efforts - and my offer still stands. Happy to host and drive y'all around the Interior so you see first hand how intricate and nuance our quaint little pocket communities are to us and our futures ahead.

Thank you,

~ Alyssa

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

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

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

-Pat Race



# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

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Name: **Shelley Rainwater**

**Shelley Rainwater is an East End Road resident who shops and works in Homer, and as such, opposes this community being grouped with Kodiak.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/30/21 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/5/2021

Name: **John Rathbun**

**John spoke in favor of keeping the communities of Salcha, Eielson , and Wainwright together; this is best served in Board Map v.3 and thus, he supports Board Map v.3.**

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**From:** Michael Rehberg [REDACTED] on behalf of Michael Rehberg  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 8:11 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Michael Rehberg - Testimony for Nov 5, 2021 meeting

Good morning,

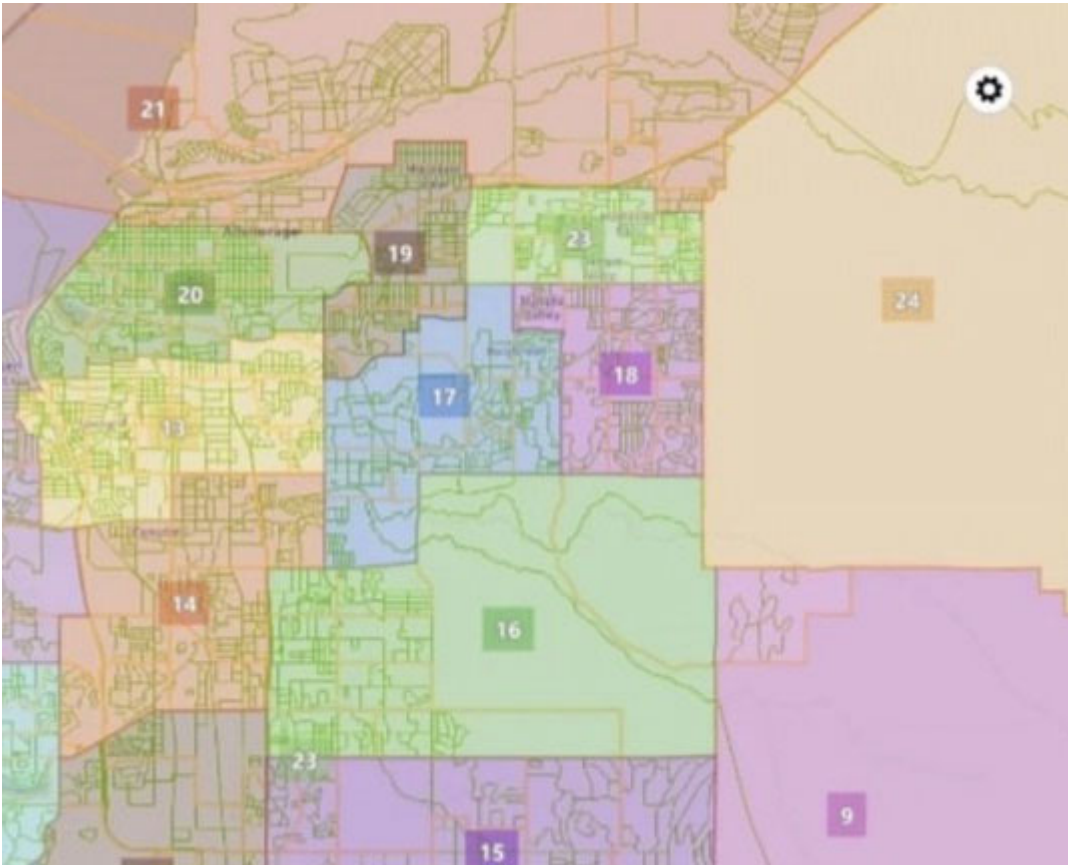
I ask this board to keep my neighborhood, Northeast Anchorage, intact. Right now, our neighborhood enjoys truly competitive elections - votes are close, candidates from all parties come to our doors to make their case, and involvement in our political process is rewarded.

The new map by Member Borromeo honors this and retains our vibrant neighborhood democracy. However, the new map by board member Marcum destroys this.

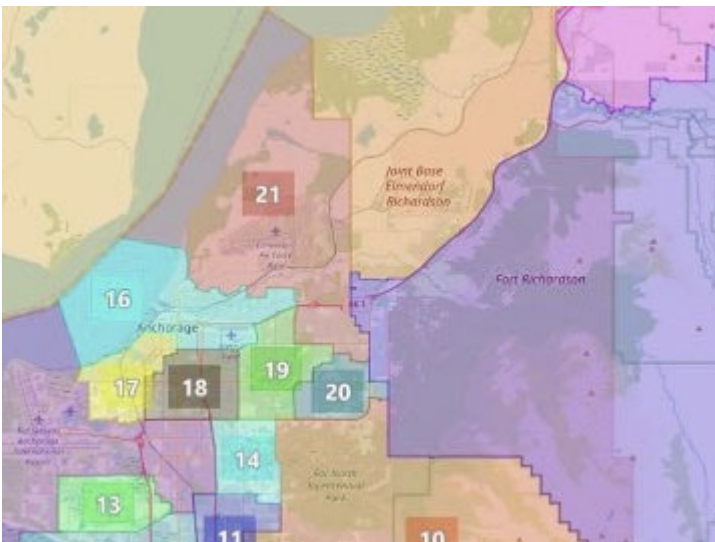
Northeast Anchorage does **not** have the same needs as Eagle River or South Anchorage. The legislators we elect are vital to pursue CIP funding for capital improvements - and our urban neighborhood has far different needs than suburban/mountainous Eagle River and South Anchorage.

There is also no constitutional reason to split up Northeast Anchorage. The board's own counsel, on November 3rd, advised that deviations of 1-2% are acceptable and pass constitutional muster. The insistence of Member Meacham on holding deviation down to 0.5% is unnecessary, and a transparent attempt to justify gerrymandering our neighborhood for political gain.

**I support this map from Board Member Borromeo, which retains our neighborhood with compact districts that follow logical boundaries:**



**I reject this map from Member Meacham,** which eviscerates Northeast Anchorage and dilutes our community voice by spreading us into Eagle River (7 miles away), South Anchorage (4 miles away), and JBER.



Sincerely,  
  
Michael Rehberg  
Cheney Lake neighborhood, Anchorage

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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:** Bob Reupke <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 6:50 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 5, 2021, 6:49 pm

First Name: **Bob**

Last Name: **Reupke**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistrict Separation of Muldoon & Eagle River**

Public Comment: **Hi, I have lived in the Muldoon area since the early 1970's and am against having Muldoon and Eagle River in the same district. They are distinct area's and are about 10 miles apart and don't compare in the socioeconomic factor. Eagle River is much more affluent with more single- family homes and the Muldoon Community with lower income and a much larger amount of dense housing.**

Thank you,

**Bob Reupke**

# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

## WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: November 5, 2021, 6:56 pm

Name: **Toni Reupke** Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistrict Separation of Muldoon & Eagle River**

Public Comment: **Hello - I was born and raised in Anchorage, and have lived in Muldoon on E. 10th Ave. in Anchorage, since 1980. I am very concerned about the redistricting maps reflecting Muldoon and Eagle River in the same district. I feel that Muldoon should not be combined with Eagle River. Each area has very different concerns:**

- **Muldoon and Eagle River have a large socioeconomic diversity;**
- **EagleExit is not relevant to Muldoon;**
- **Muldoon has homeless issues that are concerning because we are closer to the Anchorage Bowl;**
- **Eagle River has issues related to the Glenn Highway corridor in getting to and from work and home that may arise;**
- **in an emergency (fire, earthquake, etc.), Eagle River has a couple of bridges that would need to be addressed and delt with;**
- **Eagle River has a volunteer Fire Dept.; Muldoon is under the Anchorage Fire Dept.;**
- **Muldoon's bus issues are different, because Muldoon and Eagle River are 10 miles apart;**
- **Eagle River (the river) runs close to their community and has concerns regarding the environment; erosion; fishing and water issues;**
- **Muldoon has more dense housing; Eagle River is primarily single family homes and lots**

**These issues and more are what our State Senators and Representatives will need to address and constituents will have questions about. A State Senator and Representative should be focused on his or her immediate areas. Thank you for your time. Please listen to the residents of this area!**

Regards,

**Toni Reupke**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

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Name: **George Reutov**

**George Reutov spoke in favor of the roads getting fixed in his area..**



# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/20/2021 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/4/2021

Name: **Julie Reutov**

Affiliation: **Fox River**

**Julie lives in Fox River District 31 and spoke in opposition of her community being redistricted with Kodiak.**

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Summary Date: November 4, 2021

Name: **Zahar Reutov**

**Zahar Reutov is an East End Road resident and spoke in opposition of this area being redistricted with Kodiak and stated that it is unacceptable. His community is in Homer where he lives and works.**

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**From:** Daniel Rizzolo [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 10:50 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Redistricting Testimony

Redistricting Board Members:

I live in the Goldstream Valley area of the Fairbanks North Star Borough. I am opposed to the redistricting plan that places my community in the proposed District 36 with Delta Junction and Tok. The proposed District 36 does not form a “contiguous and compact territory containing as nearly practicable a relatively integrated socio-economic area.” My community is most closely connected with Ester and Chena Ridge. These are the neighbors I see at my son’s sporting events, at Fred Meyer grocery shopping, and while getting a meal at Ivory Jack’s or The Pumphouse. These are the people with whom I share my local policy concerns in the Alaska state government. I do not share concerns with folks in Delta Junction and Tok.

Sincerely,  
Dan Rizzolo

[REDACTED]  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/20/2021 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: November 3, 2021

Name: **Doug Robbins**

Public Comment: **Doug Robbins lives in the Hillside area of Anchorage in house District 28. Board Map v.4 is the best map for Southeast Anchorage/Girdwood. Currently, house District 28 is a distinct community according to state demographic data (household income, marriage rate, low unemployment, high voter turnout, etc.). South Anchorage has no socio-economic integration or real contiguity with communities on the Kenai Peninsula. Similarly, South Anchorage should not be joined with neighborhoods west of the Seward Highway like in Board Map v.3.**

**Girdwood is well-connected to Anchorage for shopping, dining, and recreation, but there are no connections to the communities further south including Cooper Landing and Sterling.**

**Please reject Board Map v.3, AFFR map, Senate Minority Caucus map, AFFER map, and the Doyon Coalition map. Please keep the version of Board Map v.3 to maintain the socio-economic integration that is held in Southeast Anchorage.**

# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

## WEBSITE RESPONSE

Name: **Doug Robbins**  
Your ZIP Code: **99507**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

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Date: November 4, 2021, 4:09 pm

Issue of Concern: **New Bethany Marcum Map 11/3/2021**

Public Comment: **I see on social media that Board Member Bethany Marcum introduced a new map in the Board working session on 11/3/2021. This map is not available on the Redistricting Board website, and I cannot see what is being proposed. This map circumvents the public process specified in the Board's Constitutional responsibilities. I can't comment on what I cannot see.**

**I will reiterate that Board Map Version 4 satisfies the Constitutional requirements for contiguity, compactness and socioeconomic integration for the Anchorage area. An alternative map is not needed.**

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Date: November 4, 2021, 1:30 pm

Issue of Concern: **Districts 3&4, Board Maps Versions 3 and 4**

Public Comment: **The maps proposed by the Board (V.3 and V.4. and the preceding maps V.1 and V.2) show an apparently deliberate attempt to disadvantage incumbents of the House Majority Coalition. Despite revisions to the initial maps proposed by the Board, few of these problems were addressed. There is an excellent op-ed in the ADN by Robert Hockema on Sept. 23, 2021 detailing these violations. Our constitutional rules for redistricting are based on a fundamental principle of fairness, and the maps, as proposed, are deeply unfair.**

**Particularly egregious is the targeting of Representative Story's home, in map Version 3, which takes a census block of ¼ sq. mile, including six buildings and 30 people, away from district 4 (pop. 18,136), and adds it to district 3 (population 18,181), which has more people. If the 30 people in the "Story Divot" are reallocated, the populations of District 4 about be 18,166, and the population of District 3 would be 18,151, a better balance, with a difference of only 15 people instead of 45 people. The same divot exists on the partisan AFFER map. There is no logical reason for this deviation along Glacier Highway. Indeed, there is no logical reason for this tiny census block to exist (or the nearby spike-shaped block which must be measured in square feet) considering that nearby large blocks north of Mendenhall Road include undivided populations of 185, 212, and 492 people. The fact that the Census Bureau produced irregular and biased maps does not relieve the Redistricting Board of its obligations to balance the districts according to Constitutional standards.**

**In revised map Version 4, the Board found a new and innovative way to disadvantage Representative Story, by drawing a "doughnut" map and again pairing her with Representative Hannen, who lives on the far side of Juneau.**

**As a technical auditor, I had to judge work according to results, not by statements, according to the standards of my organization. Also, it was necessary to not only avoid impropriety in technical work, but to avoid the appearance of impropriety. The Board maps have the appearance of unnecessarily and deliberately disadvantaging incumbent Representatives Story and Hannan.**

**It is insufficient for the board to claim ignorance of these issues; the board needs to meet a higher standard of actually producing fair maps and avoiding the appearance of impropriety.**

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Date: November 4, 2021, 1:13 pm

Issue of Concern: **Districts 3 & 4, Board Map Version 4**

Public Comment: **My testimony today relates to the “doughnut” district and “doughnut hole” of districts 3 and 4 involving the capital city of Juneau, on Board Map version 4.**

**The Constitutional requirements that districts be compact, contiguous, and showing socioeconomic integration is clearly intended to represent communities as voting entities. The doughnut district, as drawn on Map Version 4, violates the parameter of contiguity, from the perspective of the communities North and South of Juneau. There is no real contiguity, from a social point of view, between communities connected across a glacial icefield. Any travel between St. Therese, in District 3 north of Juneau, to Thane, in District 3 south of Juneau, must be through District 4 in Juneau itself. The doughnut district is not contiguous in a practical sense. To the maximum degree possible, communities should be connected and contiguous along the road system or marine highway.**

**The doughnut district around Juneau should be redrawn to improve social contiguity, as reflected by the road system.**

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Date: October 31, 2021, 9:15 pm

Comments: **Redistricting Board,**

**Here are suggestions regarding the proposed Senate district pairings for the Redistricting Board Map Version 4, which is my favored map, except for the doughnut district in Juneau. As in my telephone testimony earlier in the month, I would argue that contiguity should mean contiguity by road within the district. People do not climb mountains to visit their neighbors, even in Alaska. The Constitutional requirement of contiguity, sensibly, must include the idea of social contiguity, in the way that people come together as a community. That means contiguity by roads, not just blocks of color on a map.**

**The pairings implied by the chosen numbering make sense through most of the state, except north Anchorage, Eagle River, and the Mat-Su districts. Here are my proposed pairings, and objections to the pairings implied by the numbering system in this area.**

**North Anchorage and Eagle River:**

**Districts 21 & 23 should be paired. This is the most compact and contiguous solution for north Anchorage. The pairing implied by the Board’s numbering system would combine 23 & 24, linking a portion of east Anchorage with part of Eagle River. These neighborhoods are not contiguous by road within the district.**

**22 & 24 should be paired. This maintains contiguity by road within the district for Eagle River and neighborhoods along Glenn Highway.**

**26 & 27 pairing maintains contiguity in Wasilla**

**25 & 28 pairing unites citizens along the Glenn Highway, and maintains contiguity.**

**29 & 30 unites citizens in the lake district west of Wasilla and along Parks Highway and maintains contiguity by road.**

**The remaining sequential pairings are reasonable.**

**Doug Robbins**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/30/21 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/4/2021

Name: **Martha Roberts**

**Martha opposed Board Map v.3 as it breaks Fairbanks into only 5 districts while the other areas have 6 districts which means Fairbanks would lose 1/2 a senator. They would also be underrepresented compared to Anchorage and Mat-Su. It would also separate North Pole from Eielson AFB which several testifiers have spoken against. When will the board release the senate pairings? The Senate Minority Caucus map puts her neighborhood with Goldstream where her community has more in common than the northeast.**

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**From:** Mark Robokoff [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 11:07 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Cc:** Sarah Bethany Baird  
**Subject:** Written Testimony, East Anchorage Resident

**Importance:** High

Dear Redistricting Board:

I am in the Scenic Foothills area at [REDACTED]. Bethany Marcum's map would redraw the district to put me in the South Anchorage district rather than with my much closer neighbors. Indeed, I would have to drive through four other districts to reach those South Anchorage residents. Nor do I believe any part of East Anchorage should be combined with Eagle River. East Anchorage is vastly disparate from either of those two areas socio-economically. Many, many hours of in-person testimony has been made to that effect and Marcum's map ignores it.

To my neighbors on the board: Anchorage is very distrustful of its local government right now! Absurd maps like Bethany Marcum's exacerbate this problem! Please, I beg you, stop trying to put one over on us. We should be able to trust our local leaders. Please help repair that trust by adopting Nicole Borromeo's map, which is much more reflective of district homogeneousness and does not force us to question the partisan motives of the board at large.

Thank you for your attention.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MARK", with a stylized, cursive-like flourish.



# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/20/2021 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: November 3, 2021

Name: **Tory Rockefeller**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Self/Small Business Owner**

**Tory lives out East End Road in Homer and noted she is a business owner in Homer city limits but lives 12 miles out East End Road. If East End Road was redistricted with another community, she would not have a vote in the Homer election. By redistricting her residence to be a part of Kodiak, she would have no voice in determining what happens to her business or the school district where her daughter attends school.**

**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)

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/30/21 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/4/2021

Name: **Kelvin Rogers**

**Kelvin is in support of the AFFR map and Board Map v.4 as Board Map v.3 carves out Fairbanks in ways that don't make sense and lumps Fairbanks in with North Pole where he has barely frequented. Board Map v.4 and AFFR maps both split up Fairbanks along lines that make sense with the communities that he has lived in and observed.**

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**From:** D Rumbo <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 6:40 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 5, 2021, 6:40 am

First Name: **D**

Last Name: **Rumbo**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99623**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **73975**

Public Comment: **Redistricting Board,**

**Please support Map #73975 (<https://districtr.org/plan/73975>)**

**â€¢ Map# 73975 has smaller population deviations between each district than the AFFER Plan**

**Compactness (size and shape):**

**â€¢ Map# 73975 honors city limits boundaries and does not have districts with crazy shapes!**

**Contiguous (are the boundaries continuous on land especially)**

**â€¢ Unlike the AFFER Plan, Map# 73975 doesn't gerrymander the districts by grabbing Nikiski on the Kenai Peninsula and putting it into a district with Huffman Rd. in South Anchorageâ€¦ how does that even make sense?**

**Socio-economic Integration (are similar communities placed within the same districts):**

**â€¢ Unlike the AFFER Plan, Map # 73975 continues to include the City of Valdez with the Mat-Su because Valdez is a developed community with a substantial tax base on the road system near the Mat-Su. The closest Wal-Mart to Valdez is in the Mat-Su. It should not be paired with other communities that are not on the road system, like it is in the AFFER Plan.**

**The Denali Borough should not be included in a Mat-Su district.**

Fairbanks is the closest large city from any location within the Denali Borough. The closest Costco to the Denali Borough is in Fairbanks. The closest Wal-Mart is in Fairbanks.

The Denali Borough is more connected to Fairbanks than it is to either Palmer or Wasilla.

Natural landmarks (rivers, roads, mountains, etc.)

â€¢ Map #73975 divides the Mat- Su between Palmer and Wasilla and between the Wasilla City limits on the south and Seldon Road on the north. Seldon is a current boundary and a long and straight road that is well known in the community.

I do NOT support the AFFER plan!!

Thank you for your time on this issue,

D Rumbo

Wasilla

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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

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/20/2021 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: November 3, 2021

**Name: Kristin Rutledge**

**Kristin opposed any plan that proposes to redistrict Fritz Creek and East End Road and with Kodiak instead of Homer. This does not make sense economically and socially. Kristin is tied to Homer through shopping and use of the docks and does not see how these communities can be tied to Kodiak.**



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**From:** Teresa Sammis [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 1:06 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Proposed Goldstream to District 36

To whom it may concern,

As a longtime resident of Goldstream Valley, I know that we effectively are a suburb of Fairbanks with next to nothing in common with the rural areas of Delta Junction and Tok. The fact that Salcha and other areas closer to those communities are NOT included in this proposal for District 36 gives the appearance of gerrymandering. Plus this would be in violation of article 6, section 6 of the Alaska State Constitution.

We need adequate representation in the legislature and our needs more closely align with those of Fairbanks. I respectfully request you do not put Goldstream Valley in District 36.

Sincerely,  
Teresa Sammis

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 8:44 AM  
**To:** [testimony@akredistricting.org](mailto:testimony@akredistricting.org)  
**Subject:** Redistricting Testimony

To the Redistricting Board:

My name is Elsa Malapit Sargento of the Filipino American Community, a retired schoolteacher of the Anchorage School District, founder of the Alaska Federation of Filipino Americans, Inc, advisor, Bridge Builders of Anchorage, a resident of Anchorage for 47 years and counting. I live in Sandlake/Jewel Lake Area but I do have families and extended families who live in East Anchorage and all over Anchorage.

My nieces, nephews, and grandchildren go to Begich Middle School. My Families shop at Fred Meyers, Walmart near Debarr and Muldoon. Chanashtsu Park ,Mountain View Community Center and Mountain View Library are important parts of their neighborhood.

When talking to my families they feel that their neighborhood is very distinct from Chugiak and Eagle River. They do not shop at the same places, do not worship in the same churches, do not go to the same parks and restaurants. Please do not include them in that same district. This is not a socio-economically integrated pairing.

Chugiak and Eagle River have expressed a lot of interest in leaving the Municipality of Anchorage. So why even think of including them with East Anchorage. Not to mention these communities are very racially distinct from each other. East Anchorage has extra ordinary 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 erase minority representation. Please do not crack our communities up into multiple districts.

Thank you

# Scenic Foothills Community Council Resolution

## 2021-03

### A Resolution for Statewide Redistricting

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Scenic Foothills is part of East Anchorage, which is a socio-economically unique area in Anchorage,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Scenic Foothills Community Council recommends that the Redistricting Board bring the new state redistricting plan into closer alignment with local neighborhood boundaries, including East Anchorage, and not split off part of the socio-economically distinct East Anchorage Neighborhoods, including the Scenic Foothills CC Neighborhood, for inclusion in an Eagle River or South Anchorage district, which are socio-economically distinct from East Anchorage, especially as done in the current proposed board map three area around the Muldoon Curve.

Resolved, this 4th day of November 2021.

Date: 11/5/2021

Scenic Foothills Community Council President, Karen Bronga

Vote: 18 in favor, and 0 opposed.

[Official signed version to be sent shortly]

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**From:** Linda Schandelmeier [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 4, 2021 10:26 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Please rethink this map

Dear Redistricting Board,

I am writing to object to your map pairing the Goldstream area of Fairbanks with the interior rural villages and Tok and Delta.

Goldstream is socioeconomically related to the University community in Fairbanks, not Tok, Delta or other rural villages, and so this pairing does not meet the constitutional goal of keeping like communities together.

The communities of Salcha and Eielson are more socioeconomically allied with Tok, while Goldstream shares ties with Ester, College Hills and Chena Ridge.

It's time to go back to the drawing board on this one.  
Let's be fair to all of our Alaskan voters.

Sincerely,

Linda Schandelmeier  
[REDACTED],  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

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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:** Janet Schichnes [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 9:29 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Redistributing

To the Board Members:

As a resident of Fairbanks, I have the following comments on the proposal to to put Goldstream together with the rural villages of Tok and Delta. These communities have little in common by cultural, social and economic standards and does not meet constitutional goal to keep similar communities together. Salcha, Eielson and Harding Lake are a better match with Tok and Delta.

Gold stream is part of the University community. Pairing Goldstream with the rural area is not representative of either community and placing them together would harm both by denying them a voice in Juneau. Goldstream shares strong social, economic, and educational ties with the Ester and Chena Ridge, Chena Pump and nearby neighborhoods and should be represented together.

Respectfully,

Janet Schichnes  
[REDACTED]  
Fairbanks

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**From:** Silke Schiewer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 10:39 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** redistricting for north west Fairbanks area

Dear redistricting board members.

I am a resident of northwest Fairbanks (Murphy Dome/Goldstream area) and would like to point out that our area is socioeconomically closely aligned with the rest of Fairbanks, especially the other hillside areas surrounding Fairbanks such as Farmers Loop, Gilmore Trail, Chena Ridge. These areas are predominantly middle class with a lot of professionals and members of the university community living here (I am myself a retired UAF professor). It does not make sense to lump our area in a voting district with rural outlying areas such as Salcha, Delta Junction, or Tok (as in currently considered map) or rural western Alaska (as proposed 10 years ago and then reconsidered). I urge you to create districts in a non-partisan fashion based on the criteria outlined in the constitution such as compactness and socioeconomic integration. It is not according to these criteria if the Goldstream/Murphy Dome area is part of the same district as Delta Junction.

Regards, Silke Schiewer

[REDACTED], Fairbanks, AK 99709

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Skagway 10/27/21 Verbal Testimony**

**Summary Date: 11/5/2021**

**Name: Kristin (Tina) Seier**

**Tina is a lifelong Alaskan resident who agrees with Skagway being aligned with the Downtown Juneau corridor. It makes it easier for representatives as they both have similar circumstances.**



# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/20/2021 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: November 3, 2021

Name: Karen Shemet

**Karen Shemet, an East End Road (6 mile) Homer resident, asked for the community to remain in its current district and not be redistricted with Kodiak. Karen is in agreement with Poppy Dunson (sp?) especially concerning the Russian Old Believers villages and their affiliation with Nikolaevich and keeping East End Road part of Homer and not part of Kodiak. It makes no sense to district East End Road with Kodiak.**

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**From:** Sue Sherif <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 1:42 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 5, 2021, 1:42 pm

First Name: **Sue**

Last Name: **Sherif**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99708**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Fairbanks Maps Under Current Consideration**

Public Comment: **1. I find it very frustrating that the changed Fairbanks districts don't seem to be posted online the day after their consideration. The versions via Zoom were pretty illegible.**

**2. Chairman Binkley said that no one has testified from the Fairbanks area asking that Fairbanks districts be fairly populated and offering their area to be included in another district. Well, I am the first evidently. I live off Chena Hot Springs Road and have been in District 6 in the current system. While this has not been ideal, I believe our area is a better match to a rural district than lopping Goldstream off the Fairbanks map. This decision grossly misconstrues the Fairbanks North Star Borough's resolution, which has been referred to as a rationale for separating the Goldstream valley from its more natural grouping with a connection to the University/Western part of the borough.**

**I am relieved that the board has listened to the Fairbanks testimony to not overpopulate our districts out of all proportion to the all of the other districts in the state, but the Board's solution to ignore all the testimony of the east-west orientation of our community is surprising and disappointing. There needs to be a better rationale than attributing this decision to the FNSB assembly's resolution.**

**I am listening to other Fairbankans who are testifying about their frustration in not being able to see a posted and legible version of the map that you are co nsidering. It is good that you were able to post the Anchorage map versions that were just discussed, but where are the maps of Fairbanks yesterday? How can Fairbanksans give reasonable public comment if they cannot see the latest versions of the maps?**

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

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

Thanks for reading.

Kyra Sherwood

# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

## WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: November 5, 2021, 1:17 pm

Name: **Yarrow Silvers**  
Your ZIP Code: **99504**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

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

Public Comment: **I am here today to advocate for the Best map 4 working map which is both more compact and better respects socio-economic boundaries as well as preserves the voices of racially diverse communities in East Anchorage. I find it concerning that the necessity of analyzing best map 3 for Voting Rights Act violations was brought up yesterday and yet this map was still on the table until this morning and is now being quickly changed, particularly when there is another option, map 4, that is so much more constitutionally sound.**

**Map 4 best has excellent deviations, is more compact with lots of straight lines and nearly rectangular shaped districts, respects natural socio-economic boundaries, takes into account public testimony, and is unlikely to run afoul of the VRA.**

**In fact, I can see no reason to use best map 3, except possibly to gerrymander East Anchorage's, as well as other areas of Anchorage's, voices away. With East Anchorage sliced and diced between JBER and South Anchorage, it is a very effective map if dilution of East Anchorage's votes is the goal. However, our Alaska State Constitution clearly calls for a non-partisan process that disallows partisan gerrymandering.**

**Although the map has been hurriedly adjusted this morning, much of Anchorage is still chopped up, districts have been created that look like snakes, and natural socio-economic boundaries are not respected. My district in particular, which is #20 in best map 3, remains chunked up strangely with part of it around the Muldoon curve in a South Anchorage district that requires driving through 4 other districts to get to. Why is this population not moved through these districts so that contiguous populations are in a district together?**

**To say that there is no other option or that this is the best option does not ring true, feels disingenuous and raises many questions for me. While there has been a lot of talk of one person one vote concerns, this feels transparently false in respect to best map 3 because diluting the votes of certain populations does not fit in with the concept of one person one vote. Best Map 3 does not honor one person one vote.**

**Thank you for hearing my comments and I request that the board recognizes that best map 4 is the more thoughtful, constitutionally sound, and appropriate of the 2, and please choose this one. Thank you.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/20/2021 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/4/2021

**Name: Christopher Simon**

**Christopher spoke in favor of the Doyon Coalition map because the Koyukuk River villages have been unfairly split for several years and as a result they are marginalized in the political process. They have some villages on the northern district and some villages are on the Koyukuk River on the northwest district; they are an afterthought to many of the issues. They would like their own representative from their region to represent their interests and values. They have earned the right to remain together. They do not split up other regions, but it has always seemed okay to split up the interior region; this is not okay. Christopher strongly supports to keep the interior villages within one district. It is unfair to do otherwise.**

# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY

Anchorage 10/27/21 Verbal Testimony

Name: Robin Smith

Summary Date: 11/5/2021

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Robin Smith lives in South Anchorage and focused on how the board should recognize Alaska's growing diversity, but first wanted to reflect on how the AFFR map is the best for her neighborhood in Southwest Anchorage. The AFFR map is the only map that keeps the Southwest Anchorage area united into a single senate seat and creates two compact house seats based on the logical neighborhood connections. The map creates one Southwest Anchorage district centered around neighborhoods like Delong Lake, Jewel Lake, Sand Lake, etc. that form a unique socio-economic group. The second Southwest Anchorage district connects Bayshore, Southport, and Oceanview which are also very socio-economically connected.

The new data from the 2020 Census reveals that diversity in Alaska has grown with 41% of the state's population identifying as race or ethnicity other than White. This is up substantially from 2010 when only 33% of the race identified as such. Sociologist, Chad Ferrell, at UAA found that Alaska's 3 most diverse neighborhoods are in Anchorage, with Mountain View at the top of the list. According to the US Census Bureau, Anchorage is about 68% White, 12.6% Asian, 4.6% Native American or Pacific Islander, 14.8% Native and 6.7% Latino and 7.7% Black and 7.7% other race. In our public schools in Anchorage, over 100 different languages are spoken. East, Bartlett, and West are 3 of the most diverse high schools in the nation. Unfortunately, we don't see this diversity in the legislature. As one of the most diverse districts in the nation, it is only fair that our districts should reflect that diversity. AFFR's map could help Alaska achieve that representation. The AFFR map respects the distinct and diverse communities in East Anchorage/Mountain View areas. Diversity of these areas should be respected and grouped with only the portions of JBER that utilize the services of their neighborhoods. The districts also respects the community council areas. Board Maps v.3 and v.4 divide the communities of Downtown, Fairview, and Mountain View. In the Anchorage bowl, there are 16 contiguous majority/minority census tracts with 66,594 total population. The Voting Rights Act requires creating as many majority/minority districts within these tracts as possible. These multiple minority coalition districts would represent residents whose interests are more aligned than with white residents. Not only is the AFFR Map the only constitutional map, but also best reflects the diversity present in urban neighborhoods. It would encourage leaders from these diverse communities to run for office and represent their neighborhoods' distinct needs.

To show the consequences of redistricting that doesn't consider unique socio-economic communities, this example was provided: Senator Bettye Davis was the first African American to serve in the Alaska State Legislature, representing East Anchorage for 12 years. She received many accolades including the recently named East Anchorage High School change. She remained the only African American during her entire tenure. She lost her 4th election bid primarily due to redistricting changes after the 2010 census. It placed a large portion of Eagle River into her district in Anchorage proper. She lost, and we lost, that African American perspective from the legislature. Respecting multiple minority coalition districts would allow the intent of the Voting Rights Act in protecting minority representation. Robin urged the board to support the AFFR map particularly in the Anchorage area.

# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

## WEBSITE RESPONSE

**From:** David Song [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 12:25 PM  
**To:** Testimony <testimony@akredistrict.org>  
**Subject:** Adopt Map v4!

It is more compact, received VRA vetting, and had extensive public testing, whereas the new version of Map 4 was only introduced this morning and has major changes.

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**From:** David Song [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 10:52 AM  
**To:** Testimony <testimony@akredistrict.org>  
**Subject:** Testimony

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 their right to have districts that represent their unique make-up.

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/30/21 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/5/2021

Name: **John Sonin**

**John Sonin expressed concern with redistricting efforts that pit both Juneau representatives against each other. Fair maps must be drawn and representation in Juneau must be maintained.**



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**From:** Margaret Spears <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 4, 2021 9:36 PM  
**To:** TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony  
**Subject:** ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: November 4, 2021, 9:36 pm

First Name: **Margaret**

Last Name: **Spears**

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

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

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

Public Comment: **I'd like to voice my support for Nicole Borromeo's updated redistricting map. I have lived in East Anchorage for nearly 30 years and have always loved and appreciated the vast diversity within this area of town. We are very different than South Anchorage and Eagle River, and Bethany Marcum's updated redistricting map is very obviously an attempt to gerrymander and dilute the voice of myself and my community in East Anchorage. East Anchorage has as much in common with South Side as we do with Downtown (which is almost nothing). We are geographically, socioeconomically, and culturally very different and distinct from Eagle River and South Anchorage, and the collective voice of East Anchorage should not be divided for any political gain. This attempt does not go unnoticed and I'm sure is not appreciated by myself and my community.**

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**From:** Margaret Spears <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 12:37 PM  
**To:** TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony  
**Subject:** ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: November 5, 2021, 12:36 pm

First Name: **Margaret**

Last Name: **Spears**

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

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

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

Public Comment: **I'd again like to voice my disappointment with the newly-updated redistricting map proposed by Bethany Marcum. Locations within the Anchorage bowl (specifically East Anchorage, where I have lived for nearly 30 years) have little in common geographically, socioeconomically, and culturally with Eagle River. Similarly, areas along the Tudor/Muldoon curve are drastically different than South Anchorage, and the same goes for Nunaka Valley and Mountain View. The vast differences in these areas makes it seem silly to lump them together, which leads me to believe it's a continued attempt to dilute the voices of such a diverse area of town. East Anchorage is it's own area, and dividing it to combine sections with other areas that are distinctively different makes no sense.**

# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY

Statewide 10/30/21 Teleconference Testimony

Summary Date: 11/4/2021

Name: James Squyres

James spoke in favor of Board Map v.4 and the AFFR maps are superior as they both embrace elements of his previous testimonies on 8/24 and 9/17 on the socio-economic integration from Eielson AFB. There are socio-economic ties due to the recent accident on the Richardson Highway with a convoy that goes between Eielson and Greeley. This backed up traffic in both directions, comprised of Alaskans traveling within the area. There are missiles in the ground in Greeley. Along with the F-35's in Eielson, this is a natural grouping. An issue to be resolved is addressing the constitutional requirements (contiguous, compact, and socio-economically integrated). He has heard testimonies that finetuning has taken place in Anchorage districts over the issue of relatively socio-economically integrated areas. He has also heard testimonies about the great rural "horseshoe" of Alaska being problematic.

Combining the road system of Delta, Deltana, in missile defense, with Holy Cross, Koyukuk, and Hughes is not a socio-economic tie nor is it compact. This board can do better. Article 6, Section 6 indicates that drainage and geographic features shall be apart of the redistricting process. However, when the highway was left behind for the river system at Coldbrook, they went into another world that deserves a different type of representation at the legislature. At his last testimony, James submitted a map that he would like the board to consider. Besides combining similar interests on the road system up to Eielson, it also reaches up to Denali Borough to similar Alaskans and includes Clear Air Force Station. This inclusion of Clear/Anderson moves the needle on socio-economic integration and addresses compactness. James is aware that the board is directed to use census numbers, but there is a discretion on being above or below the exact divisor. The RAA area has more PFD applications (over 200) than is shown in the census count, and there are a number of reasons due to a spread out area and people protecting their privacy, but that is no reason why they should not be represented in the legislature.

Boundary lines should be drawn through wilderness in the back of subdivisions, not down streets and highways. If you can see different campaign signs on different sides of the road, this is a sign that socio-economic integration may need to be looked at closer. Delta/Deltana being in the same district as Holy Cross down the Yukon is a significant red flag that should be looked at again.

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/20/2021 Teleconference Testimony**

**Summary Date: 11/4/2021**

**Name: Sherry Stead**

**Sherry Stead is against the redistricting of Fritz Creek to Kodiak because Fritz Creek is only connected to Homer through one road. Everyone must go through Homer to go anywhere else. Also, Fritz Creek residents grocery shop, access their mailboxes, and attend school in Homer. They are one community connected by one road. She asked that Fritz Creek remain in the same district with Homer. They have nothing in common with Kodiak.**

# 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:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 8:51 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** redistrict maps

The potential redistricting maps published in the newspaper are replete with signs of gerrymandering. The lines appear to be drawn so that incumbents no longer live in the districts they currently represent, excluded by very narrow margins, perhaps one street or block. In several cases, the new lines would pit two incumbents against each other in the election. Most of those so affected seem to be the liberal candidates. And this is just the tip of the iceberg. Even that much evidence of potential election tampering calls for the current maps to be scrapped and redrawn as close to existing lines as possible, by a new committee that is absolutely nonpartisan. OUTRAGEOUS!

Kathleen Swick  
Anchorage voter

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**From:** Mary Szatkowski <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 10:57 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 5, 2021, 10:57 pm

First Name: **Mary**

Last Name: **Szatkowski**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99709**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Goldsteam Valley redistricting to unit 36**

Public Comment: **Hello,**

**I am confused on the redistricting of Goldsteam Valley, a very populated part of the Fairbanks metropolitan area, being lumped in unit 36 on the Final redistricting map. The rest of this area is quite rural, while Goldsteam is really experienced as an extension of the Fairbanks city. The socioeconomic needs of Goldsteam are very different than that of Tok, Glenallen, or the other communities in Unit 36. In redistricting versions 3 and 4 Goldsteam is more appropriately sectioned with similar areas that surround Fairbanks - with Ester in one and with Two Rivers in the other. I am confused what happened to those ideas when moving to the final redraw. Please consider not grouping Goldsteam in Unit 36 with it being such a geographically large and socioeconomically diverse unit in the current final redraw.**

**Thanks**

**Mary**

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**From:** Michael Szidloski [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 10:10 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Alaska 2021 redistricting maps

I support Nicole's map over any of the others presented by the committee. The other maps are so egregious in their attempts to hit the right number that they lump disparate communities together in a blatantly transparent attempt to shift political positions in the state. In a prior email I decried the involvement of Randy Ruerdich in the process and the response from this board was to distance themselves from them. However, yesterday's live stream had multiple committee members providing shout outs to Mr. Ruerdich, and this does \*nothing\* to engender confidence in this committee's findings. Additionally the other maps are \*still\* blatantly partisan and will only lead to pointless lawsuits. Unless the goal is to push through something blatantly partisan with the hopes that the courts move too slowly and thus affect the 2022 elections. Again, the people of the state of Alaska are watching. Earn our trust back, be fair, be above board, and LISTEN to the populace. The maps lumping Eagle River and East Anchorage are travesty, as much as the maps lumping Goldstream with Delta Junction and Tok are. Listen to the community of Valdez for who they want to be represented by. The more you don't, the more destructive you are as a body to the idea of democracy in Alaska.

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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:** Caroline Tautz Hutto [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 8:19 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Fairbanks and goldstream valley redistrict

To all,

I am extremely disappointed with the proposal for redistricting in regards to Goldstream Valley and Fairbanks. Combining Goldstream Valley with the areas of Delta and Tok seems like a gerrymandering for specific political parties and election fraud. Keeping communities close to Fairbanks within voting rights within those communities and not influenced by communities outside of those areas that could significantly create different outcomes for communities that don't even have interaction with one another on a regular basis is not only wrong but illegal based on current board guidelines and legislation. If this districting plan goes through you can expect a lawsuit from the community.

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**Statewide 10/30/21 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/5/2021

**Name: Leslie Teders**

**Leslie lives in the Chena Pump area and has seen many changes due to redistricting before, some of which were difficult for her to understand. Because she is retired, she has reviewed all maps carefully and does not agree with Board Map v.3 and v.4 as it seems the deviations are very high. She prefers the AFFR map as it seems to be less divisive among communities with less population differences. It is also helpful for North Pole to maintain their own area as many maps divide North Pole in the middle. She does not agree that her community has anything in common with other communities that show on the maps. She has more in common with people who live on the other side of Chena Ridge. Cutting up the community areas and districts and putting them in direct conflict is not right. Please reconsider the maps and look at the AFFR map as it covers the population requirements.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/30/21 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/4/2021

Name: **Darla Theisen**

**Darla does not support Board Map v.3 as it does not make sense to put North Pole with Fairbanks. These communities are very different. Darla also does not support grouping Delta with Koyukuk. People in Eielson and Salcha do most of their shopping in Fairbanks and North Pole, not in Delta, but she does understand the connection between Eielson and Ft. Greeley.**

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**From:** Hans Thompson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 9:18 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Public Testimony

The Marcum map puts the area seems to me to have unnecessarily stretched districts when it could have districts be more centrally located and represent areas that have more homologous local interests. Namely, stretching district 17 from downtown to the airport and combining muldoon and eagle river.

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Hans Thompson  
[REDACTED]

Date: November 7, 2021, 5:17 pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/20/2021 Teleconference Testimony**

**Summary Date: 11/4/2021**

**Name: Clara Ticket**

**Clara is opposed to moving Buckland and Deering to District 39. Both locations are part of the NANA region (District 40) and their main hub is in Kotzebue where they receive healthcare.**

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**From:** Erin Tilly [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 4, 2021 9:46 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Do NOT redistrict Goldstream into Delta/Tok

Absolutely not. There is literally no reason at all, be it geographic, economic, or cartographic that Goldstream be lumped in with Tok/Delta. What there IS however, is a blatant attempt with this proposed map at gerrymandering to attempt to influence the outcome of upcoming elections. Knock it off, IMMEDIATELY.

Erin Tilly  
Lifetime Goldstream resident  
Active voter

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/20/2021 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: November 4, 2021

Name: **Mimi Tolva**

**Mimi lives in Kachemak Bay out east End Road. Mimi read that there is a proposed plan for the Kachemak Bay to be districted with Kodiak and spoke in opposition of this proposal because everyone in Kachemak Bay does business in Homer, not Kodiak. Mimi strongly urged the board to not district her community with Kodiak.**



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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:

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 EagleExit.

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.

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/30/21 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/4/2021

Name: **Barbara Tyndall**

**Barbara stated that any plan for North Pole should include Eielson AFB, Salcha, and Moose Creek as they are closely aligned socio-economically with North Pole. Many residents do their shopping and attend church in North Pole. Barbara spoke in favor of the AFFR map and Board Map v.4.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/30/21 Teleconference Testimony**

**Summary Date: 11/4/2021**

**Name: Gary Tyndall**

**Gary suggested that, in the interest of representation, there should be more weight than just population numbers. Gary gave some comments on the AFFER map which appears to be the best balance of factors in consideration: 1) In the northeast corner of District 6-C, there is a portion that projects north of the river and comes up below West Badger Road area and down to North Pole, this would be better placed with District 9-E (North Pole/Moose Creek) based on the people who live there, what they're doing for work, and their interests. 2) Within District 8-D, there is a projection eastward and it seems to have a border that is along Badger Road. He suggested a more appropriate border to move it up smaller to make it along the river and slew; this is a more natural dividing line than the road itself. 3) The AFFER Map does a better job of bringing in areas to the east and south that are contiguous such as Moose Creek, Eielson , and Salcha. 4) It also conforms to borough boundaries and representation as well.**

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**From:** Liliane Ulukivaiola [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 4, 2021 9:45 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony for Redistricting

My name is Liliane Ulukivaiola.

I am part of the Pacific Islander community. I live on East 16th street between Valarian St. and Columbine St., east of Muldoon road. I go to the University of Alaska Anchorage and the children in my family go to Bettye Davis East Anchorage High School and Russian Jack Elementary. I work as a Community Health Worker in the Airport Heights Neighborhood as well as within the Pacific Island community in Anchorage, but I also serve anyone in the Anchorage area who wants to take part in our program to serve our community. Chanshtnu park and Mountain View Community Center are important parts of my neighborhood. I have also taken part in the creation of the Food Forest at Chanshtnu Muldoon Park, where people will be able to have access to fruits and vegetables that will be growing there. I have also been to camps where houseless individuals reside in that area because of housing insecurity. I also have family that resides in those areas. This is frequently where many Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color (BIPOC) families live.

I feel our neighborhood is very distinct from Chugiak and Eagle River. We do not shop at the same places, worship at the same churches, go to the same parks, visit the same restaurants. Please do NOT include us in the same district. This is not a socioeconomically integrated pairing. Chugiak and Eagle River have expressed a lot of interest in leaving the Municipality of Anchorage, so why would we include them 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 crack our communities up into multiple districts. I also do not feel it is appropriate to put East Anchorage in a district with communities south of Tudor or JBER. 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. Feel free to edit these exact streets.

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.



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:** Chick Zee [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 8:16 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Anchorage Map

I have lived in the East Anchorage, South Anchorage, and Midtown voting districts over the last few years, and have grown familiar with their characters.

Ms. Marcum's map dividing East Anchorage into Eagle River and South Anchorage is a mistake. These constituencies have very different needs and socioeconomic profiles. East Anchorage is multi-ethnic blue collar workers while Eagle River is predominantly white residents who commute to white collar jobs in Anchorage proper. The residents of East Anchorage will be harmed the most by these actions. Eagle River is also actively seeking to break from Anchorage, so marrying them into a voting district with East Anchorage doesn't seem to make much sense.

Ms. Borromeo's seems like the most appropriate, but Senate district 23 should be 22 so that Government Hill remains a part of the NE Anchorage district and allowing Eagle River to have it's own representative, which is appropriate given their ongoing attempts to separate from Anchorage.

Thank you

Charlotte Van Zee,  
Anchorage, Alaska

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**From:** Jesse Venable <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 11:22 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 5, 2021, 11:21 am

First Name: **Jesse**

Last Name: **Venable**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99708**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Goldstream area lumped with Delta and Tok**

Public Comment: **I strongly object to the Goldstream area being lumped in with Delta and Tok in the latest redistricting proposal. We in the Goldstream area are not contiguous with those areas to the south, we are dissimilar (we aren't rural), and we do not share the same interests.**

**It's very hard to imagine why this was suggested, unless it's due to gerrymandering.**

# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

## WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: November 7, 2021, 6:04 pm

Name: **Daniel Volland**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

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)**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/20/2021 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: November 3, 2021

Name: **Dennis Wade**

**Dennis leaves out East End Road and he does not believe it is a good idea to put Fox River, Fritz Creek, and East End Road in a district with Kodiak. These communities are much different than the Kodiak region.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/20/2021 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: November 4, 2021

Name: **Robert Wall**

**Robert lives in District 29, Precinct 190 and expressed support for Mary Jackson's testimony on 10/11/21. Robert spoke in opposition of the Kenai Peninsula being redistricted with Kodiak and Nikiski being districted with South Anchorage. Robert would like to see the contiguous continuity of the Kenai Peninsula being honored. The road system, electrical systems, school board systems, the borough assembly, etc. are all tied together within the Kenai Peninsula. The 19,600 residents, although a little larger of 18,335, is still within the federal limit of 10% deviation (+/-) and he would like to see the 3 districts within the Kenai Peninsula for fair representation.**

**Board Map v.3 and v.4 are the "most palatable" maps for the Kenai Peninsula. Robert Wall submitted 3 written/emailed testimonies as well.**

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Skagway 10/27/21 Verbal Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/5/2021

Name: **John Walsh**

**John is a resident of Douglas and spoke in favor of Skagway being affiliated with Douglas and Downtown Juneau, and the Angoon, and smaller communities around Juneau. John has been a municipality worker for the last 15 years and cannot recount a time where they have needed to interface with North Juneau. They focus on the general government of the CBJ and the industry that serves both communities. Ketchikan, Juneau, and Skagway have cruise ships in common. The Downtown Business Association is similar to the business community in Downtown Juneau. The larger Upper Land Canal connection is intact more succinctly when Haines, Juneau, and Skagway are linked.**

# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY

Statewide 10/30/21 Teleconference Testimony

Summary Date: 11/5/2021

Name: Susan Warner

Susan Warner thanked the board for offering maps to the public, such as the Doyon Coalition map that retains Gustavus, Juneau, and Haines (District 33) as the primary socio-economic, political, and cultural affiliations of the Gustavus community; this is much more aligned with Juneau and Haines than Hoonah or Yakutat. Please consider redrawing the Doyon Map of District 33 boundaries to retain and preserve their right to have a political say in their presently adjacent lands and seas rather than cutting off the western boundary and gifting it to a new ocean district. Inside waters people have the right to have a say as outside waters do. Less disruptive reapportionment can be easily obtained by a few minor adjustments to the existing District 33 boundaries: Drop the northeast line south toward Burners Bay, the eastern boundary east to include Shelter Island, and raise the southeast boundary to draw a line from Montana Creek Trailhead to Fish Creek. If 415 people were thereby added to District 33 by these simple changes, both Districts 33 and 34 would have less than a 1% deviation from target (District 33 at 18,154 and District 34 at 18,175). Even more importantly, this minor adjustment would prevent destroying the fair balance of political power in the community. Hoonah would continue to integrate and align with adjacent lands, seas, and neighbors and Yakutat continuing to do the same with neighbors, lands, and seas to the north.



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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]

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**From:** Andrew Watts [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 2:45 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** East Anchorage

Good morning,

I'm writing today in strong opposition to plans that divide East Anchorage's legislative district and group them in with Eagle River and South Anchorage. Not only does doing so violate principle of compactness, but these areas are vastly different in regards to racial composition, socioeconomic status, and cultural sensibilities. Further, there's a strong likelihood that any proposed districts that split East Anchorage in this way would be found either illegal or unconstitutional after extensive, expensive litigation.

As a former resident of Eagle River and current resident of East Anchorage, I recognize the importance of legislators being able to appropriately represent the residents of their district. Splitting these districts would harm the ability not only of East Anchorage legislators to represent their constituents, but the constituents of Eagle River and South Anchorage legislators as well.

Finally, I urge the Board to consider carefully all public testimony in making your decision on a final map, not just cherry picking the testimony that supports your preferred partisan outcome. Please remember that Alaska's redistricting process was designed with fairness and equal representation rather than partisanship in mind.

Thank you for your consideration,

Andrew Watts


Sent from my iPhone

# 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:** Erin W [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 9:55 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony on Redistricting - Anchorage

Dear Redistricting Board,

I was born and raised in East Anchorage and now live in Spenard (99517). The latest map proposed by Bethany Marcum ignores overwhelming public testimony against grouping parts of Muldoon with Eagle River. Eagle River and East Anchorage are socio-economically distinct and geographically separate.

To allow East Anchorage to be split up and attached to a distant, rich suburb would be to refuse to follow your mandate of mapping Anchorage in a way that ensures districts are:

- o As close to 18,335 people as possible per district
- o Contiguous
- o Compact
- o Relatively socioeconomically integrated
- o Provide for fair representation – no intentional discrimination is allowed

To my understanding, the map that best achieves the above criteria is the AFFR Plan. I urge you to adopt this plan, or at the very least, to reject board proposals that so clearly fail to meet the above requirements.

Thank you for your time and consideration.  
Erin H Willahan

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**From:** Jaina Willahan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 8:36 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony against proposed plan

Good morning Redistricting Board,

My name is Jaina Willahan, and I am a lifelong Alaskan. I wanted to make it clear to you that I do not support your planned map for redistricting. Your proposed plan fails to recognize the diversity of our neighborhoods, and also fails to respect both Borough and City boundaries. I believe we need a plan that is socio-economically integrated and that represents ALL of the people. That being said, I urge you to utilize the AFFR plan, as it meets this criteria and better reflects our growing diversity.

Thank you,  
Jaina Willahan

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**From:** Gordon Williams [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 9:04 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Map revisions and public testimony

Dear members of the Alaska Redistricting Board,

As a general principal of redistricting one would hope that as much as possible the deviation be small in the number of constituents per representative, and that the regions be compact, in the sense that they should not only be contiguous, but that they should be relatively compact (there are lots of ways to measure this, not all of these measures make sense in Alaska). What I notice about the screen shots I've seen is that the maps currently under consideration (and yet not posted to the website) ignore the role of the road system. In particular, it makes more sense in our state's definition of compactness to treat communities on the highway system as being related to each other the closer they are on the road system, and so any measure of compactness should take this into account. Consequently, if there is a district that contains two distant sections of the state highway system, but not the continuous piece of the road between them and the communities on them, then such a district should be considered highly suspect. For example (as has been the case with some maps I've seen proposed), putting Ester or Gold Stream in the same district as Tok makes no sense, unless the major population centers on the road system between them are included as well; given the populations of the census areas between (say) Gold Stream and Tok (e.g., Fairbanks, North Pole, Eielson, Delta) having these two communities share a district makes no sense to me and suggests to me an attempt to dilute a pool of voters for partisan reasons (whether the residents of Tok or of Gold Stream is unclear). Another example is that a prior map had Ester and Salcha in the same district, but connected by the Tanana flats and the road system between them belonging to other districts. This ignores the important effects of the road system on tying communities together along socioeconomic and cultural lines. Living in a district on the road system means that a lot more of my cultural and economic activity is going to be with people *closer* to me on the road system, and the formation of political coalitions with people off the road system or on more distant and non-contiguous parts of the road system potentially disenfranchises me or them.

So as you consider districts involving the communities in the interior, please take this into account.

best wishes and thanks,  
Gordon Williams  
[REDACTED]  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709

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**From:** Kent Williams <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 10:18 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 5, 2021, 10:18 am

First Name: **Kent**

Last Name: **Williams**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **HB 4008-Redistricting**

Public Comment: **After reviewing Bethany Marcum's redistricting map for the state of AK but especially for East Anchorage I believe she has lost touch with the intent of the process. Why would you include a portion of East Anchorage with Eagle River and South Anchorage, this violates the constitutional mandate for nonpartisan integrated socioeconomic districts. This is why I believe Nicole Barrameo's map is best represents what should be for East Anchorage as well as Anchorage as a whole. I thank all of you for your work and dedication on this matter.**

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**From:** Leah Berman Williams <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 9:02 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 5, 2021, 9:02 am

First Name: **Leah Berman**

Last Name: **Williams**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99709**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **November 5 map for FNSB**

Public Comment: **I am writing to discuss the final map being discussed on November 5, 2021, for the Fairbanks North Star Borough.**

**I am extremely concerned that this map joins the Goldstream/Murphy Dome/Spinach Creek area to a large interior district including Tok, McGrath, etc.**

**This is in direct contradiction to the idea of keeping socioeconomically tied areas together in a district. The Goldstream area is extremely similar to the College/Ester/University West neighborhoods, in terms of where their kids go to school, where people work, etc. as well as with the rest of Fairbanks, and have little to no similarities with the more rural Alaskan villages. I don't understand why a district that pairs Goldstream with Tok is even being considered. The pairing described in Board V. 4 makes a lot more sense, pairing more rural folks in Salcha / Chena Hot Springs Road, along with the folks at Eielson (who are more transient and not very integrated into the borough at all), which has historical precedent supporting it.**

**This proposed map is extremely problematic and does not reflect the existing structure of the borough.**

**I am also frustrated that these draft maps "which are begin considered as the \*final\* map" are not posted on the redistricting site in time for clear public testimony about them.**



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**From:** Nelli Williams [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 4, 2021 10:17 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Public testimony re: Maps 3 & 4

Dear Anchorage Redistricting Board,

Thank you for providing helpful maps to review throughout this process. I am writing to comment on the maps currently under consideration by the board. As a mother and voter in Anchorage I am completely opposed to Board Proposed Map v3 it divides and carves out neighborhoods with disregard to how neighborhoods and communities in Anchorage function. It also goes against a majority of public testimony in these areas. I urge the board to support Board Proposed Map v.4. This map provides clean sensible lines based on neighborhoods and communities, and doesn't insensibly split or pair regions of our community that are vastly different for many reasons (ie: East Anchorage with Eagle River or S. Anchorage).

Thank you for listening to public input.  
Nelli

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**From:** Dr Paula Williams <automated@akredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 4, 2021 11:46 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 4, 2021, 11:46 pm

First Name: **Dr Paula**

Last Name: **Williams**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **The Alaska Black Caucus ; NAACP**

Email or Phone Contact: **stannettewilliams12@gmail.com**

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Ms Marcum's proposed gerrymandering map**

Public Comment: **I totally disapprove of Ms Marcum gerrymandering map. This is unspeakable, deceitful, illegal and completely outrageous. This is a unethical attempt to diminish the power of minority voters. I would NEVER agree to this criminal injustice!**

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**From:** Mark Winterstein [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 3:50 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** Opposition to Goldstream being included in district 36

Hi My name is Mark Winterstein, I live at [REDACTED], in the Community of Goldstream adjacent to Fairbanks, AK. I'm writing in opposition of the redistricting plan to combine the community of Goldstream with rural communities in district 36. We do not share socio-economic similarities with these rural communities. We should be included with the communities of ester and the university as the districts are currently drawn. We work and send our kids to school in these communities. Peeling our community off from Fairbanks to be included with rural communities is a violation of the guidelines set forth on redistricting in the Alaska constitution. We are not of similar socio-economic status.

Thanks

Mark Winterstein

Sent from my iPhone

# **ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

**Statewide 10/30/21 Teleconference Testimony**

Summary Date: 11/5/2021

Name: **Doug Woodby**

**Doug Woodby is in support of redistricting that results in the minimum deviation from an even proportion between districts. It makes common sense to have equal voting power. For this reason, he is opposed to Board Maps v.3 and v.4 and is in support of the Doyon Coalition map, AFFR map, and the Senate Minority Caucus maps. For Juneau, he opposes the AFFER plan due to the way it splits the Mendenhall Valley which violates the socio-economic homogeneity. He strongly opposes Board Map v.3 due to the deliberate effort to carve out the the current residents on the same street as local incumbent, Andrea Story, to put her in future election competition with other local incumbents in the state house.**

# ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

## WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: November 3, 2021

Name: **Stephen Wright**

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Date: November 3, 2021, 6:54 pm

Comments: **Let me Clarify AFFR is not for Alaskans but a select few RINOs who feel that they need to punish Republicans for being conservative. I do not support the RINO AFFR plan but If it was adopted the numbering system is what is being used to box other conservatives out of the process. However, It is important to note that this is the worst of all plans. The most consice and well thought out plan is V4**

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Date: November 3, 2021, 6:15 pm

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

Public Comment: **Numbering should be changed for the MATSU. A new map should be drawn to consolidate ideas from the six maps. To have a more streamlined zoning.**

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**From:** Jeff March [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 11:01 AM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** I like Nicole Borrromeio's map because it is more condensed

Good Morning!

I tried to call in, and it appears your executive session was continuing. Please take my written testimony.

I have looked at Bethany Marcum's proposed map and Nicole Borrromeo's map. Here are my thoughts.

Nicole's map is more compact. It retains neighborhood boundaries. It keeps East Anchorage together, and doesn't split it up into Eagle River and South Anchorage. Also, adding Valdez with Anchorage doesn't make sense to me. Valdez has their own community with their own issues. Anchorage and Valdez have a different economy base, and different needs.

Public testimony has been greatly in favor of Nicole's map. In fact, Bethany's map has not been well accepted.

Please choose Nicole Borrromeio's map for redistricting.

Thank you,

Frances Yates-March