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From: Breanna Abyo <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 8:52 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 28, 2021, 8:52 pm

First Name: **Breanna**

Last Name: **Abyo**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

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

Public Comment: **After carefully considering all the proposed maps, I hope that the redistricting board Supports the Doyon Coalition proposal.**

This map closely follows the Alaska constitutional requirements, both compact and following natural boundaries. I am a BBNC shareholder and honestly believe that the Doyon Coalition map truly protects and respects the Alaska Native vote, not just in the district I would live in under this proposal but across the State. I urge all members of the Alaska Redistricting board to support the Doyon Coalition proposal or merge Doyon Coalition District 23 into any map that you will create.

From: Lindsay Kavanaugh [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 4:36 PM
To: Testimony; Peter Torkelson; TJ Presley; Juli Lucky
Cc: caseyinalaska.; Michael Wenstrup
Subject: Letter to the Board
Attachments: 10.26.21 Redistricting.com pages 1 - 3 (1).pdf

Good afternoon, please see the attached letter to the Board Chairman from the Alaska Democratic Party. At this time, unless requested, we do not intend to provide oral testimony to the board on this issue but would like this letter and any response to be part of the public record. Please note, we were unable to submit a PDF on the public comment section of the website, if action other than this email needs to occur to be part of the public record please advise.

If you have any questions or concerns I can be reached at 703-501-0882. Thank you for your work on this important issue.

Best,
Lindsay

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Lindsay Kavanaugh (*she/her*)
Executive Director
Alaska Democratic Party
[REDACTED]

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October 26, 2021

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

Dear Mr. Binkley,

As you are aware, the Alaska Constitution requires that the Alaska Redistricting Board (“the Board”) conduct public hearings regarding proposed redistricting plans. On September 20, 2021, the Board adopted six proposed redistricting plans to form the basis of this year’s meetings. Since that date, the Board has been traveling the State on a public meeting tour to obtain input from Alaskans before adoption of the final plan by November 10, 2021.

The Alaska Democratic Party has been watching this process closely: As an entity dedicated to equality and civil rights for all Alaskans, we have a substantial vested interest in ensuring that the plan that is ultimately adopted is constitutional, fair, and ensures that the diverse voices of our state and local communities are well-represented in the democratic process through our elected officials. In this spirit, we write to underscore and resolve two ongoing and serious concerns that have emerged throughout the redistricting process: the inability of the public to meaningfully attend and participate at the Board’s meetings, and the importance of making the Board’s final plan available promptly and in an actionable format.

In the words of Board Member Nicole Borromeo, the Board’s public meetings are an opportunity “to hear from Alaskans from every region of the state... as [the Board] present[s] [the draft maps] in public meetings in communities across the state.”¹ This is consistent with the Board’s obligations under the Alaska Open Meetings Act, Alaska Statute 44.62.310-312, to ensure that **all** of its meetings are open to the public. As articulated within the Act, the function of governmental bodies, such as the Board, is to

¹ See “Board Approves Proposed Plans,” September 20, 2021, <https://www.akredistrict.org/news/board-approves-proposed-redistricting-plans/> (accessed October 21, 2021).

“aid in the conduct of the people’s business.”² Thus, the people have a right to be fully informed in the actions the government takes so that they are empowered to “control... the instruments they have created.”³

However, it appears that access to the Board’s meetings is not being granted to all members of the public who would like to attend. While the Board may be making efforts to travel throughout the state to hear from community members in person regarding the proposed plans, the Board’s decision to disallow telephonic or videoconference participation at community meetings poses substantial legal problems. Not only does this practice prevent participation by members of rural communities who are logistically unable to travel to meeting locations, but it also excludes from meetings those who do not wish to risk infection from the ongoing global COVID-19 pandemic.

Permitting submission of written comments and holding occasional “call-in only” meetings are not acceptable substitutes for real time remote participation in the Board’s community-based meetings. At these community meetings, members of the public benefit not only from the opportunity to speak directly to the Board, but also from experiencing the larger dialogue from community members and the conversation between Board members responsive to this community input. Because these same dynamics are not present with regard to written comments or the remote “call-in only” hearings, the public is being denied the protections of the Open Meetings Act and the benefits of participating in the deliberative process underlying the work of the Board.

Both the plain language of Alaska statute and precedent from the Alaska Supreme Court empower the Board to permit remote access to meetings. AS 44.62.310(a) specifically states that “attendance and participation at meetings by members of the public... may be by teleconferencing.” The use of teleconferencing in this context facilitates not only individuals’ safety, but also “the convenience of the parties, the public, and the governmental units conducting the meetings.”⁴ Notably—and with specific regard to the dangers posed by the Board’s practice in the context of a pandemic—in *State v. Arctic Village Council*,⁵ the Alaska Supreme Court just last month observed that “travel and remaining indoors for extended periods of time with other people during the COVID-19 pandemic poses personal health risks,”⁶ and approved a modification to Alaska’s voting procedures which enabled voters to exercise their political rights despite ongoing public health concerns.⁷ Under this guidance, we are hopeful that the Board will reconsider the manner in which it hosts its community

² AS 44.62.312(a).

³ *Id.*

⁴ AS 44.62.312(a)(6).

⁵ *State v. Arctic Vill. Council*, No. S-17902, 2021 WL 4234997, at *8 (Alaska Sept. 17, 2021).

⁶ *Id.*, quoting *United States v. Greenlight Organic, Inc.*, 503 F. Supp. 3d 1269, 1273 (Ct. Int’l Trade 2021).

⁷ *Id.*

meetings so that all who desire to do so are able to make their voices heard while staying safe.

Consistent with our desire to ensure that meetings are conducted fairly and safely, we also wish to ensure that the public is able to easily access the Board's final plan in a technologically actionable and accessible format. Previously, the Board has initially disseminated plans only in .pdf format. Because this format could not be manipulated, zoomed in, or otherwise analyzed, it was impossible to easily determine whether the plan complied with constitutional mandates or raised any other concerns. In anticipation of the Board's release of the final adopted plan, we request that it will be made available for immediate viewing and download in all of the following formats: .pdf, .shp, and .kmz/.kml or public Google Map, along with the intended senate pairings, in order to allow the public and interested parties to properly analyze and assess the demographic and statistical metadata and information attendant to the plan's districts.

Thank you very much for your prompt and careful attention to these straightforward requests, both of which are made to ensure the Board complies with its statutory and constitutional duties. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns, as the Alaska Democratic Party expects the Board will prioritize its compliance with its legal obligations as described herein.

Sincerely,

Casey Steinau

Casey Steinau
Chair

Lindsay Kavanaugh

Lindsay Kavanaugh
Executive Director

From: Susie Amundson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 11:58 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Alaska Redistricting

Dear AK Redistricting Board,

I am requesting that the Board use the Alaska For Fair Redistricting (AFFR) map with particular concern about the southern end of the Kenai Peninsula. The Fritz Creek area needs to remain with the Homer area and it would be a good socio-economic, cultural, and borough fit for the southern Kenai Peninsula and Seward to be together.

Thank you,
Susan Amundson
[REDACTED]
Homer AK 99603



Municipality of Anchorage

October 22, 2021

Alaska Redistricting Board
PO Box 240147
Anchorage, AK 99524

Dear Chair Binkley and Members of the Alaska Redistricting Board:

The Municipality of Anchorage has reviewed the six draft maps adopted by the Board, and submits the following comments for your consideration.

These comments, which are the joint product of the executive and legislative branches, are about practical boundary considerations of proposed districts within the Municipality and are not intended to request modifications to voter distribution among districts.

The Municipality of Anchorage Geographic Data and Information Center has created a series of online maps to highlight our concerns related to proposed district boundaries. Our comments and concerns fall into three categories:

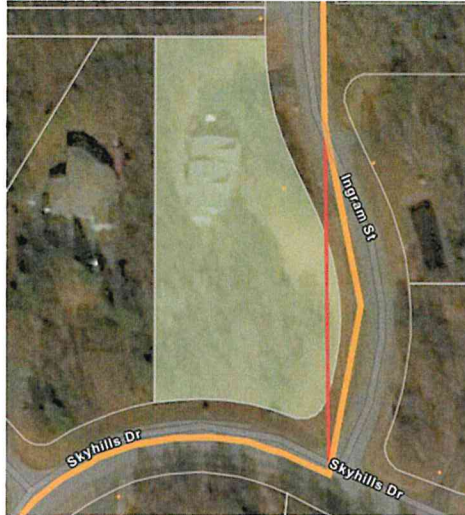
1. Clarification Needed – For this category, the proposed district boundary crosses through a parcel, often cutting through a residential structure, or separating the residential structure from the address point. We are seeking clarification from the Board as to which district the parcel's residents are assigned to, and requesting that the Board change the district boundary to clarify its intent. In the example below, the red line is a proposed boundary in the Version 3 map, and the gold line is the changed boundary proposed by the MOA. The parcels in this category are colored purple in the provided storymap.





Municipality of Anchorage

2. Minor Boundary Adjustments Requested – For this category, the proposed district boundary splits a parcel, but the intent of the Board as to which district the parcel is in appears to be clear. We request that the Board resolve these by making minor district boundary adjustments which align to parcel boundaries. See example below, also from the Version 3 map. The parcels in this category are colored green in the provided storymap.



3. Boundary Discrepancies Can Be Ignored – For this category, the proposed district boundary splits a parcel, but no development is expected on the parcel (predominantly parkland), so the discrepancy will not have an effect. It would, however, be the MOA's preference that the district boundary lines be moved to coincide with parcel boundaries. See example below, also from the Version 3 map. The parcels in this category are colored blue in the provided storymap.





Municipality of Anchorage

Visual representation of these categories, applied to all six adopted maps, can be found at [Redistricting Info Storymap \(arcgis.com\)](#), which has already been provided to you.

Thank you in advance for consideration of these comments. If you have any questions, please contact Tina Miller, Program and Policy Director, Geographic and Data and Information Center, at 907-343-6183 or christina.miller@anchorageak.gov.

Sincerely,

Adam Trombley
Director, Office of Economic &
Community Development

Barbara A. Jones
Municipal Clerk

Tina Miller
Program and Policy Director
Geographic and Data Information Center

Erika McConnell
Deputy Clerk – Elections

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY

Testimony Received: **Homer 10/13 Verbal Testimony**

Summary Date: October 27, 2021

Name: **Nicole Arevalo**

Email or Phone Contact: 

Ms. Arevalo stated that Kodiak Island is completely disparate from the Kenai Peninsula. The communities of Kachemak Bay, including Nanwalek and Port Graham, are included in the community even though the city limits of Homer are small.

Ms. Arevalo spoke in opposition of dividing the Kenai Peninsula as neighbors would be removed which does not make sense. Though there are requirements on the percentage of residents needing to be shuffled, it does not make any geographic, socio-economic, or community-based sense to divide these residents from the community.

Ms. Arevalo is in favor of keeping the Kenai Peninsula whole and the communities in Kachemak Bay and budding Kachemak Bay need to be unified as Homer is the hub for services for these communities.


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COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING
VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

Kodiak 10/15/21 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: October 27, 2021

Date: October 27, 2021, 5:01 pm

Name: **Scott Arndt**

Email or Phone Contact: 

Mr. Scott spoke in favor of the Doyon Coalition map.

From: Apolinarya Basargin <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 5:53 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 30, 2021, 5:52 pm

First Name: **Apolinarya**

Last Name: **Basargin**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99603**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **District 31**

Public Comment: **I am against the restricting process. I live by mcniel canyon I do all my shopping, business etc. in homer. My kids attend school in the kenai peninsula and I would like to keep it that way. Keep us in district 31.**

From: Feodora Basargin <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 6:25 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 30, 2021, 6:25 pm

First Name: **Feodora**

Last Name: **Basargin**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99603**

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

Public Comment: **Hello,**

I am very concerned that Homer wants to redistrict Fritz Creek area from District 31. I live in Fritz Creek area and see myself as a Homer citizen. Me and my husband do all of our business in Homer, our post office is there, we shop there, we support the small businesses there, I went to college at Kachemak Bay campus, and I really see myself as part of the Homer community. If you redistrict Fritz Creek area to another district I feel as if my voice will be lost and it will be really hard for me to vote. Even though I live outside of Homer city limits I call myself a Homer citizen. Please do not change Fritz Creek from District 31. Thank you for your time.

Feodora Basargin

From: Gregory Basargin <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 5:55 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 30, 2021, 5:55 pm

First Name: **Gregory**

Last Name: **Basargin**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Republican**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99603**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **District 31**

Public Comment: **I do not agree with this redistricting process. I live my McNeil canyon school and do all of my business, shopping, etc in Homer. My kids attend school in kenai peninsula also. Joining district 31 with kodiak district makes no sense. Sarah Vance is our representative and thatâ€™s the way we want to keep it here.**

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

Homer 10/13 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: October 27, 2021

Name: **Natalia Basargin**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Public Comment: **Ms. Basargin lives 26 miles on East End Road and many residents there do business in Homer. Ms. Basargin spoke in opposition of removing Fox River and Fritz Creek from Homer.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY

Homer 10/13 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: October 27, 2021

Name: **Nikolai Basargin**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Public Comment: **Mr. Basargin is a resident on East End Road and spoke against moving his community into the same district as Kodiak as everything they do is in Homer. PO boxes are also located in Homer. Seldovia, Port Graham, Moose Bay, and Chignik would make more sense as communities to be grouped with.**

Many East End residents invest heavily with the State of Alaska, growing their businesses in Homer, not Kodiak.

From: Sally <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 4:41 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Butte and SKRCC redistricting

To Whom it May Concern:

I have been a Butte resident since 2013. I have been a member of the board for the Butte Community Council for four years, I am a volunteer firefighter/Advanced EMT with Butte Fire Department and I am the manager for the Little Angels Memorial Park project that will begin construction in Butte, the Spring of 2022. I am an active member of this community.

The proposed Doyon map and the similar one that proposes to make the Butte precinct a part of the Municipality of Anchorage, would make the Butte precinct the ONLY MSB precinct in the Anchorage district. I am sincerely opposed to this option and would ask that you keep the Butte precinct a part of the MSB.

Butte and the SKRC residents live and love our quiet country community. We would ask that you would pair us with Palmer, Sutton and/or the Chickaloon communities which are also quiet country communities. We want to identify as an exclusively Matsu community.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Sally Beach

[REDACTED]
Palmer, AK 99645

Sent from my iPad

From: Peggy Beagle <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 12:05 PM
To: Testimony <testimony@akredistrict.org>
Subject: V3 = Classic Gerrymandering

Dear Redistricting Board,

There is a problem with Board Map V.3

Board Map V.3 is a classically gerrymandered map put forth by a former Republican legislator, and it is clear that his party will benefit at the expense of our community and our values.

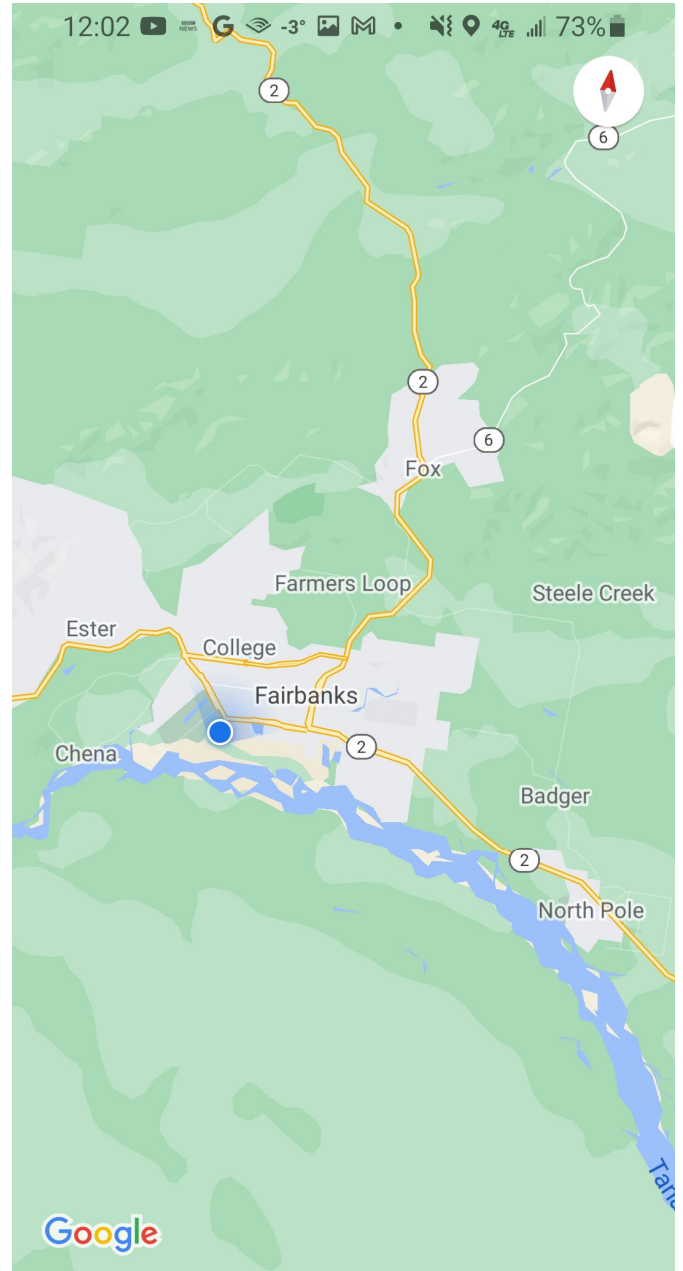
Board Map V.3 also overpopulates each Fairbanks district, making everyone's vote count less than a voter in Anchorage, or Kenai or Mat-Su.

Board Map V.3 divides Fairbanks into North and South areas, the opposite of how Fairbanks is oriented. It also brings parts of North Pole and Fairbanks together in the same districts, ignoring the need for North Pole to have its own representation.

Both the AFFR map and Board Map V.4 keep Fairbanks separate, don't overpopulate districts, adhere to the natural alignment of Fairbanks, and will ensure that our community will have appropriate representation for the next ten years.

Please disregard & discard Map V.3 for the sake of our North Star Borough community.

Warm Regards,
Peggy Beagle
[REDACTED]
Fairbanks, AK 99709



From: Robert Bechtold <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 8:54 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: October 28, 2021, 8:53 pm

First Name: **Robert**

Last Name: **Bechtold**

Email Address: [REDACTED]


Comments: I have lived in Eagle River for over 29 years. Eagle River should not be districted contiguous with any area of Anchorage except East Anchorage or JBER. We have nothing in common with Downtown Anchorage area. Years ago, we were aligned with south Anchorage and Girdwood and Hoe and it did not represent our area well. Eagle River is a unique community and should not be subdivided. We have a large military population and share the Glenn Highway border with East Anchorage. Please keep Eagle River close to the boundaries we have now. Thank you.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY

Homer 10/13 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: October 27, 2021

Name: Eileen Becker

Email or Phone Contact: 

Public Comment: Ms. Becker opposed moving Fox River and Fritz Creek out of the district as this would make the residents feel alienated and divide the community. As it exists right now, Kodiak has nothing to do with Homer and they rarely see the senator that represents that area. Ms. Becker suggested bringing Port Graham, Seldovia, and Nanwalek into the district.

Ms. Becker noted that one of the biggest problems on the Kenai Peninsula is that the cities of Kenai and Soldotna have been put together as one big unit and fairly proportioning the Kenai Peninsula all the way around.


ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY

Dillingham 10/21 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: October 25, 2021

Name: **Wassiliisa Bennis**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Self Census 2020 Co-Chair**

Email or Phone Contact: 

Public Comment: **Ms. Bennis expressed support for the Doyon Coalition map as it ties Dillingham into their region and house District 37. Platinum and Goodnews Bay are in the Bristol Bay area health corporation. It is important to tie all of the villages together through their culture and economy, and for the sake of having Goodnews and Platinum tied into their region through the health corporation.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: October 26, 2021, 4:07 pm

Name: **Burt Bomhoff**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99508**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **AFFER proposal as effects Eagle River**

Public Comment: **For the Alaska Redistricting Board**

My comments pertain solely to Eagle River.

Some confusion has developed over the past decades as to whether Eagle River is, in spirit, part of the community of Anchorage. This, and Eaglexit, is a pointless argument that matters to a small minority of neighbors.

I sat on the Greater Anchorage Area Borough Assembly more than a half-century ago. There was a movement then, pushed by several people from Eagle River, to secede from the Municipality. It got nowhere. That movement has surfaced a number of times over the years, and has always failed. As a 25 year resident of Chugiak and with my earlier experiences as a resident of Anchorage, I believe it has no bearing on the redistricting issue.

Eagle River has close ties to both the military and the Muldoon areas. Combining these districts is fine if it doesn't result in a situation that violates the requirements of the act.

There is no perfect map and there is no redistricting plan that will receive 100% support. All plans require some compromise. I believe the AFFER proposal is as close as we can come for Eagle River.

**Sincerely,
Burt Bomhoff**

From: Laura Bonner <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 3:26 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 30, 2021, 3:26 pm

First Name: **Laura**

Last Name: **Bonner**

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

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **AFFR Plan is the best map for fair representation of Alaska**

Public Comment: **AFFR plan, especially for Anchorage, ensure that all neighborhoods are equally represented with a deviation of 0.35% with no district having more than 36 people from the ideal number.**

AFFR is the only plan that takes into account the diverse communities of East Anchorage, Mountain View, Fairview and Downtown. These areas feed into the most diverse schools in Alaska and should not be grouped with JBER which would in effect dilute and possibly silence the voices of those diverse communities. Board options 3 and 4 group the JBER population with parts Mountain View and downtown. AFFR plan is more fair to these communities.

AFFR plan respects Community Councils as much as possible. This is important for the socio-economics and cultures in the communities. Many of the state senators and representatives (or their staff) regularly attend the Community Council meetings to stay in touch with neighborhoods they represent.

AFFR plan has Chugiak/Eagle River area in its own Senate District which is distinctly different culturally and socio-economically. Board options 3 and 4 include parts of East Anchorage but East Anchorage should be grouped with others in the Anchorage bowl. There is also a well organized movement called Eagle Exit for Eagle River/Chugiak to leave the Municipality and form its own borough. That's another reason for Chugiak/Eagle River to have its own Senate district.

AFFR Map is the best plan for fair representation in Alaska.

From: Nathan Borson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 7:19 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Redistricting comments (SE AK)

Dear Alaska Redistricting Board,

Thanks for all the hard work that you and your staff have put into this cycle of redistricting. I virtually attended one of your meetings and am impressed by the tools to draw our own maps and the public involvement in the process. It's obvious there are many ways to draw district boundaries but none that obviously optimize all Alaska's legal requirements, much less those imposed by (but no longer requiring pre-approval for) the federal voting rights act. So I appreciate what went into each proposal.

Though I have lived in Alaska since 1987, I know only my own corner of the state well enough to comment on district boundaries, so my feedback all relates to Southeast Alaska, especially Northern Southeast.

For my region, the map I prefer from the six adopted proposals is the one from the Doyon coalition.

- My community's strongest socio-economic ties are with Juneau. That's our transportation, shopping, and medical hub. Quite a number of people have homes in both places. The Doyon map places Gustavus in a district with part of Juneau. The Doyon map logically keeps the Mendenhall Valley and Auke Bay together.
- The Board and AFFER maps also place Gustavus with part of Juneau, but the way Juneau is divided in these plans stinks. All three split the upper and lower Mendenhall Valley along Montana Creek. Each of these three methods separates upper Mendenhall Valley from the airport and/or Auke Bay. The Board v.4 map has a strange donut hole between downtown Juneau and Auke Bay. The blatant gerrymandering of Board v.3 to pit incumbent representatives against each other is especially egregious.

My second choice is the Senate Minority map.

- I very much like the way the Senate Minority map keeps the Ketchikan Gateway Borough together instead of splitting Revilla and Prince of Wales Islands -- POW communities are connected to Ketchikan in the same way that Gustavus is to Juneau.
- This map separates Gustavus and Juneau, but it keeps together Icy Strait and Northern Chichagof Island communities that have much in common, including the Hoonah Tlingit homeland. I love Sitka and could argue we have much in common with them.
- This map achieves much better deviation than the Board maps.

Sincerely,

[Nathan Borson](#)

[REDACTED]
Gustavus, AK 99826



Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 1:21 PM

Alaska Redistricting Board
P.O. Box 240147
Anchorage, AK 99524
testimony@akredistrict.org

Hi, my name is Cherie Bowman, and I have been a resident of Fairbanks for over 25 years, spending the majority of them in the Goldstream and Farmers Loop neighborhoods. After reviewing the six proposed Alaska redistricting maps, I would like to make the following comments in support of the AFFR plan and Board Map V.4:

- Board Map V.3 would put too many people in each Fairbanks district, and that means underrepresenting the Fairbanks residents by violating the principle of “one person, one vote.” Anchorage and the Mat-Su Borough are overrepresented; the Fairbanks North Star Borough has enough people for five districts, and a surplus to establish a quarter of an additional district. This Board Map is completely unfair.
- Within the Fairbanks North Star Borough we have two separate socio-economic communities described as “East” and “West.” West comprises the University of Alaska Fairbanks and those adjacent neighborhoods. East is particular to Fort Wainwright and many service members in the community. The Parks Highway leading to UAF and the Richardson Highway leading to North Pole are major factors for this orientation. The Fairbanks map really needs to reflect these distinct communities of interest which are shown in the AFFR plan and Board Map V.4.
- North Pole needs to remain separate from the urban residents of Fairbanks since they have a distinct identity with its own local government. The AFFR plan and Board Map V.4 appropriately recognize this; Board Map V.3 does not.
- With regard to District 34 and the eastern portion of the Fairbanks North Star Borough, the AFFR Plan keeps the communities of Fox, Goldstream, Farmers Loop and Chena Hot Springs Road together. This makes sense since there is a large portion of dry cabins in those communities (I, myself, live in a dry cabin) that are currently and historically linked through the Fox Water Well/Fox Spring, and they tend to use similar services and stores. They all use the same East Farmers Loop Transfer Site. Board Map V.3 would split these up and lump Ester into the group; Ester belongs to the Chena Pump area where it currently and historically gets its water.

The AFFR Plan and Board Map V.4 take into consideration important socio-economic factors and water linkages, and this should be the plan going forward. Please adopt the AFFR plan and Board Map V.4. You have my permission to read this at the Board meeting being held on October 30, 2021.

Thank you for your time, and for making public comment accessible online and by phone call during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Sincerely,
Cherie L. Bowman
[REDACTED]
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709
[REDACTED]

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Cherie L. Bowman
clbowman3@alaska.edu

“There are two kinds of people in this world: Those who believe there are two kinds of people in this world and those who are smart enough to know better.”
— Tom Robbins, [Still Life with Woodpecker](#)

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: October 30, 2021, 7:05 pm

First Name: **Anna Brawley**
Your ZIP Code: **99517**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Representation of Turnagain and West Anchorage on Maps 3 and 4**

Public Comment: **Dear Redistricting Board,**

I have been watching the process, and seen many of the poor choices made in which redistricting maps were put forward, and choices on those maps that split communities and seek to disenfranchise or reduce representation for many diverse areas in Anchorage. I understand that this process is political, and that many considerations need to be balanced - but it also needs to be fair, and not biased or skewed toward one political group.

Specifically, I am writing against the proposed changes in Maps 3 and 4, which would split the Turnagain neighborhood into 3 different districts. This does not reflect the spirit of keeping similar areas together, and would do to Turnagain what has already been done to Spenard a decade ago: to have multiple representatives, which someone may claim is "more" representation, but actually means that none of the representatives really consider Spenard "their" constituency. (It is a credit that many of the legislators do still attend the meetings, but it means that the neighborhood does not get the attention or champion it should).

The reality is that Alaska is changing - major generational, economic and social shifts will happen, just as they are in the rest of the country. There is a faction of the state who wants to keep things as they are, or as they were, and refuses to engage with the fact that Alaska is not in the same world as it was a generation or two ago. We need to make serious choices about how we survive as a state: fiscally, demographically, responding to climate change, rethinking our economic drivers, and creating a place that plans for the future and reflects the diverse population we already have, and will continue to have. Our districts need to fairly represent these realities, and not relegate communities like Anchorage to being gerrymandered and underrepresented.

The Redistricting Board should set the politics of yesteryear aside, and focus on creating a map that is fair for all constituencies in this state. Not short-term political gain, as one generation of Alaskans seems to be planning retirement and cashing out. The rest of us still want to live in this great state for many years, and see our electoral politics and political leaders fairly representative, and ready to face the challenges ahead. Draw the maps fairly.

Sincerely,

Anna Brawley

Turnagain / Anchorage / Alaska resident

**ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
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VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

Kodiak 10/15/21 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: October 27, 2021

Name: **Bob Brodie**

Email or Phone Contact: 


Bob Brodie is a 40+ year resident of Kodiak who has also served on the City Council, as Mayor, and on the Alaska Redistricting Board 10 years ago. Mr. Brodie spoke in support of having Kodiak with other similar communities such as Whittier and Cordova and opposes having Kodiak with Homer or Seward.

**ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
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VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY**

Homer 10/13 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: October 27, 2021

Name: **Malcolm Brown**

Email or Phone Contact: 

Mr. Brown was born and raised on the Kenai Peninsula concurred with previous testimony stating that the board should divide the Kenai Peninsula to create three boundaries.

From: Maida Buckley <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 3:01 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 30, 2021, 3:00 pm

First Name: **Maida**

Last Name: **Buckley**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99709**

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

Public Comment: **Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the redistricting maps. In this light that each person deserves an equal voice, I strongly object to map V3. As a resident of the Fairbanks North Star Borough for than fifty years, this map both underrepresents and splits my community. This map by not granting Fairbanks its full representation, short changes our community and compromises the frontier democratic spirit that has characterized Alaska. Map 3 does away with the spirit of one person, one vote.**

From: Nathaniel Buffington <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 3:33 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 30, 2021, 3:32 pm

First Name: **Nathaniel**

Last Name: **Buffington**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99709**

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

Public Comment: **I support the Board Proposed Plan v.4 map as it appears more community based to allow representation of actual communities of people and not gerrymandered needlessly for partisan reasons. Others split communities down the middle, there's no need to split up our communities just to advantage one party over the other. Keep partisan politics out of this! Our communities matter to us!**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: October 25, 2021, 2:31 pm

Name: **Abel Bult-Ito**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99709**

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

Public Comment: **Dear Board Members,**

I am deeply discouraged about the prospect of Board Map Version 3 for the Fairbanks and Interior Region. First, I find the notion that the Fairbanks Borough Boundary should not be broken hypocritical. On a quick glance, there are multiple Borough boundaries around the state that are broken on the very same map. Perhaps the more troubling part of the map is the blatant attempt to dilute the West Fairbanks/University/Chena Ridge vote by districting them with Salcha, Moose Creek, and Eielson. As a resident of Chena Ridge, I rarely travel to this part of the borough. Citizens in that area have a vastly different set of interests than myself and my family. They drive different roads, use different services, and recreate and work in different places. Lastly, I find the idea that Fairbanks would be underrepresented at the expense of MatSu or Anchorage unacceptable. I enjoy writing to my representatives, and I enjoy that they reply. By adding multiple hundreds of people to each district, you are impacting, i.e. diluting, the representation each citizen in our region receives in Juneau.

I would encourage you to adopt AFFR or Board Map Version 4. Both draw fair maps that do not overpopulate districts and represent the communities of interest within the Borough.

Thank you.

From: Mary Burtness <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 10:40 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: October 27, 2021, 10:39 am

First Name: **Mary**

Last Name: **Burtness**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99709**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **NO to board map V.3, yes to AFRA or Board map V.4**

Public Comment: **I appreciate all the work that is going into this process and I highly commend Juli Lucky for exceptional communications she has been sending out to keep the public informed.**

I am very concerned about Board map V.3. It separates Fairbanks and combines parts with North Pole that is not fair to the citizens of the area. It also includes a larger population so smaller population areas have more votes. I am strongly opposed to this version.

The AFRA or Board map V.4 more fairly treats the people of the North Star borough within and in the state.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Mary C Burtness

From: Frana Burtness-Adams [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2021 11:37 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Alaska Redistricting Testimony

To Whom It May Concern,

Below is my testimony in regards to Alaska's Redistricting.

I grew up in Fairbanks, on Lower Tanana Dene land. I went to Weller, Tanana, and Lathrop. This town and the communities in it raised me.

I got my first job here at age 14, I learned how to drive here, and I spent entire summers at the Davis soccer fields. I grew up with West Valley as my cross town rival and coasting in neutral down the Steese Hwy. I remember Alaskaland, Blockbuster, and Fanchorage before it was Fanchorage.

I say all this to make it clear, I, like John Binkley, am from Fairbanks. And when I look at the maps for redistricting there is one map that gives me pause; Board Map V.3.

It's a classically gerrymandered map put forth by a former Republican legislator, and it's clear that his party will benefit at the expense of our communities and our values.

Board Map V.3 also overpopulates each Fairbanks district, making everyone's vote count less than a voter in Anchorage, or Kenai, or Mat-Su. Why would someone born and raised in Fairbanks want their community to be less represented?

Board Map V.3 also divides Fairbanks into North and South areas, which is the opposite of how the natural cultural and socio-political alignment is oriented in Fairbanks, which follows the Chena River east to west. Map 3 also brings parts of North Pole and parts of Fairbanks together in the same districts; this does an injustice to the community of North Pole which has its own identity separate from Fairbanks interests.

I ask the Board to reject Map V.3, as it does not serve the interests of the community, especially those most affected by actions like this.

Thank you for making public comment possible via email.

Please let me know if you need any further information from me,

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"Comfort is the enemy of achievement"

Frana BA

She/Her - [what's this?](#)

DEIJ Consultant | Founder | Financial Professional

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY

Homer 10/13 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: October 27, 2021

Name: **Mike Byerly**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Mr. Byerly spoke in favor of the AFFR map as it "hits on all cylinders and does a better job than any of the other maps by far on meeting the socio-economic criteria" and also hits the other constitutional requirements better than the other proposed maps.

This map keeps all Kachemak Bay communities better and aligns them back with Seward, which makes more sense, and Seward and Homer are very similar in many ways: fisheries in both areas, fisherman who fish in both areas, whale watching, kayak tours that go across the bay, etc.

The way Seward is presently drawn is a "weird district that goes from Seward all the way up to the northern peninsula and reaches all the way over to Nikiski" and these communities are not very similar.

Mr. Byerly encouraged the map to adopt the AFFR map either as a whole or at least the Kenai Peninsula areas.

From: Carol Carman [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 31, 2021 9:24 AM

I would like to retract one sentence in my testimony. I do not believe it would be good to put Valdez into current district 9 with MatSu. First, they don't appear to want to be included with MatSu, and second I don't believe it would be good for MatSu. I support keeping MatSu within its boundaries as much as possible, thus your Map Version 3 is the only map that fulfills that for the MatSu. Good job!

From: Carol Carman [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2021 9:10 AM
To: Testimony <testimony@akredistrict.org>
Subject: Redistricting MatSu Valley

Hello Redistricting Committee,

Thank you for giving the public so many opportunities to have input into the process. I suspect that my district will change more than any other district in the state. We currently span from the outskirts of Palmer to Glennallen, up the Richardson Hwy to Delta, back down the Richardson Hwy to Valdez, and across the mountains to Whittier. I have been the Republican District Chair of our district since 2016.

1. I see on the proposed maps that Delta will no longer be in our district. I think that is appropriate. I know you already went to Valdez and they had their input. I believe the consensus of the few who attended was to be removed from our district as well. Hopefully more wrote to you. I have no clue what they will choose if they do write. Whittier obviously belongs with Anchorage.

I can relay to you what Glennallen wants from input I've had with them over the years. We have had 3 precinct leaders over those years, one former V Chair, and our treasurer has lived in Glennallen since before I've been chair. We have our district conventions in Glennallen, and last year they showed up 'in force'. They are a small, but very vocal community. Their big concern is their status as an unorganized borough. They feel like their voice is drowned out when lumped in with our organized borough. They do not want to be in our district. Their precinct leader even worked with the neighboring district for last year's election instead of ours. I will share your email address with them and the upcoming dial-in public hearing so they can contact you. I hope they do.

Of the six maps, your map **Version 3 best fits my district**, given the desires of the vast communities within our current district. If Valdez prefers to remain with us, then your map Version 4 is best.

2. About map numbering... To meet the needs of Valley communities, I believe maps need to be numbered differently. I see that it is currently numbered south to north. I believe to better align districts for senate numbering they should be numbered east to west or west to east. Please let me explain... and please look at my attachment as proposed renumbering to clarify.

I'll use Version 3 to explain:

My district (#30 on version 3) has virtually nothing but mountains and a HUGE public use area on the north of it. Our population is on the southern end of our district. The district to the south of us includes

Palmer, Lazy Mountain, and the Butte. Both our districts are centered around the city of Palmer. It connects us. The other district's (#25) lifestyle (socio economic group) is very similar to ours, so we should be grouped together as one senate district, as our needs and lifestyles are most similar. This would give us much better senate representation.

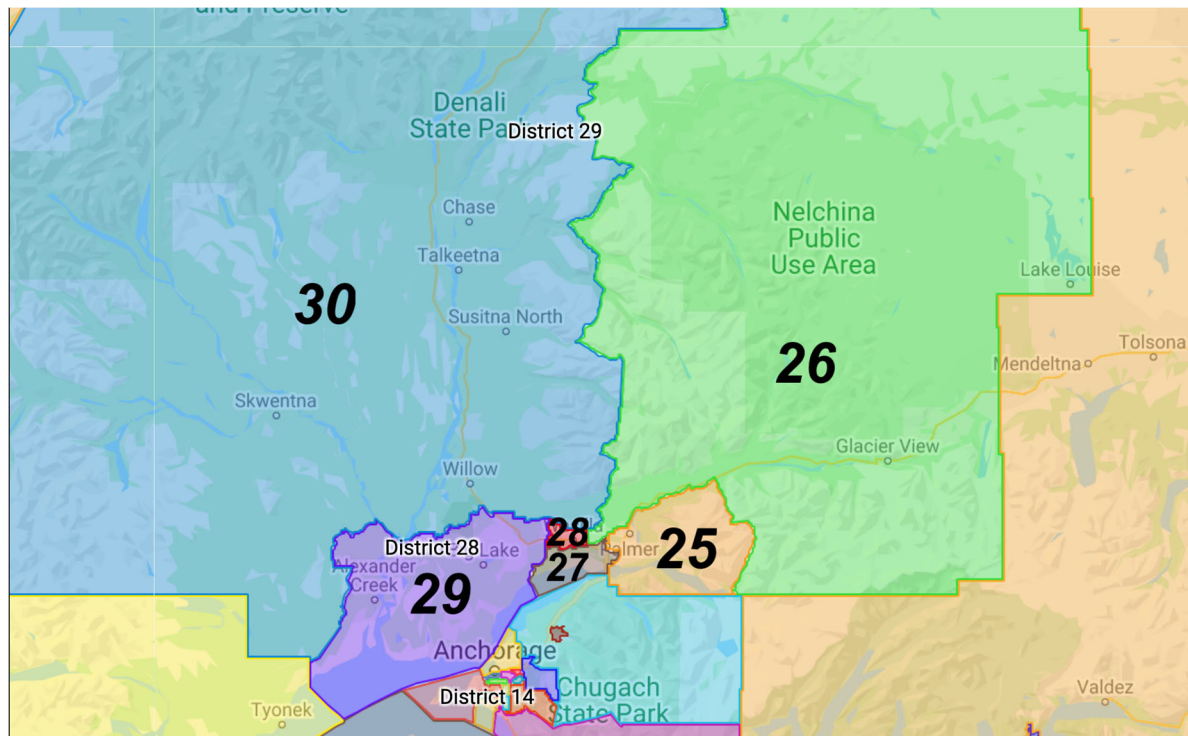
The Wasilla district (#27) and the KGB district (#26) to the south of it are both centered around the city of Wasilla. Main Street in Wasilla is renamed KGB south of the Parks Highway and runs through that entire district. Same road. They are heavily linked together with that city. They would be best served as one senate district.

The Big Lake district (#28) and the district north of it (#29) are quite unique and related in lifestyles (socio-economic). They do not want to be grouped with Wasilla. In fact, they really want to be independent of Wasilla. Big Lake wants to have their own city, and Houston, Willow, and Talkeetna already have theirs. You will see parts of their communities off-grid, and inaccessible by road. They are both vastly populated. Their needs are closely related, thus those two districts belong together in one senate district to be best represented.

I hope you will consider renumbering house districts so the grouping of senate districts in the Valley will be according to socio-economic groups and lifestyles, as it will enable our people to work together with others who have similar needs.

Thank you.

Carol Carman
Chair, ARP District 9E



From: Kathryn Carovano <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 11:44 AM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 30, 2021, 11:44 am

First Name: **Kathryn**

Last Name: **Carovano**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

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

Public Comment: **Redistricting should follow the Constitutional mandate to pair contiguous seats the greatest degree possible and minimize population deviations. These maps violate those mandates and should not be considered. Thank you.**

From: Kathryn Carssow <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 11:48 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Please implement AFFR map

Dear Redistricting Board Members,

First, thank you for your work. I know it is trying and you are doing your best to make good decisions so that every Alaskan's vote counts.

I live in the city of Homer and am very concerned that our southern Kenai Peninsula communities be in one district rather than fragmented and, thereby, disempowered as a community of voters with shared economic, educational, transportation, social, recreational and health concerns, hopes and dreams.

After comparing the two board maps and the map proposed by Alaskans for Fair Redistricting (AFFR), I believe the AFFR map is the best option by far for our communities. Homer and Seward have natural socio-economic connections. I have lived in both communities and have been a nonprofit director in both communities. Our two communities share regional economies based on fishing and tourism. I have sailed, kayaked, hiked and skied in and around both Resurrection Bay and Kachemak Bay – so much in common. I have worked with both local governments as a professional planner and am knowledgeable of distinct similarities these two coastal communities face in terms of natural resources and environmental challenges, especially with growing concerns about the impacts of climate change. The people of our two communities have so much in common in terms of what makes for a healthy and happy quality of life in small rural, coastal towns and surrounding areas.

The AFFR keeps all the communities of Kachemak Bay in the same district. The City of Homer serves Seldovia, Halibut Cove, Fritz Creek and the Russian Old Believer villages. Our residents share places of work, places of worship, art and cultural centers, restaurants, retailers, outdoor recreation areas and more. Our communities should not be sliced up compromising our collective power to benefit our economies and quality of life.

Also, The AFFR map keeps the whole Gulf Coast region in a single Senate district rather than the two board options that separate Whittier, which makes no sense in terms of common interests and concerns. The AFFR map also puts the entire Alaska Peninsula in the same district. Together the AFFR forms a united Gulf Coast Senate district which will well serve all of us in these communities with so much in common and so much at stake.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Kathryn Carssow
Homer, Alaska

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: Kasey Casort <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 1:55 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Redistricting Testimony - West Fairbanks

To the AK Redistricting Committee,

Hello, my name is KC Casort and I am a lifelong resident of Fairbanks. I grew up dividing my time between Chena Pump and North Pole, and now I live on Fairbanks Street, off Geist Road on the west side of Fairbanks.

Having grown up in both Fairbanks and North Pole, I can testify with confidence that they are fully distinct communities, and it does not make sense to smooch them into one district. However, proposed map version 3 puts a large portion of North Pole in a district including urban Fairbanks, which doesn't feel representative of either place.

Fairbanks has always been oriented along the Chena River, which flows east to west through town. We have a west Fred Meyers and an east Fred Meyers, and everyone on the west side of town shops at the west Freds while folks on the east side shop at the east Freds or maybe Walmart. I see that board map version 4 and the AFFR maps both retain this orientation in their redistricting in Fairbanks, but board map version 3 divides the community against the grain, going along a north/south orientation that just feels wrong for Fairbanks.

Board map 3 also overpopulates every Fairbanks district since it aims to follow the borough boundaries, but I don't see any reason to restrict the districts along those lines at the expense of Fairbanks' fair representation, especially when you are not following borough boundaries precisely in Anchorage or Kenai. I hope whatever map you create gives us all fair representation without crowding our Fairbanks districts like board map 3 does now.

Finally, I just want to add that as a recent UAF graduate with continuing strong ties to campus, I hope you keep our west Fairbanks university communities of Ester, Goldstream, Fox, and Chena Pump and Chena Ridge together, which only the AFFR map does right now. These communities are where the majority of students, staff, and professors at UAF live, and as such a critical part of our town's culture and economy I would love to see that be a guiding principle for how the west Fairbanks area is represented together.

Thank you for your time and all the work you have put into this process.

Sincerely,
Kasey Casort
Fairbanks, AK

From: Marjorie Casort <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 10:33 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Fairbanks redistricting feedback

Hello,

My name is Marjorie Casort and I was born and raised in Fairbanks. I have lived in the Chena Pump/Chena Ridge area (west Fairbanks) for about 20 years, raising my kids here, recreating and shopping here, and enjoying the community. I have the following input regarding the Fairbanks redistricting maps:

- There are more people squeezed into the Fairbanks districts in the Version 3 map. As a Fairbanksan, I want equal representation, and the Version 3 map does not give Fairbanksans a voice equal to other areas. Districts don't necessarily have to follow borough boundaries, as they don't in other districts like Anchorage and Mat-Su. Version 3 will mute Fairbanks voices, while the AFFR version will treat us fairly.
- Version 3 breaks up the natural East/West orientation of Fairbanks, separating the University campus from the Ester area (where many UAF students and affiliates live). Fairbanks is socio-economically oriented along an East/West axis and the district boundaries should account for this. Chena Pump/Ridge, Ester, and UAF have close socio-economic ties, and the AFFR map is the only map that keeps these three communities together
- North Pole has a distinct identity and local government, and should not be in the same district as Fairbanks. The AFFR map recognizes that and keeps the greater North Pole area together in a district. .
- In short, the AFFR map looks to be the map that most reasonably reflects the communities in and around Fairbanks.

Thank you for your time and careful, non-partisan consideration in this very important task. Thank you also for accepting comments online and by phone during the ongoing pandemic.

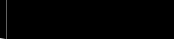
Best,
Marjorie Casort
Fairbanks

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Testimony Received: **Homer 10/13 Verbal Testimony**

Summary Date: October 27, 2021

Name: **Ken Castner**

Email or Phone Contact: 

Mr. Castner agreed that Kachemak Bay is a geographic area, an economic unit, and should be a political unit.

Mr. Castner stated that he has lived in Homer since 1973 and over the course of time, there have been state senators that have served from Halibut Cove all the way to the north of Kenai. In every case, because they are all in the same borough, they've never had a senator that came from Homer and Homer always got their "fair share". This changed when their political unit tied into another borough because boroughs are important. When state senators are given to Homer from another borough, they are not being served well.

The senate allocation is as important to him as keeping the sanctity of Kachemak Bay together.

From: Terry Chapin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 9:00 AM
To: Testimony
Cc: Mimi Chapin
Subject: Please support the AFFR plan or Board Map v.4

Dear Redistricting board,

I strongly object to board map v.3 and urge you to select the AFFR or board map v. 4 for redistricting the Fairbanks region for two reasons:

1. Board v.3 under-represents myself (2158 Penrose Lane, Fairbanks 99709) and Fairbanks residents in general by over-populating Fairbanks, so that Fairbanks has less representation in Alaska's future than it deserves based on population, while Anchorage and the Matsu are over-represented. Based on population, the Fairbanks North Star Borough has enough population to have 5 districts and 25% of an additional district. Alaska's electoral districts should accurately represent the diversity of interests that are present in Alaska.

2. The FNSB is socio-economically oriented east-to-west, along the Tanana River. The Fairbanks map should reflect these different communities so that citizens with similar interest can elect representatives who reflect their interests. Otherwise a single regionally dominant perspective is the only viewpoint that is elected and other people are not represented at all. I therefore urge you to select the AFFR plan or Board v.4, because these accurately reflect the diversity of opinions in the FNSB.

Thanks for considering this perspective.

F. Stuart Chapin, III

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:28 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Comments regarding Fairbanks districts

I would like to make some comments regarding the various proposals regarding the state wide re-districting particularly with regards to the Fairbanks area.

- The Fairbanks North Star Borough is socio-economically oriented East West, generally following the Richardson and Parks Highways. The AFFR plan and Board map version 4 both reflect the natural West/East divide that exists in the Fairbanks North Star Borough. Board Map version 3 would orient the FNSB along a north/south division and divides up natural communities of interest.
- 1. The proposed Board map V3 overpopulates the Fairbanks districts in contrast to the smaller populations in the Anchorage and MatSu districts. Fairbanks has sufficient population to have five districts.
- 3. I live at about one mile Goldhill Road. I believe that a redistricting should keep my district to include my neighbors and nearby communities. Previously my across the street neighbors were in a different state House district. That's pretty crazy in my opinion.

Thanks

Jim Cheydleur

October 29, 2021

CIRI testimony submitted via email
testimony@akredistrict.org

Dear Alaska Redistricting Board Members:

Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (CIRI) is the regional Alaska Native corporation (ANC) created pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) for the southcentral area of Alaska, and currently has over 8,300 Alaska Native shareholders. The corporation's mission is to promote the economic and social well-being and Alaska Native heritage of our shareholders, now and into the future, through prudent stewardship of the company's resources, while furthering self-sufficiency among CIRI shareholders and their families.

CIRI is pleased to provide the following comments for the record regarding the Alaska redistricting proposed plans.

Low deviations, whether positive or negative, for each House district should remain a primary goal of the redistricting board. In addition, CIRI urges the redistricting board to be cautious of displacement of minority votes, particularly in urban areas like Anchorage. We are concerned with the high deviations evident in Fairbanks in the Board version 3 map.

CIRI supports the use of ANCSA boundaries as a key indicator of socio-economic integration when drawing house district lines, especially in rural areas. We support the Doyon Coalition's proposed Interior Rural House Seat, which includes all the Interior villages for both the Ahtna Region and the Doyon Region, and the Coalition's proposed Southeast map, which includes an "all island" House district. This will provide a clear collaborative voice to rural Alaska, which is often lacking within government. However, CIRI believes additional work should be done within the Anchorage bowl area to ensure neighborhoods and communities stay intact as much as possible.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed plans. If you have any questions, please contact me at slukin@ciri.com.

Sincerely,



Sarah Lukin
Chief Strategy Officer

From: Billi Clem <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 7:31 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Redistricting proposal

To whom it may concern,

I am not in favor of redistricting Skagway/Juneau area. I believe that this is an unnecessary cost and a waste of resources for all parties involved. Please spend time finding ways to keep Alaska green and clean.

Thank you,
Billi Clem

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: October 29, 2021, 10:47 am

Name: **Charles Clement**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED] Your ZIP Code: **99801**

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

Public Comment: **Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium**

Testimony Before the Alaska Redistricting Board

October 28, 2021

My name is Charles Clement. I am the President/CEO of the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC). I am honored to provide written testimony to the Alaska Redistricting Board concerning the 2021 Legislative Redistricting process and the proposed maps adopted by the Board for public comment.

Founded in 1975, SEARHC is an Alaska Native controlled non-profit tribal organization and one of the oldest and largest Native-run health organizations in the Nation. We are authorized by resolutions from the governing bodies of 15 federally recognized Alaska Native tribes to compact with the Indian Health Service, pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA), to administer a comprehensive health care delivery system for the benefit of our Alaska Native/American Indian beneficiary and non-beneficiary patients throughout southeast Alaska.

Today, the SEARHC service area stretches over 42,000 square miles of the southeast Alaska panhandle with no roads connecting most of the rural communities we serve. The full scope of health care services we provide includes medical, dental, mental health, physical therapy, radiology, pharmacy, laboratory, nutritional, audiology, optometry, respiratory therapy, labor and delivery and surgical services. We also provide supplemental social services, behavioral health, substance abuse treatment services, health promotion services, emergency medical services, environmental health services and traditional Native healing. We provide these services in 27 southeast Alaska communities and counting through a network of community clinics, the Mt. Edgecumbe Medical Center located in Sitka and the Wrangell Medical Center in Wrangell both of which are critical access hospitals.

Our interest in the health and welfare of our patients and the communities we serve includes ensuring that they are represented in Juneau by legislators that represent House and Senate districts that meet the constitutional requirements of equal representation, contiguity, compactness, and socioeconomic integration. Alaska's residents also deserve to be represented in districts that make sense—the Board must draw maps that respect social and cultural regions, such as ANCSA regions, and Tribal Healthcare Organization service areas, well as natural geographic features such as watersheds and islands.

We also have clinics, hospitals, and other facilities in all four House districts in Southeast Alaska, and therefore a deep interest in the representation of our region. We have therefore closely monitored the development of mapping proposals during this redistricting cycle, and examined the various proposed maps adopted by the Board for public comment. Of these proposed maps, the proposal presented by the coalition of Sealaska, Ahtna, Inc., Fairbanks Native Association, and Doyon, Limited best meets these requirements. We strongly urge the Board to adopt the Coalition's proposed map (as amended in their October 2021 updates) as final.

Concerning our region of Southeast Alaska, the Coalition's map presents proposed districts that make sense and align with the natural geographic and sociocultural borders between and within our communities. The Coalition's proposed District 1 of Ketchikan, Metlakatla, Wrangell, and Hyder fits together a compact district of socioeconomically linked communities in the southern part of our region. Proposed District 2 also makes sense, linking together the socioeconomically integrated island communities of Southeast Alaska. These communities share significant commonalities, including maritime economic and recreational bases, common Alaska Native Character, shared economic links through their ANCSA regional corporation, Sealaska, and healthcare services from SEARHC.

The Coalition's proposed Juneau districts also make sense. Juneau is the hub community for residents of Haines, Skagway, and Gustavus, and it makes sense to split Juneau itself along the natural demarcation line between Downtown and Lemon Creek, and Auke Bay and the Mendenhall Valley. This means drawing a border between Districts 3 and 4 at or near the Fred Meyer on Egan Drive in Juneau which is precisely where the coalition has proposed.

In sum, the Coalition's proposed map would best represent the interests of our region and the State of Alaska for the next decade.

Thank you, and we would be happy to answer any questions the Board may have.

Sincerely,

Charles Clement

President/Chief Executive Officer

From: Sara Clemons <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 1:00 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Written Testimony Alaska Redistricting Board

Good afternoon,

After considering the map options for the MatSu Valley, I support the AFFR option. Their map does the best job at drawing compact districts that keep the unique communities of the MatSu Valley together. I also believe it makes the most sense for there to be one, large rural MatSu district, rather than two like in map version 3 and map version 4. What this does is puts residents who are part of the fast-growing, urban population with communities like Glacier View or Talkeetna. AFFR keeps these more isolated communities together and gives them common representation. For example, in map version 3, neighbors living a few minutes north of me off Wasilla-Fishhook Road are redistricted in with Cantwell and Healy. The needs and wants of residents in those areas are vastly different from residents in the heart of the MatSu. I hope the Redistricting Board will consider the implications of redistricting urban MatSu residents with more isolated communities on the highways and choose a map which keeps the urban MatSu together. Thank you very much


Sara Clemons

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Summary Date: October 27, 2021

Name: **Dan Cole**

Email or Phone Contact: 

Mr. Cole agreed with everything George Hall stated in his verbal testimony.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: October 27, 2021, 3:04 pm

First Name: **Marsha**

Last Name: **Columbo**

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Comments: **It is my opinion if it's not broke why mess with it. I'm not in favor of redistricting our little community of Skagway especially to favor one political faction.**

It should stay connected with Downtown Juneau to which we have the most in common with.

Thanks for your time.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

WEBSITE RESPONSE

Name: **Jim Crawford**
Your ZIP Code: **99515**

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Date: October 26, 2021, 4:26 pm

Public Comment: **General Comment**

Again, there is no perfect map Alaska's geography and settlement patterns make it a challenge. But the districts laid out by AFFER for Districts 17, 18 and 19 appear to me to be fair and equitable. Please enact them into your state legislative district map.

Date: October 26, 2021, 3:51 pm

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **support AFFER District 19 combines Eagle River Highlands with Muldoon**

Public Comment: **AFFER District 19.**

It is important to correct the mistaken impression you may have gotten that Eagle River is so different from northeast Anchorage that the two areas cannot possibly be included in the same legislative district. The truth is, these areas have a long and close relationship, and you should have no concerns about combining residents from these areas into AFFER's proposed District 19

There is historical precedent for Eagle River and northeast Anchorage sharing representation in a new AFFER District 19. In the map based on the 2000 census then-House District 18 joined residents in Muldoon, Elmendorf and Fort Richardson and Eagle River into a single district. Current District 13 has joined the Boundary Road area with Eagle River with no discernable problems.

Legislative districts are supposed to be "contiguous and compact," and there is nothing about including residents from Eagle River and northeast Anchorage in AFFER's House District 19 that violates that principle. It is certainly far less of a stretch that a district established 20 years ago that reached from south Anchorage and Hillside out to Eagle River across the spine of the Chugach Mountains. Northeast Anchorage and Eagle River are now far closer than Hillside and Eagle River ever were, and it the proposed AFFER District 19 is far more defensible.

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

Date: October 26, 2021, 3:48 pm

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **District 17 and 18AFFER District 17 combines part of D 12 and D 13 AFFER District 18**

Public Comment: **combine Richardson from D 13 and Eagle River City from D 14.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

WEBSITE RESPONSE

Name: **Maurice Cruickshank**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99567**

Date: October 30, 2021, 10:31 am

Issue of Concern: **Senate Minority Caucus Proposed Plan**

Public Comment: **I Do not support this proposal. This ties a mostly rural area, Birchwood with a high density urban area Eagle River Town. Birchwood would be better represented by the Doyon proposal.**

Date: October 30, 2021, 10:26 am

Issue of Concern: **AFFR Proposed Plan**

Public Comment: **I do not support this redraw. It separates Birchwood Community a rural area from its neighboring rural area Chugiak and groups it with a high density urban area, Eagle River Town**

Date: October 30, 2021, 10:22 am

Issue of Concern: **Board Proposed Plan v.4**

Public Comment: **I do not support this proposal. This divides Eagle River Town proper. Eagle river should be in one district.**

Date: October 30, 2021, 10:19 am

Issue of Concern: **AFFER Proposed Plan**

Public Comment: **Do not support this plan, Eagle River town area should be a contiguous area not split in half**

Date: October 30, 2021, 10:12 am

Issue of Concern: **Board Proposed Plan v.3**

Public Comment: **I do not support this alternative. It groups unrelated groups, military urban with largely rural areas. No common area in common and pits rural vs urban interests.**

Date: October 30, 2021, 10:05 am

Issue of Concern: **Doyon Coalition Proposed Plan**

Public Comment: **I support this districting proposal. I live in the proposed 24L district. Districts 24L and 23L support a regional area that is mostly rural by nature. I like how it separates us from the mostly urban areas of Eagle River and Fort Richardson.**

From: Rich Curtner <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 1:22 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Alaska Redistricting

Alaska Redistricting Board members,

My Name Is Rich Curtner. I am a member of the Alaska Black Caucus, and Co-Chair of the Justice Committee. The Alaska Black Caucus was formed to assert the constitutional rights of African Americans, and supports the Black, Indigenous and People of Color communities in Alaska. Membership of the Alaska Black Caucus reflects the diversity of urban Alaska. The Voting Rights Act provides protections to ensure that minority groups that our membership represent are not disenfranchised during redistricting.

I have reviewed the legal memorandum of attorney Susan Orlansky that has been submitted to this Board by Alaskans For Fair Redistricting. The Alaska Black Caucus supports the proposition that the Voting Rights Act protects multiple minority coalitions in redistricting of voting districts. We encourage this Board to respect multiple minority coalition districts to protect minority representation in the redistricting process.

From: Christopher Darrah <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 6:42 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 27, 2021, 6:42 pm

First Name: **Christopher**

Last Name: **Darrah**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **none**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99709**

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

Public Comment: **I am concerned about the Fairbanks area's proportional representation in the current redistricting process. In particular, Fairbanks deserves as full a voice in the Legislature as any other region. Specifically, placing too many people into too few districts dilutes Fairbanks residents' collective voice. Also, several maps do not respect the fairly obvious socio-economic segments of the Fairbanks area. Connecting Ester with North Pole, as do several of the maps? Have you ever tried to drive from Ester to North Pole by way of the Tanana Flats (AFFER, Board V.3, and Senate Minority)? Of the six maps under consideration by the redistricting board, the Doyon Coalition map best represents what I would expect the Fairbanks legislative districts to look like. I respectfully request the redistricting board to adopt the Doyon Coalition map.**

From: Eleanor F. Davenport [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 4:32 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Support for Board Map #3

I support Board Map Version # 3 in which Haines and Skagway are combined with Juneau’s “valley” area.

I have lived in the Juneau “Valley” for over 2 decades , AND then was subsequently a 10 year resident of Skagway. I know these communities intimately. It is my belief that the economic, socio-economic profiles and interests of these communities are aligned and make sense to organize into a Legislative District.

I’ve been in the retail and visitor industry in Alaska for nearly 40 years, and have followed local and statewide legislative issues closely. I can see far more cohesion and support among these “neighborhoods” than trying to create strange doughnut districts that correspond to population alone.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. I support Board Version 3 of the SE Alaska Redistricting Maps especially as it groups North Juneau and Skagway and Haines.

Eleanor F Davenport
Registered Voter

Cell [REDACTED]

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: Paula L Davis <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 10:57 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Redistricting in Anchorage

Hello Redistricting Board,

Thanks for all of your hard work. I am proud of Alaska for having a Redistricting Board and hope that you work together for the good of us all.

Here's some suggestions:

When considering the Hickel Process as I look at the various proposed maps, I notice that some have a more extreme effect on the current district boundaries than others.

In order to respect, encourage and promote voting in each district I believe that you should also consider the most minimal disruption of current district boundaries.

So, if you have a choice between a large change or a small, choose the small change. Or if you have one that pits 3 current candidates against one another or one that pits none I believe you should choose the the one that pits none.

I know you have percentages and guidelines to follow, but please consider the voters and encouragement of voting, too.

Thanks,

Paula Davis
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99507

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: October 29, 2021, 12:32 pm

First Name: **Edward Debevec**
Your ZIP Code: **99709**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

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

Public Comment: **My name is Edward Debevec and I've been a resident of Alaska since 1987. I have lived in Fairbanks for most of that time with short times in Anchorage and Cordova. In Fairbanks, I have lived on campus at UAF, on the east side off of Chena Hot Springs Road, on the north side off of Farmer's Loop Road, and for the past 22 years on the west side off of Murphy Dome Road.**

In looking over the proposed redistricting maps, I am most supportive of the plan by Alaskans For Fair Redistricting (AFFR). The Board V. 4 map is a close second because it has some similarities with the AFFR map regarding Fairbanks. I feel that Fairbanks will not fare as well with the other maps.

- 1. I like the general layout of the Fairbanks districts with the AFFR and Board V. 4 plans. The city of Fairbanks forms a core with the west and east sides being distinct and separate from each other. This reflects the socio-economic structure that exists with UAF on the west and Fort Wainwright on the east. These maps also keep North Pole as a distinct area that reflects its uniqueness.**
- 2. In contrast, the Board V. 3 plan draws sweeping districts 31 and 35 that put together areas that are far apart in distance and in socio-economic factors. Specifically, it ties the Chena Pump/Chena Ridge areas on the west with Eielson Air Force Base and Salcha on the east. It also ties the Goldstream/Murphy Dome areas on the west with much of Chena Hot Springs Road on the east. This does not reflect reality at all and as the AFFR and Board V. 4 plans show, it can be done much better. Also, the Board V. 3 plan splits North Pole between two different districts, which makes no sense.**
- 3. The ideal population size for a district is 18,335. If all districts achieved the ideal, then all individuals would be represented equitably and fairly. The AFFR plan does the best job of reaching this ideal. All districts around Fairbanks are very close, most within 0.05%.**
- 4. In contrast, the Board V. 3 plan instead compressed the borough population into fewer districts so that all of them are overpopulated by more than 4%. It may be acceptable for individual districts to be this far from the ideal, but when all Fairbanks districts are over by this much, then we end up with less representation than other areas where their districts are consistently underpopulated.**

In conclusion, I think that the AFFR plan does the best job in defining districts that meet the constitutional requirements and will give fair and equitable representation to us in Fairbanks. The Board V. 3 plan does the worst job. It confounds me that this map was primarily developed by someone from Fairbanks, but regardless, it should not be adopted.

Thank you for your time considering my comments and good luck with finalizing a fair map for Alaska.

Edward Debevec
[REDACTED]
Fairbanks, AK 99709

From: Jackie Debevec [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 2:26 PM
To: Testimony <testimony@akredistrict.org>
Subject: Redistricting comments to the Board

I am Jacqueline (Jackie) Debevec and have lived in various parts of the Fairbanks North Star Borough for 30 years, namely Fairbanks, Goldstream Valley, off Chena Hot Springs Road, off Farmers Loop, and most recently in Goldstream Valley, District 4. I have also lived briefly in Anchorage (19 months) and Cordova (10 months). Moving and working around the state, I have a fairly good idea of the socio-economic backgrounds and population numbers of Alaska.

My household shops all over the Fairbanks North Star Borough—from Fred Meyer and Safeway on the west side or east side; the box stores on the east side—Lowe's/Home Depot/PetCo/Costco and even the North Pole area, when necessary. We use the transfer stations near UAF and on the Parks Highway. We utilize the buildings at UAF and CTC for lots of events/classes. We participate in running events in all locations. So, we care how we are represented within FNSB, Fairbanks and North Pole.

In the past redistricting process, the Court found that the proposed boundaries of District 4 did not meet the constitutional requirements that all districts be contiguous and compact, and a relatively integrated socio-economic area. I hope that this time around, District 4 will better meet the requirements.

To meet the constitutional requirements for redistricting when looking at the proposed maps, I make the following suggestions and why:

1. In the Redistricting Board Version 3 map, Fairbanksans are denied the right of one person/one vote and full representation when dividing the population into 5 districts instead of 5.25 districts just to follow the borough boundaries which is not helpful. Besides the fact that Anchorage, Kenai, and Mat-Su have broken their borough boundaries in their maps. To address this problem of underrepresentation, the AFFR and Doyon Lmt/TCC maps do a better job. The final map should have much lower deviations and does not need to follow borough boundaries exactly.
2. When looking at Version 3, it places Salcha and Chena Ridge in the same district which doesn't make sense. They are not contiguous and have very little in common, socio-economically speaking.
3. I like the way the Version 4 map, the AFFR map, and the Senate Minority map align Fairbanks into East/West districts versus North/South districts because they provide more equitable representation related to shopping and school boundaries.
4. The AFFR map divides Ester into 2 House districts. There is no need to divide this close-knit community. Also, the proposal deviates more than needed from the desired population numbers.
5. It makes sense to connect Cordova to Southeast like in the Senate Minority map because of socio-economic considerations.

Thank you for all your work on considering the various maps. It is very complex. The most important thing to keep in mind is to make sure all individuals have equal representation and that our votes will count, no matter our political leanings.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Debevec
[REDACTED]
Fairbanks, AK 99709

From: fullcircle [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 1:22 PM
To: Testimony <testimony@akredistrict.org>
Subject: Constituent Comments on Redistricting Maps

To the State of Alaska Redistricting Board:

My name is Mary DeSmet and I appreciate being given this opportunity to weigh in on the question of redistricting. I have been a Juneau resident, business owner and voter for nearly 50 years. My voting district is in the Mendenhall Valley. I am submitting my written comments concerning the six maps being considered for redistricting.

It is crucial that district maps adhere to the constitutional criteria ensuring equal representation in the legislature; consideration should include compactness with districts made up of localized zones not having “irregular” shapes; communities represented by a district should be socioeconomically integrated - ergo “connected and related” and there should be contiguity to the districts drawn - i.e. a singular space and not separate “chunks” if you will.

OPPOSE:

For all of the above points referenced, **the following FOUR maps do not adhere to the constitutional criteria and I strongly oppose them:**

AFFER, Board Maps 3 & 4 and DOYON Coalition Map (which is “OK” except that the overall population deviation for the state is NOT well balanced).

IN FAVOR OF:

The TWO remaining maps: **AFFR** seems like it adheres to the constitutional criteria; **Senate Minority Map** has the least population deviation and keeps lines drawn similarly to what they are now.

I believe it’s vital to take into consideration population AND socio economic integration so that communities represented by a district are connected and related - taking into consideration things like schools and school districts, transportation links, recreation areas, shopping and retail, etc.

Thank you for this opportunity to weigh in on this very important issue.

Respectfully,
Mary L DeSmet

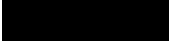
[REDACTED]
Juneau, AK 99801

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY

Fairbanks 10/18 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: October 25, 2021

Name: Elizabeth Dobbins

Email or Phone Contact: 

Ms. Dobbins lives North of Farmers Loop and after the last redistricting cycle, her area switched between districts for what seemed like every 6 months while court cases were in progress; Ms. Dobbins would like to avoid this.

Ms. Dobbins spoke against Board Map v.3 as she believes that keeping the borough as an entity is more important than giving everyone a fair vote.

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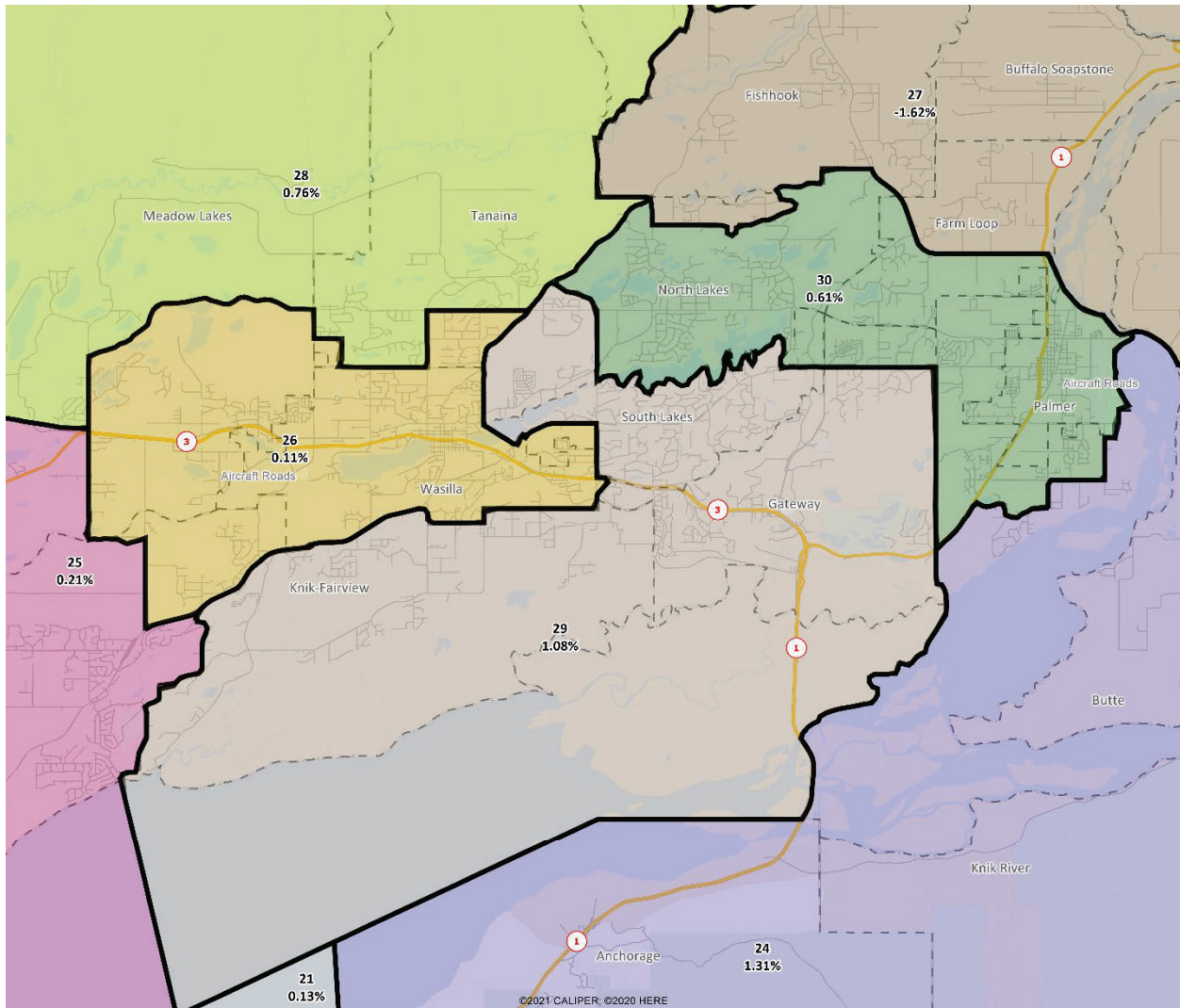
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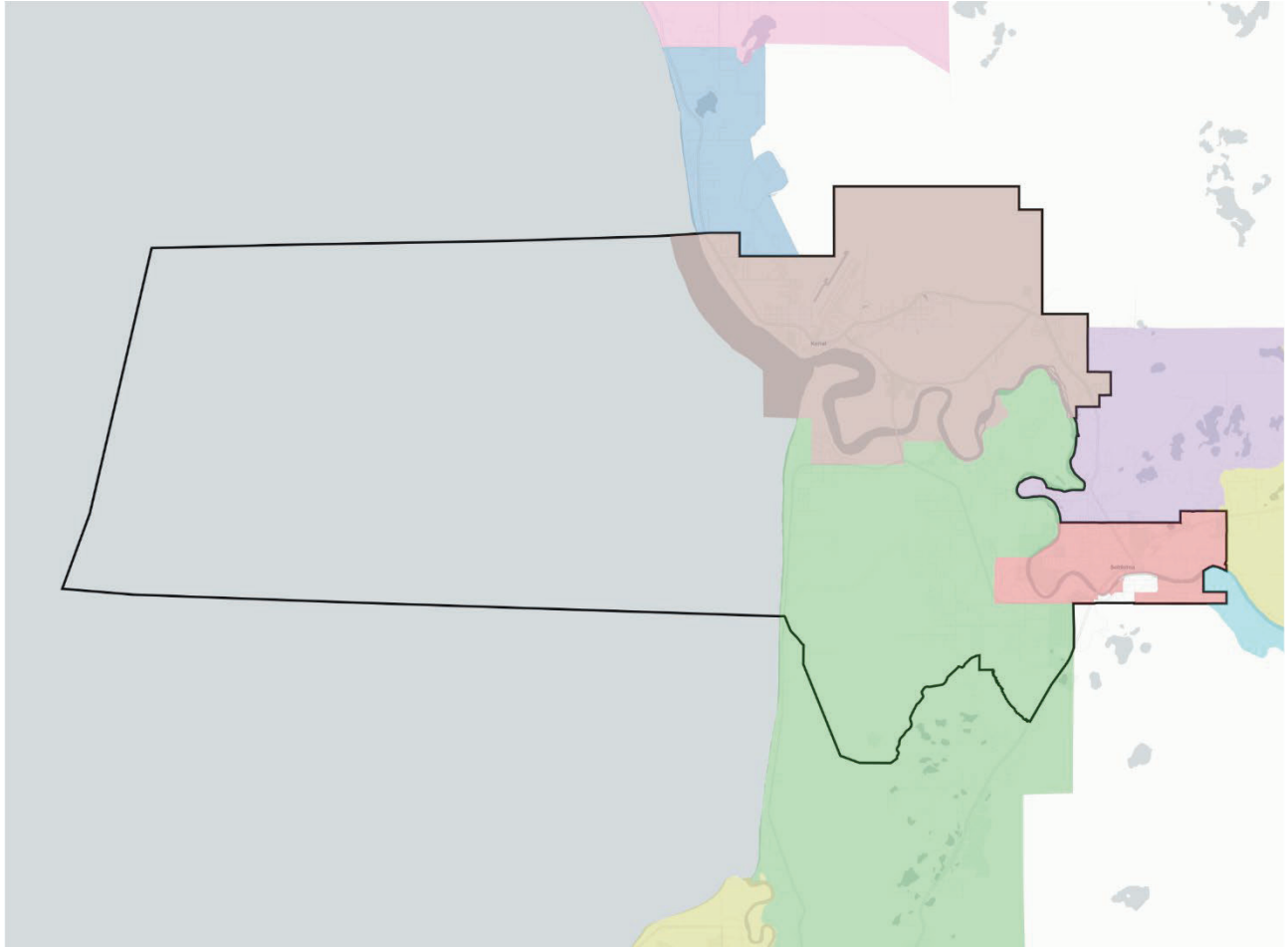
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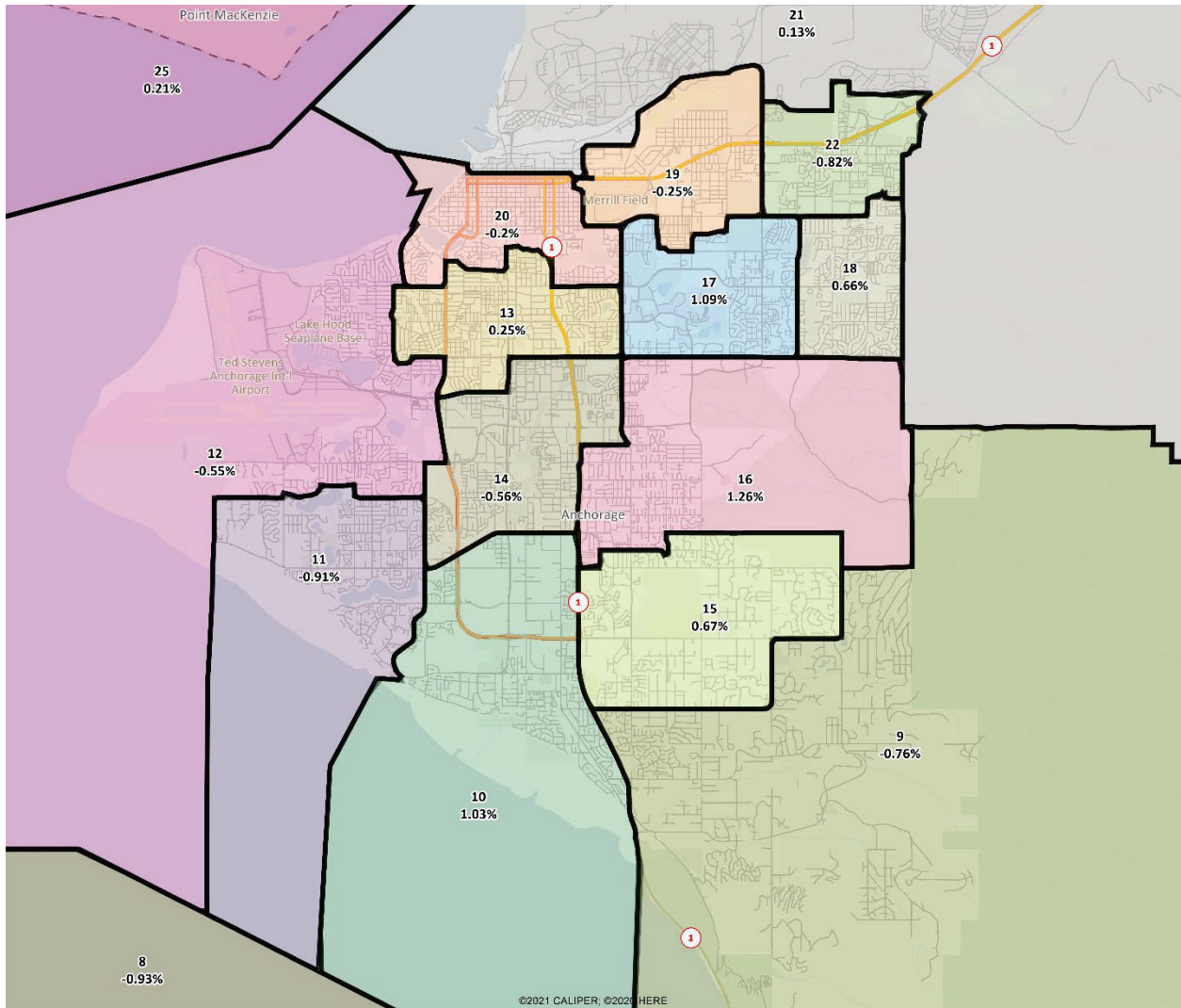
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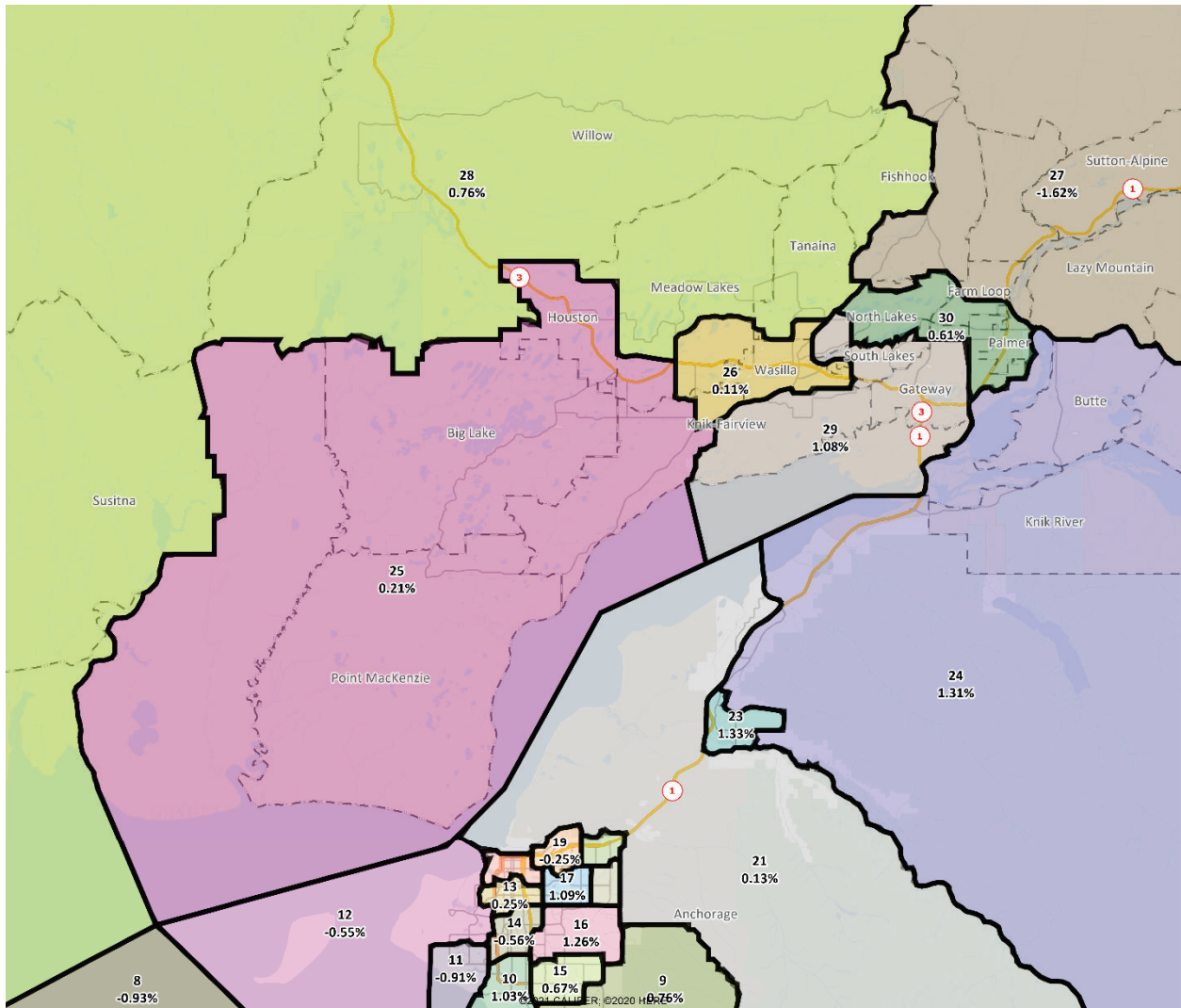
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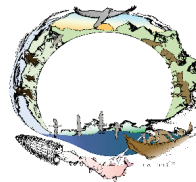
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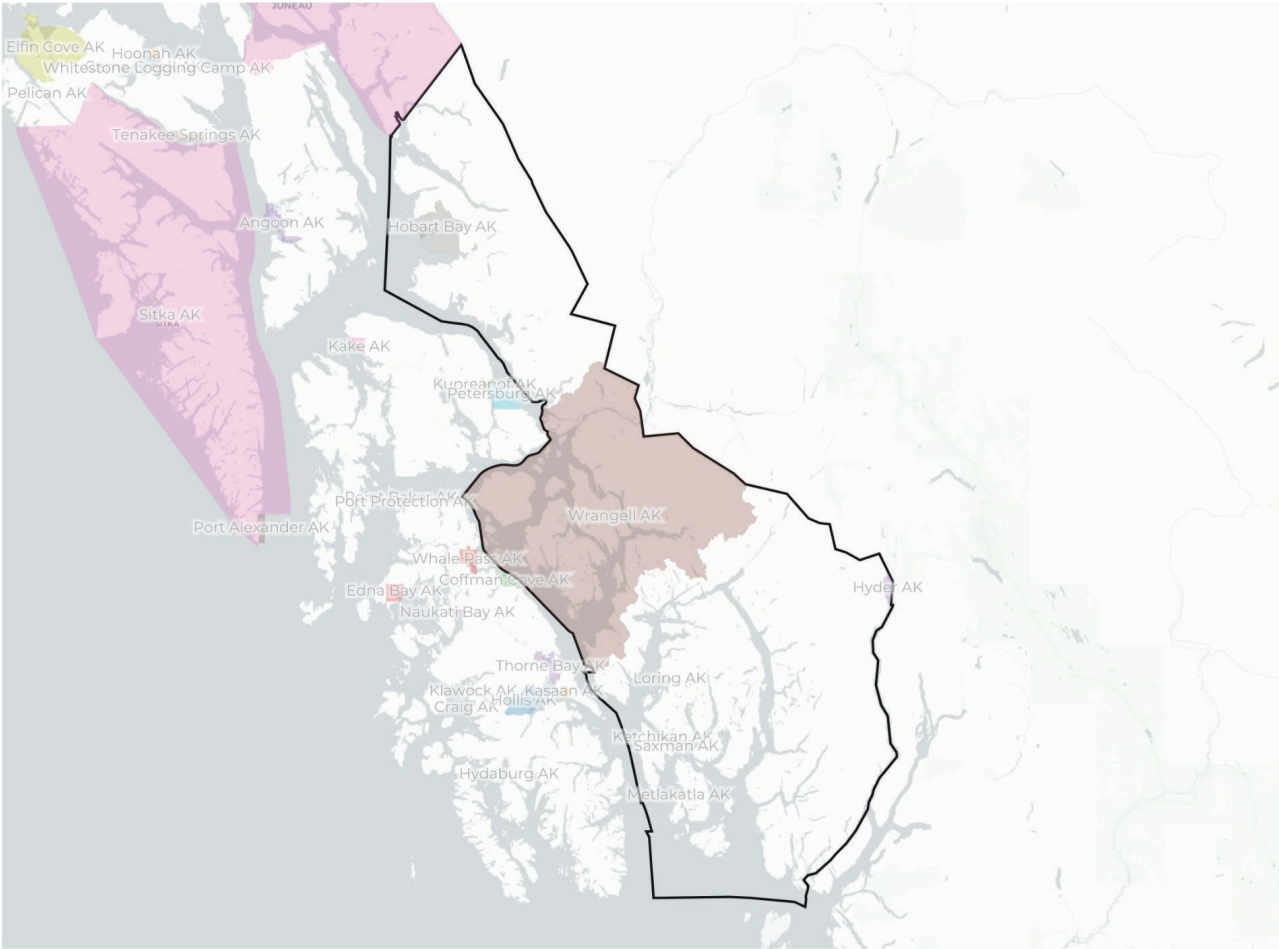
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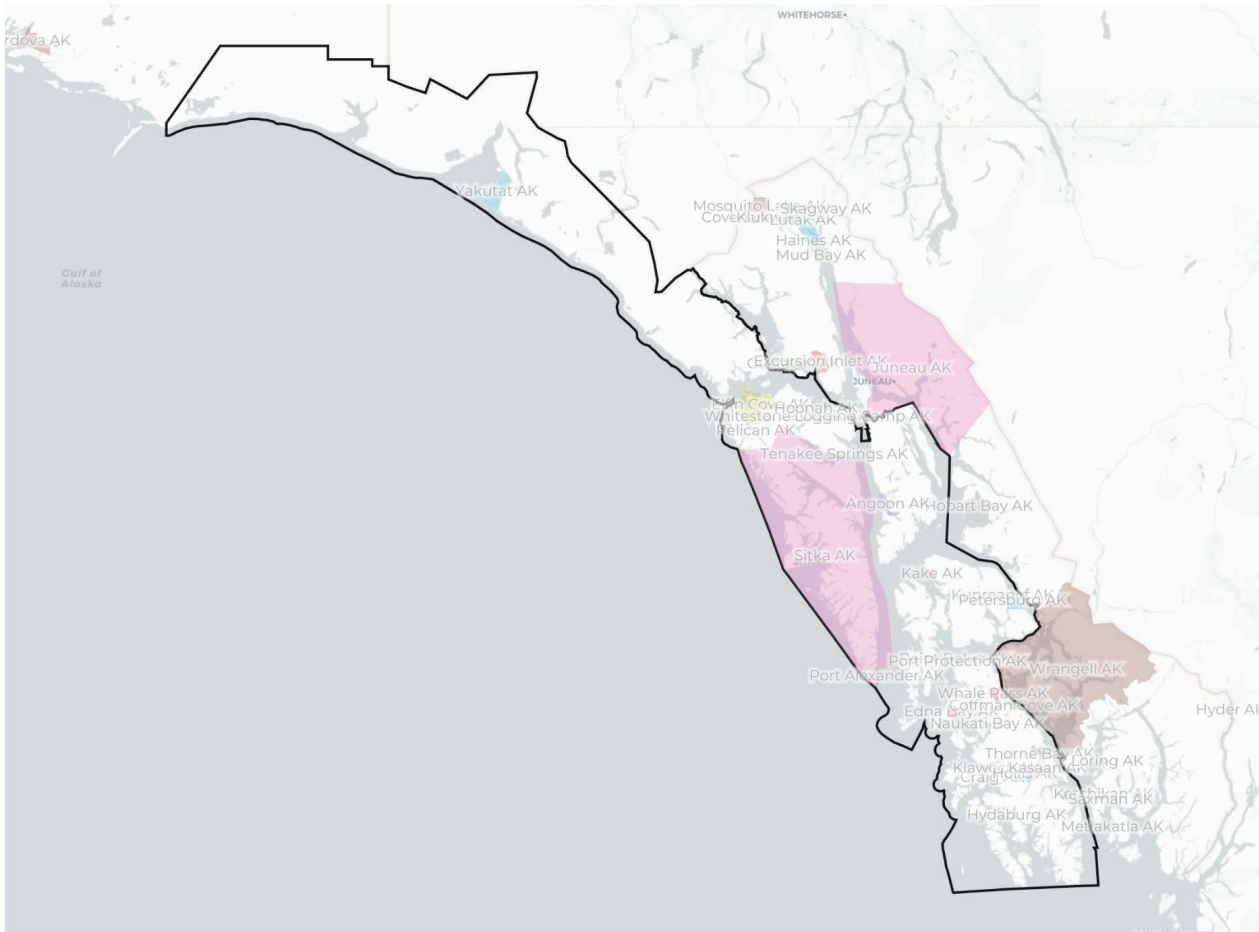
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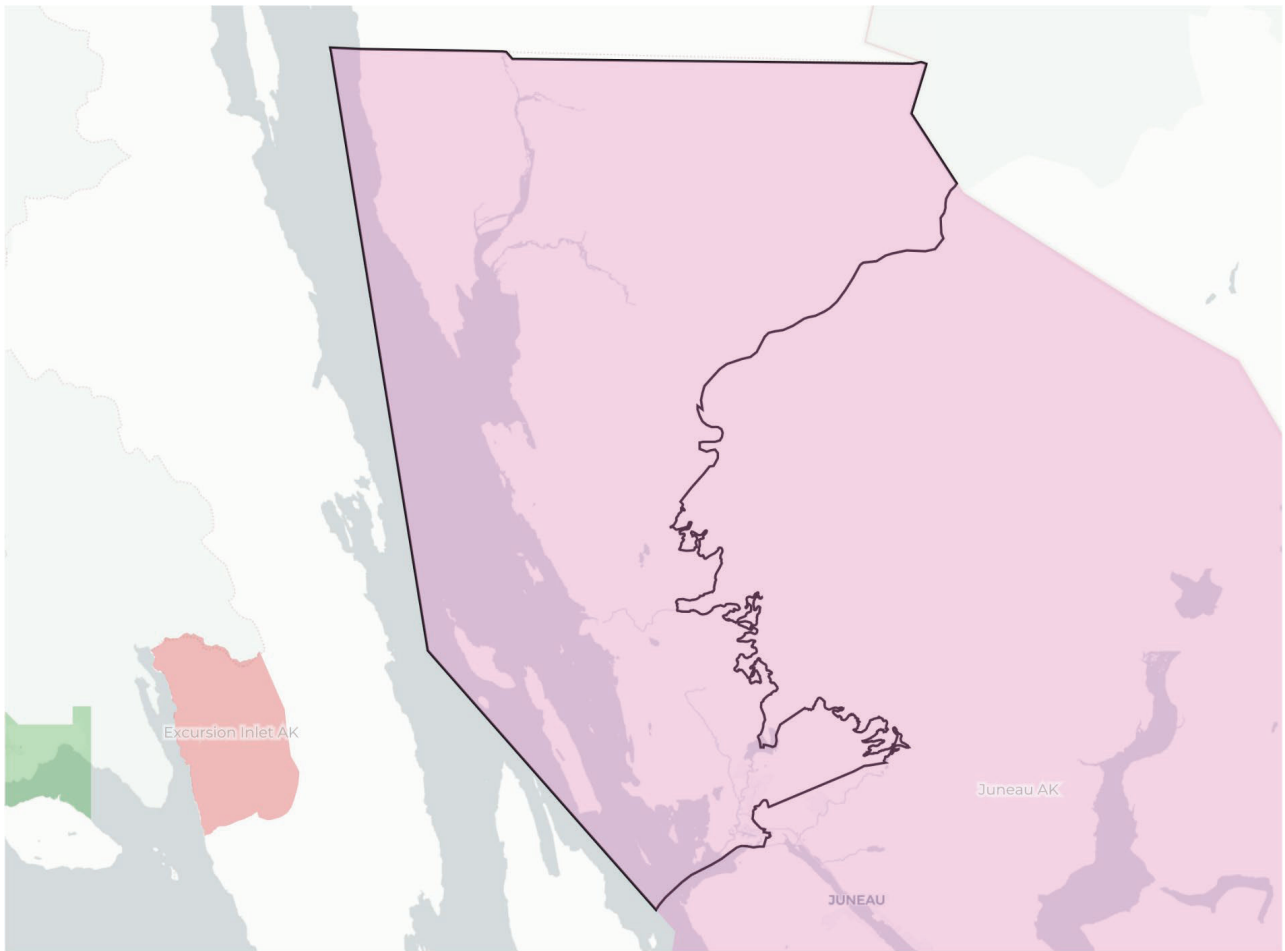
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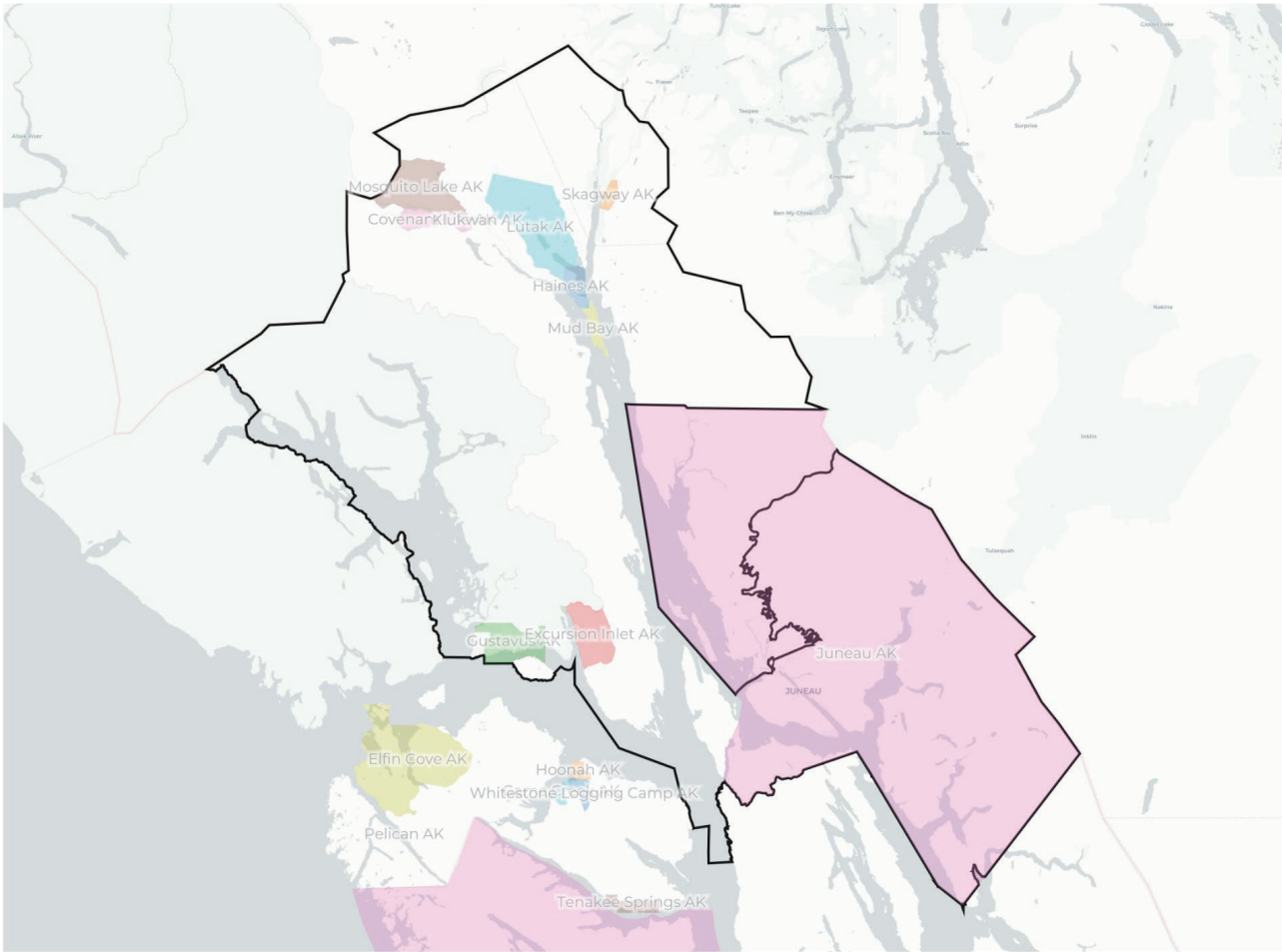
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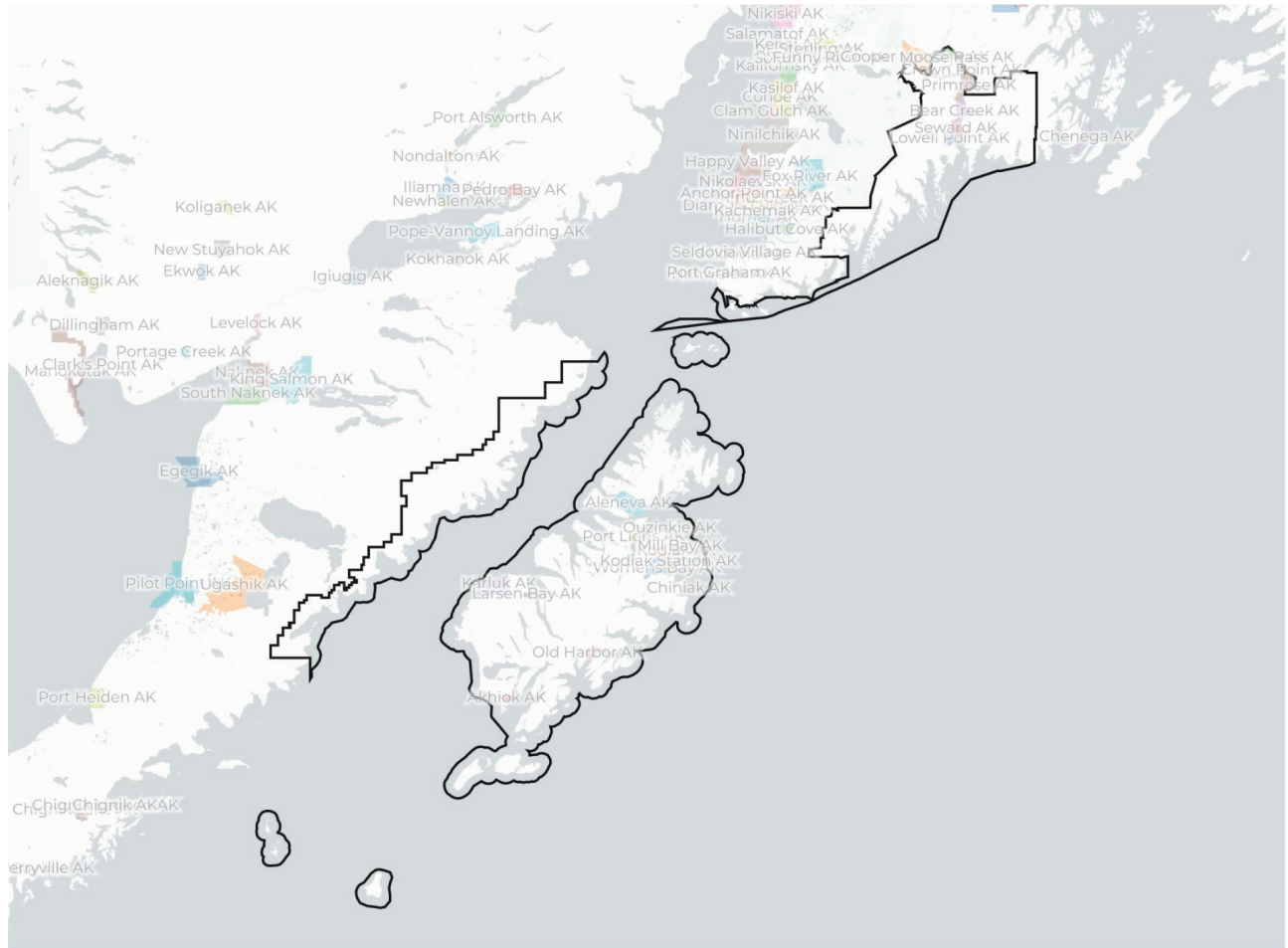
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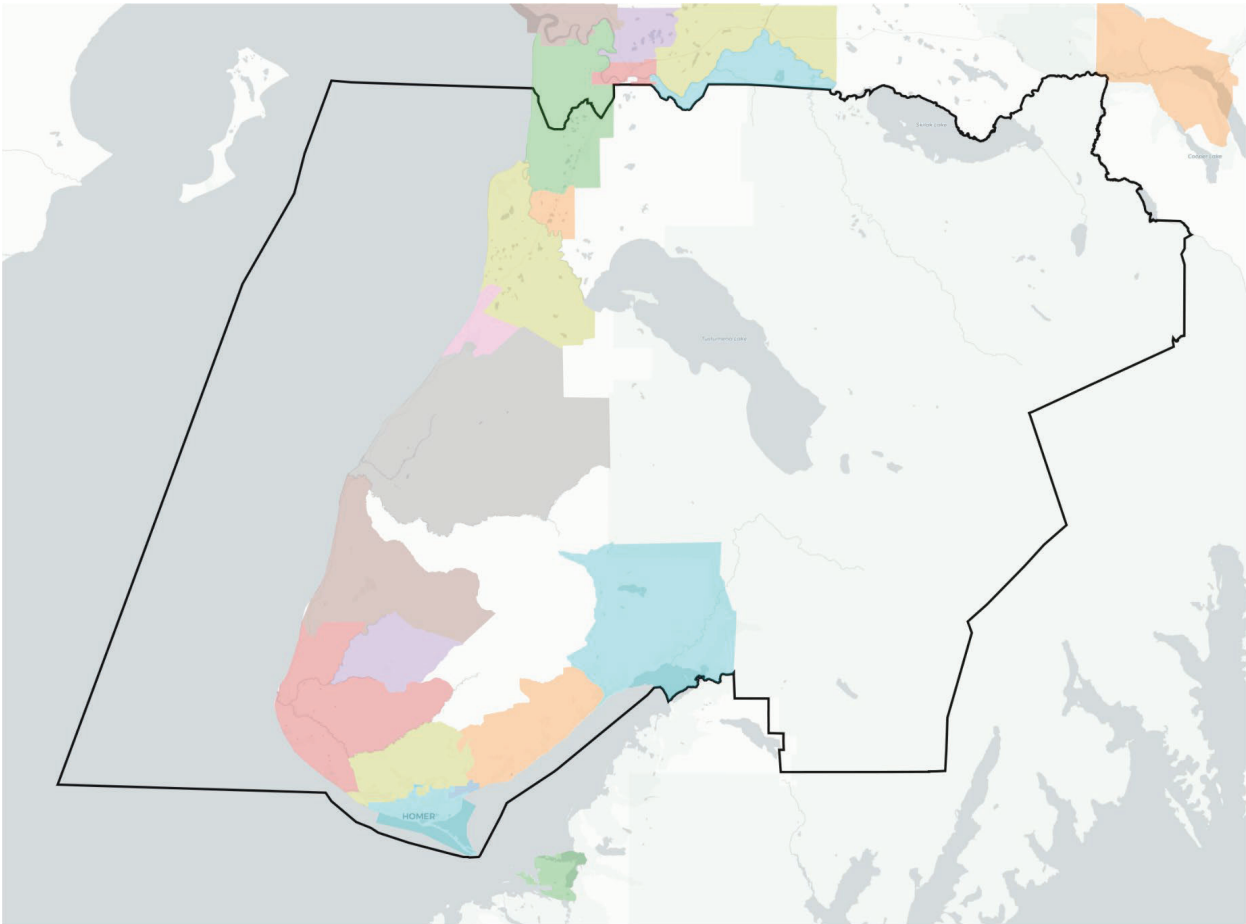
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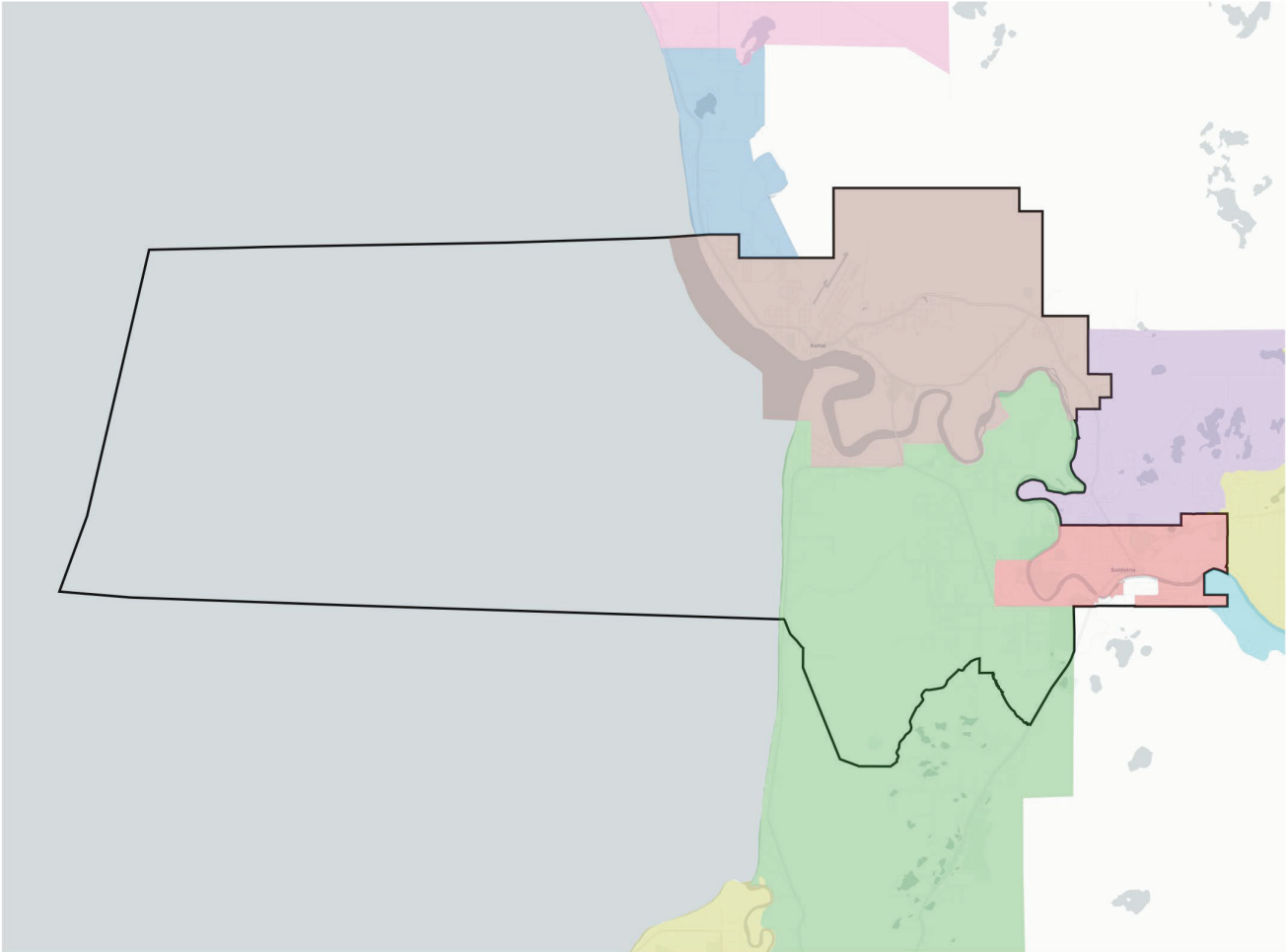
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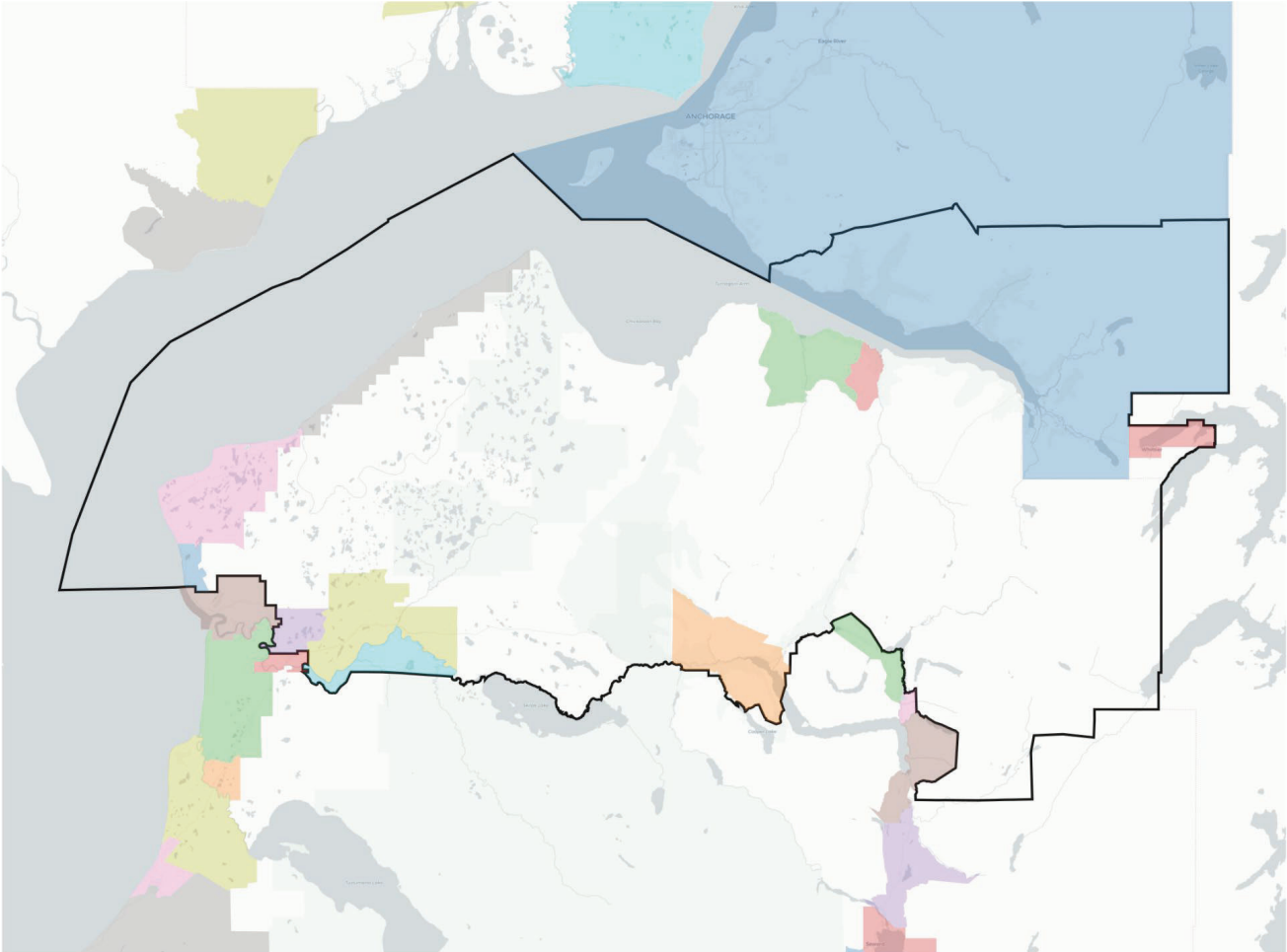
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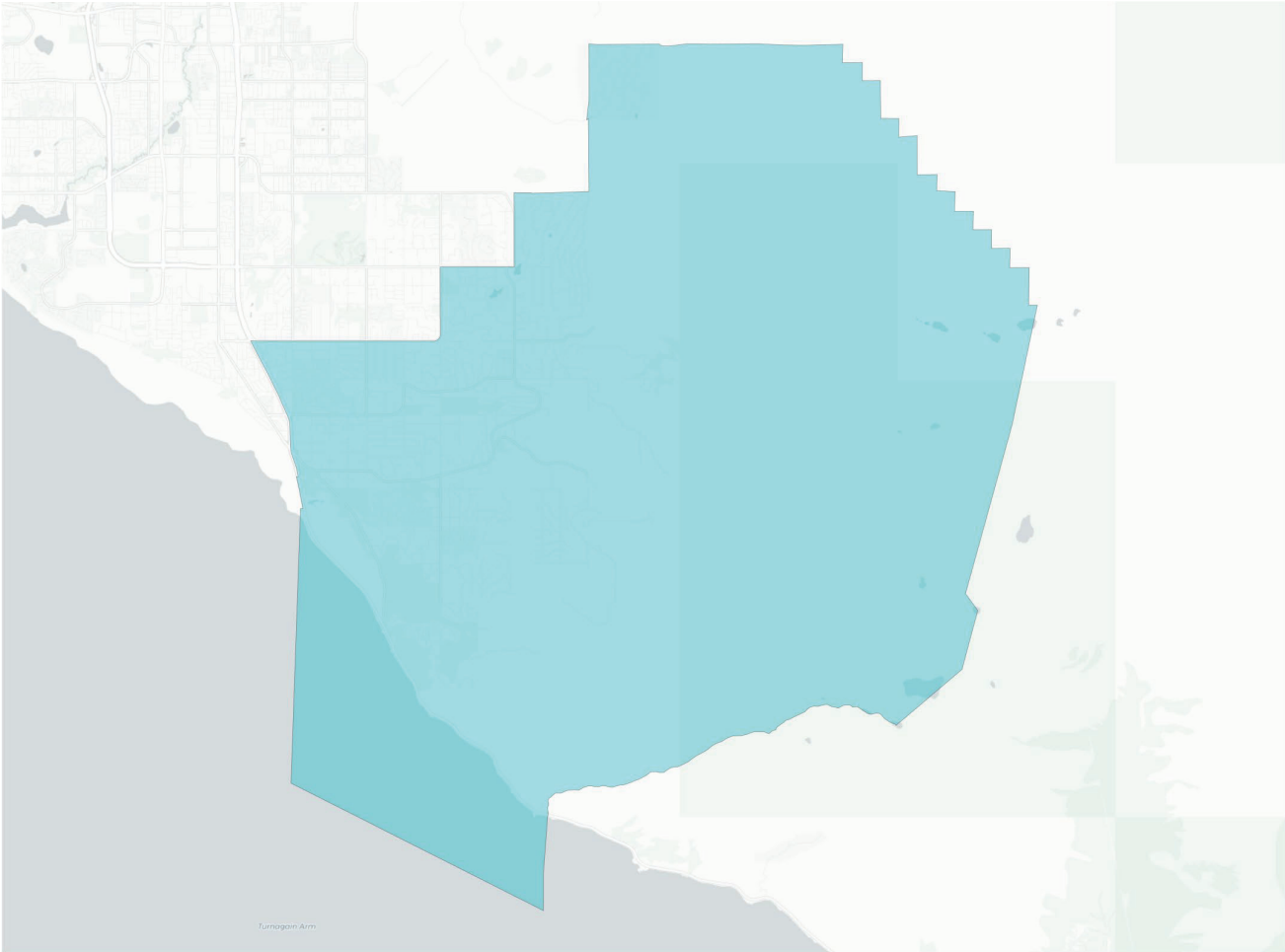
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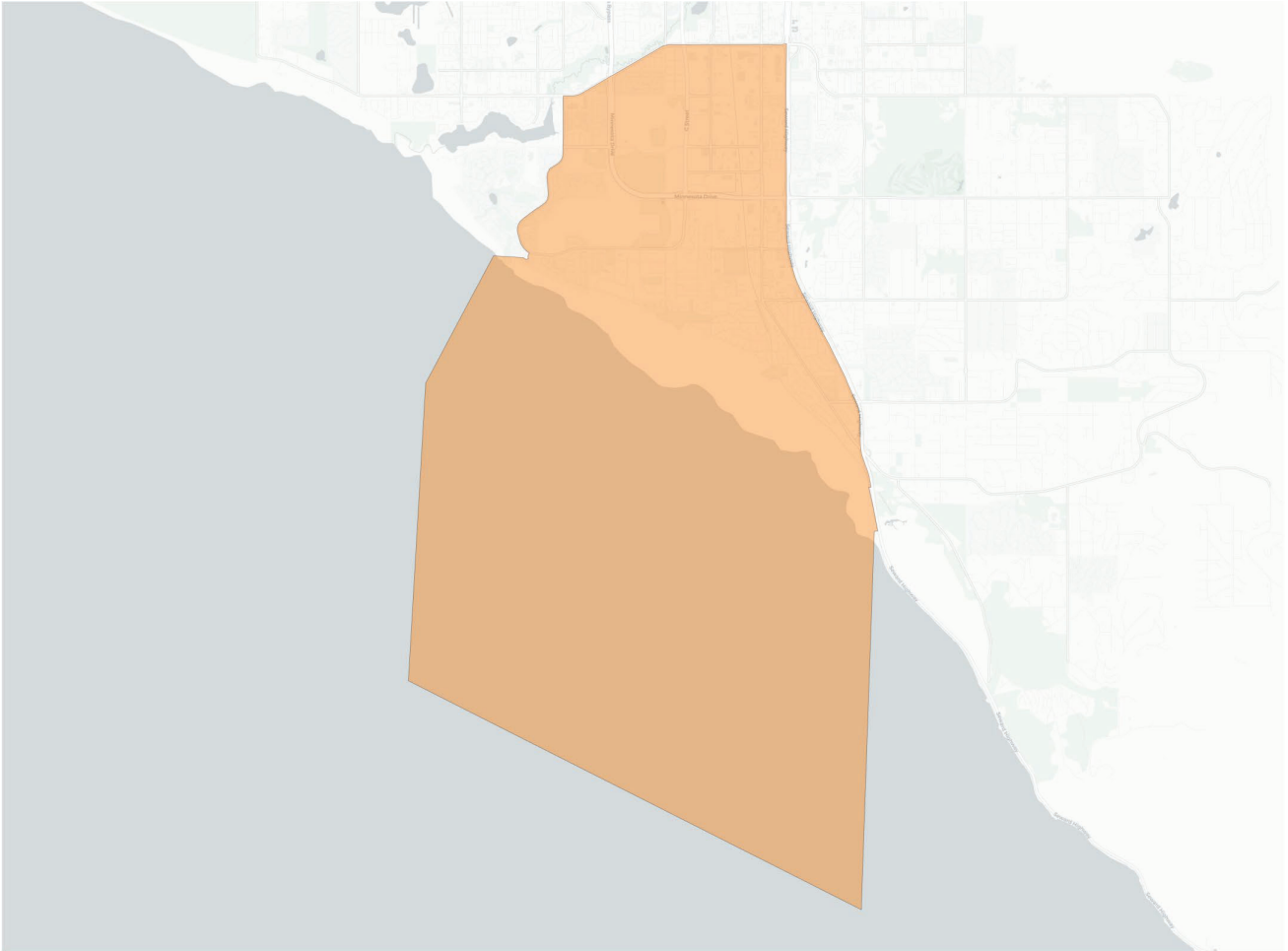
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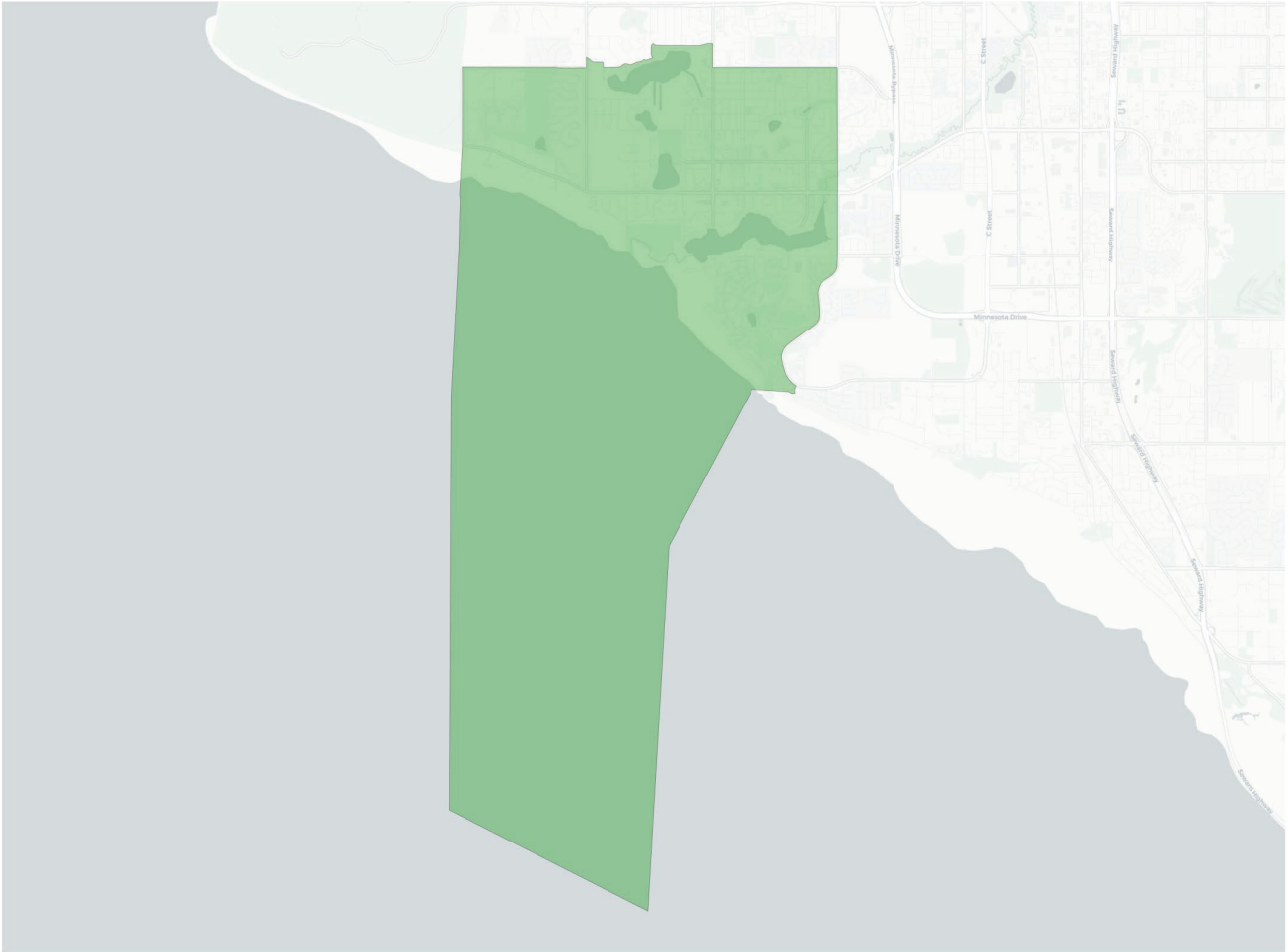
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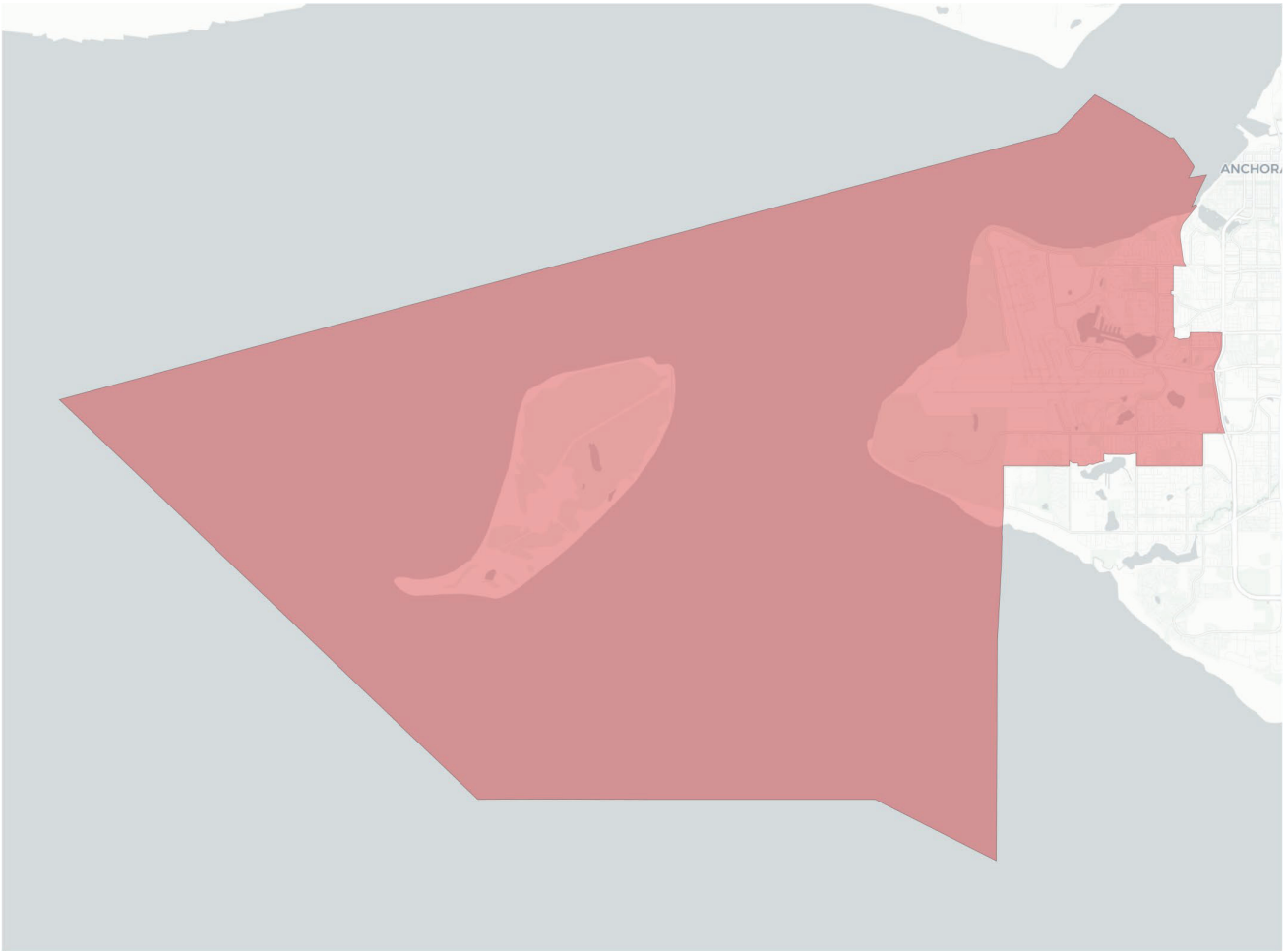
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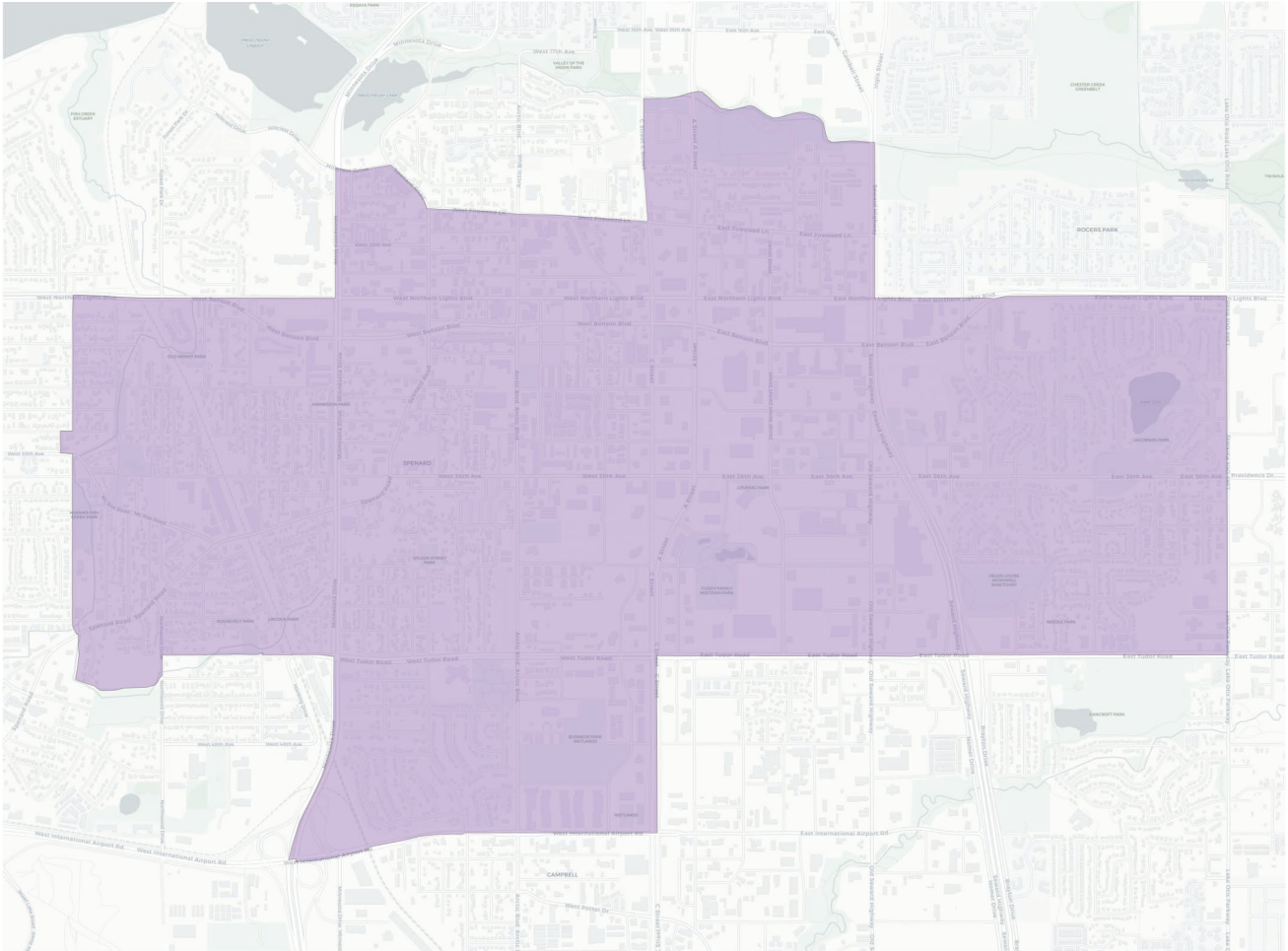
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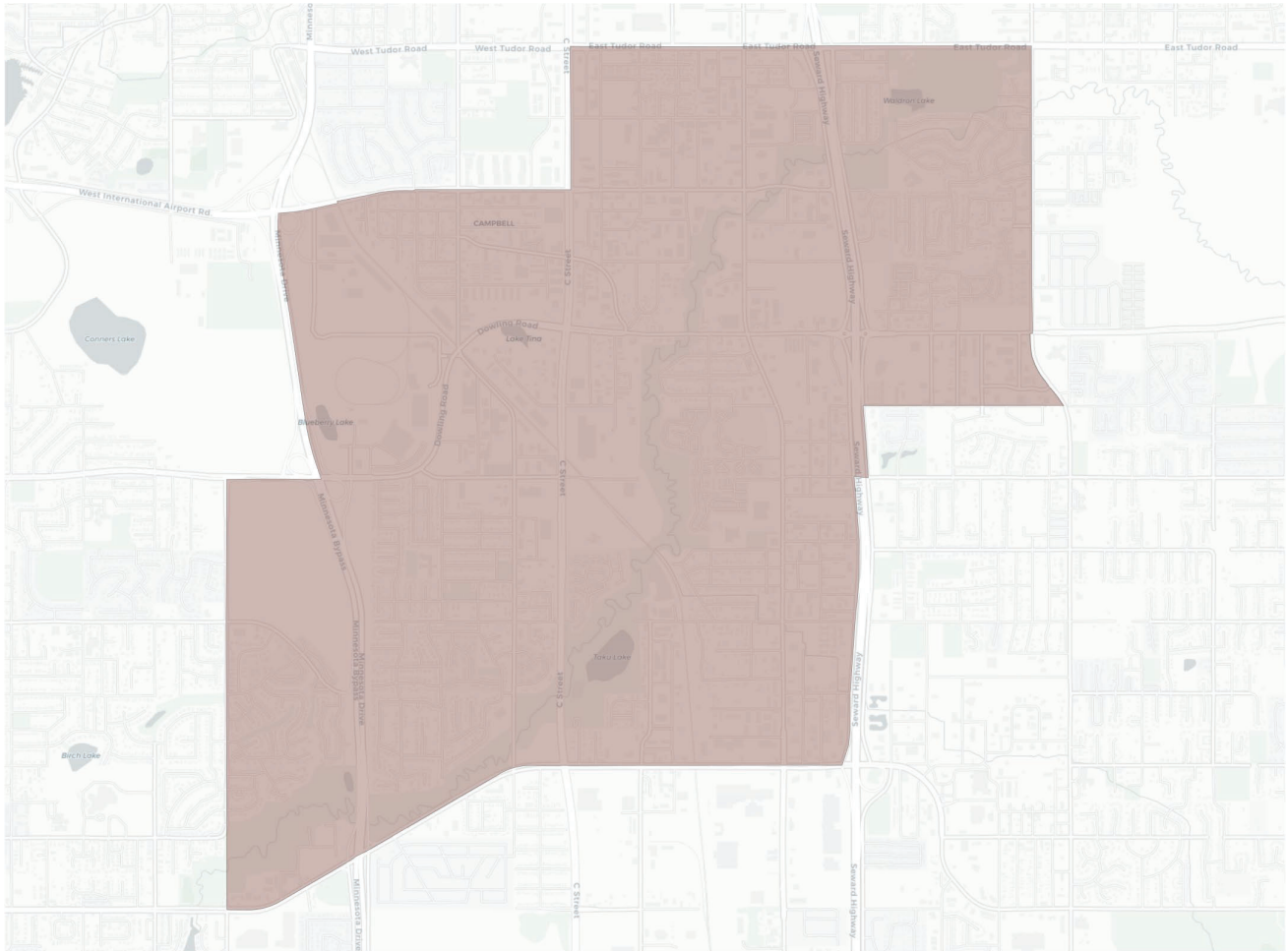
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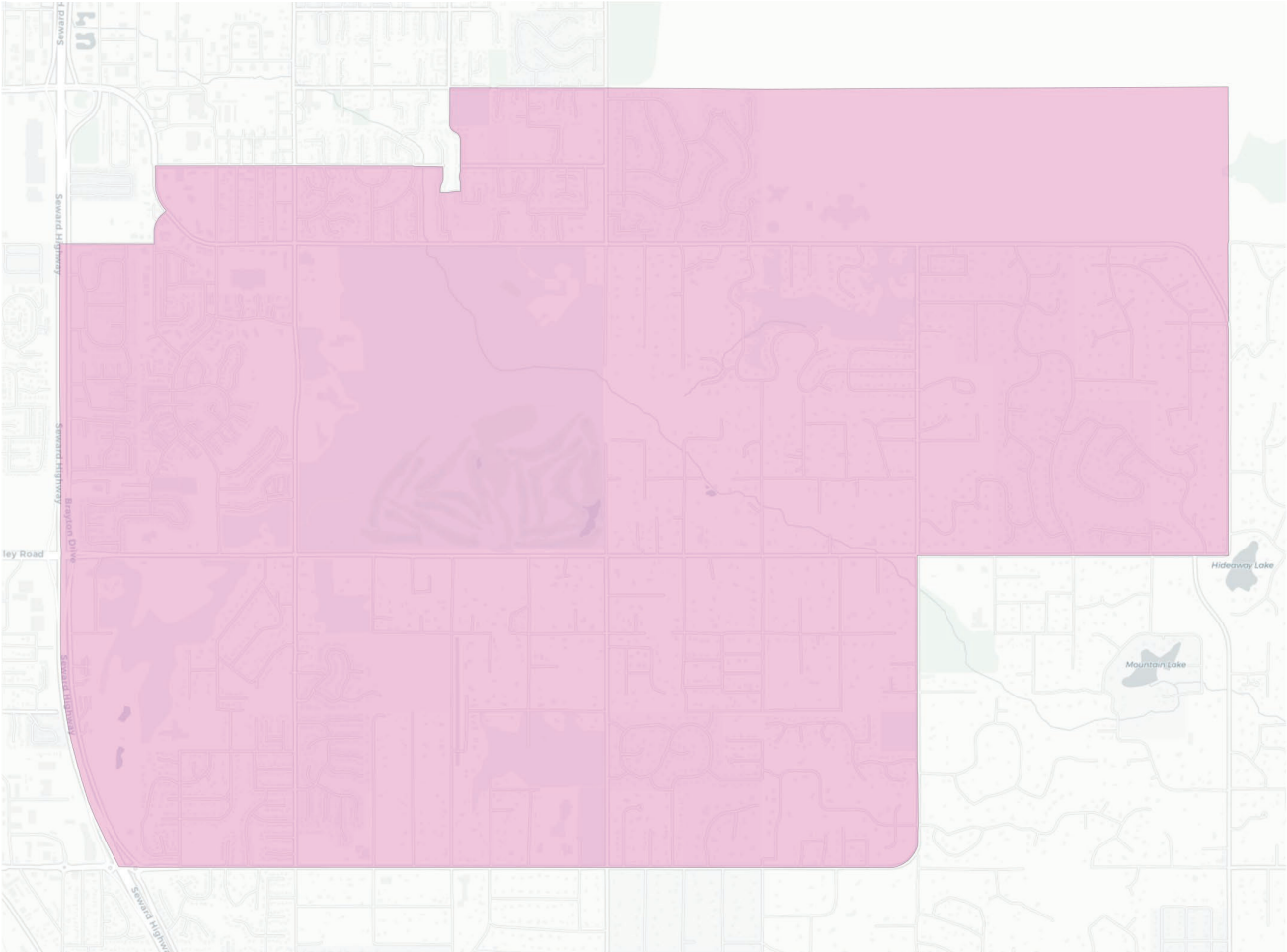
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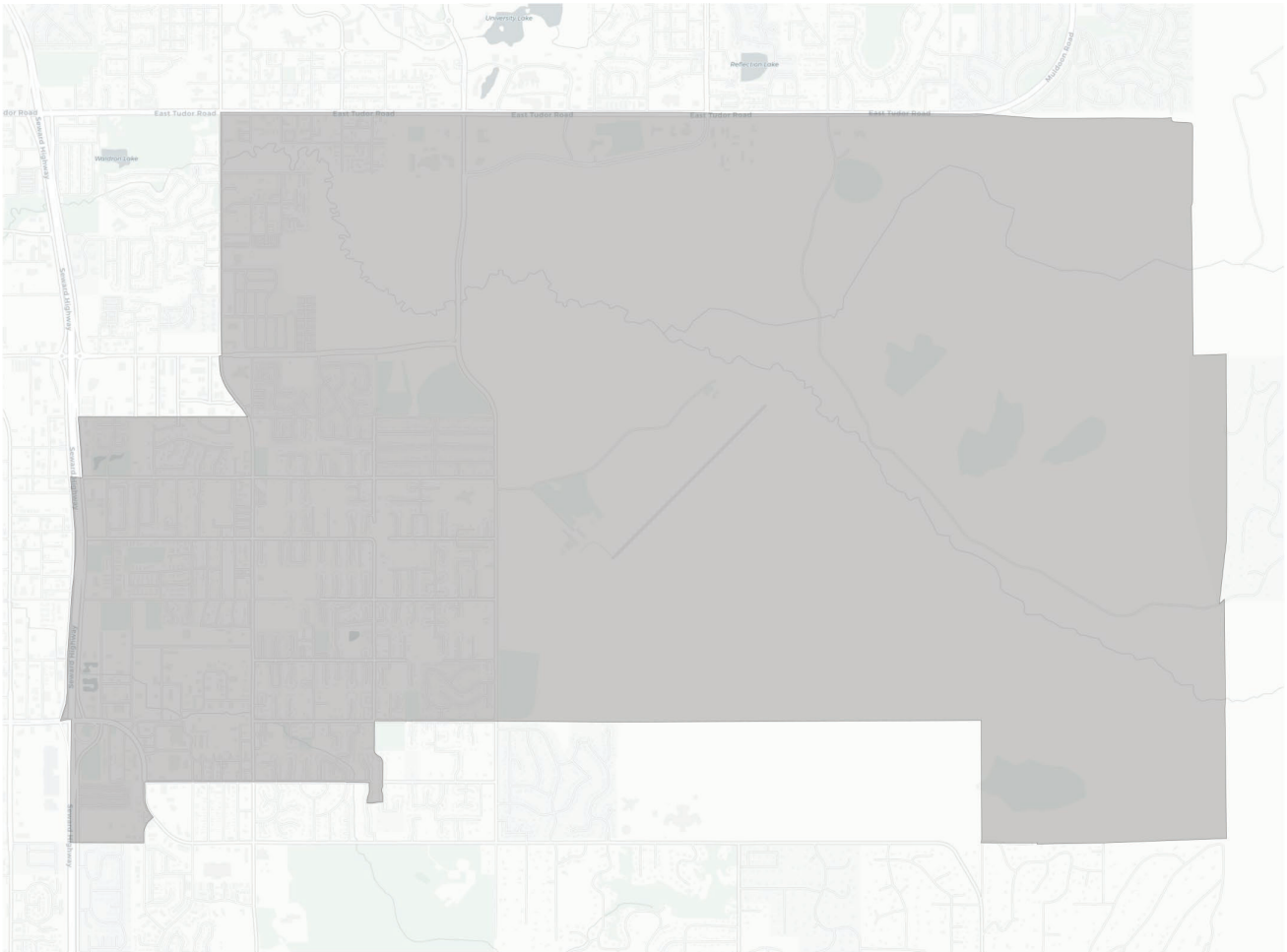
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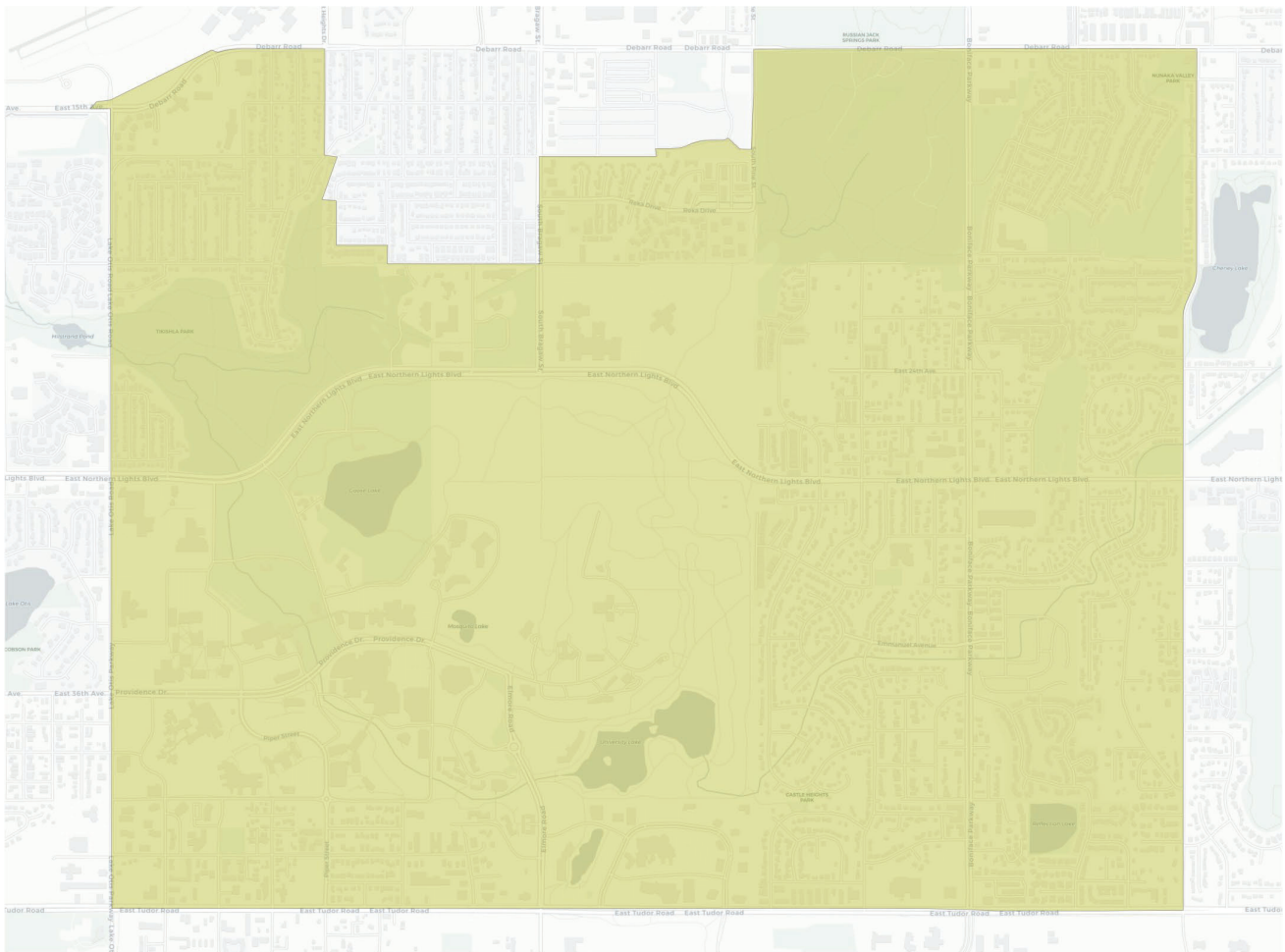
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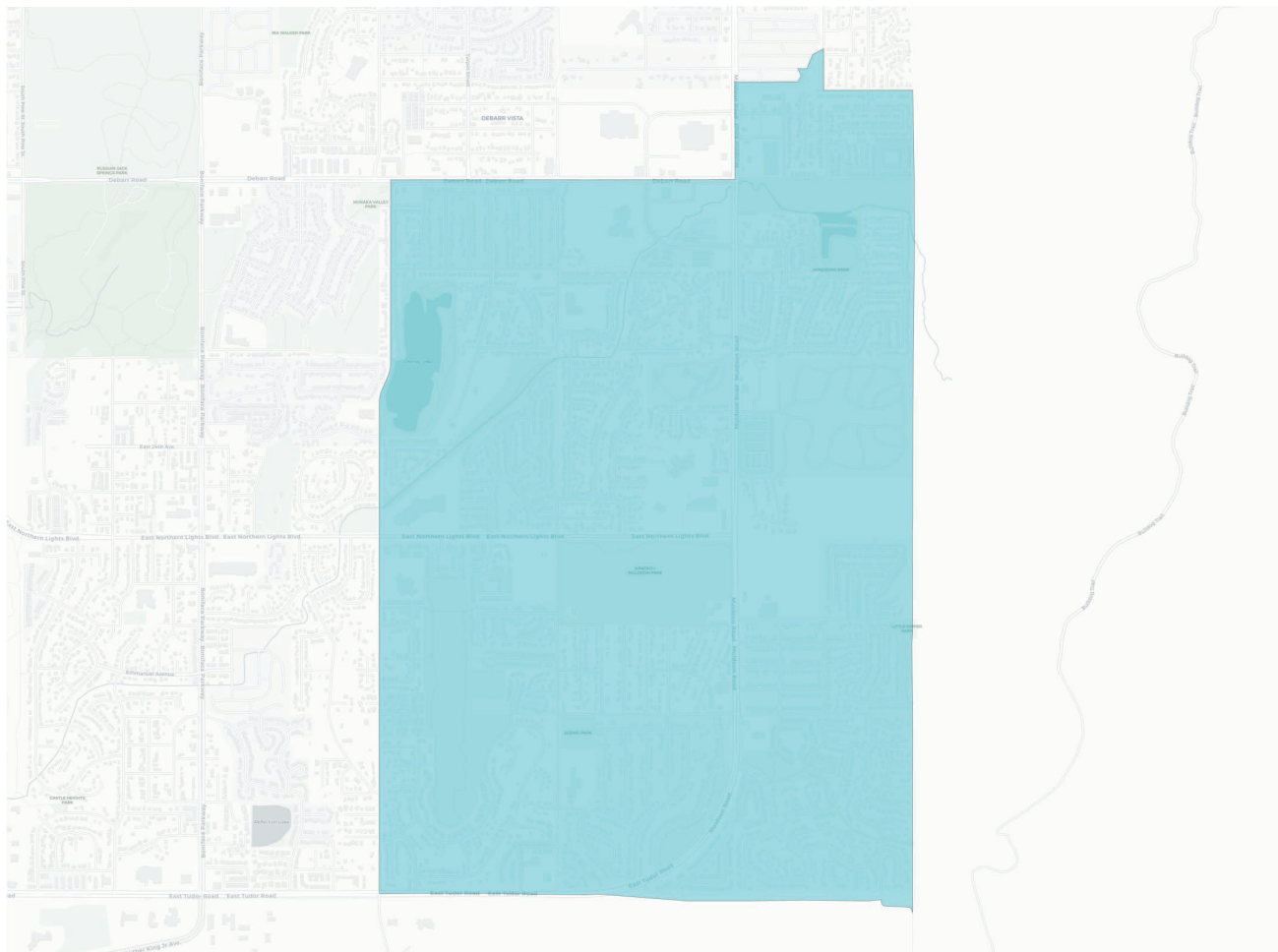
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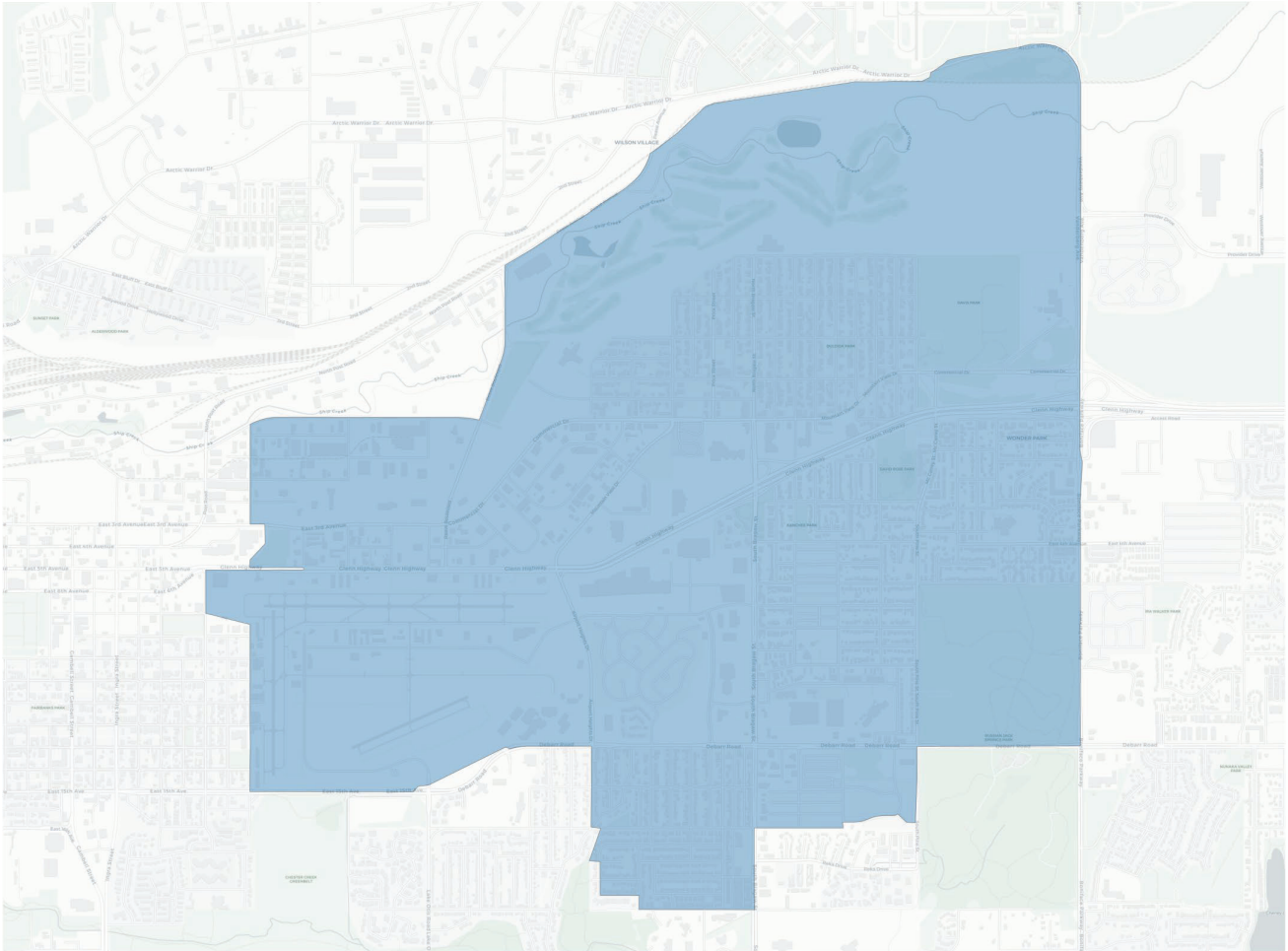
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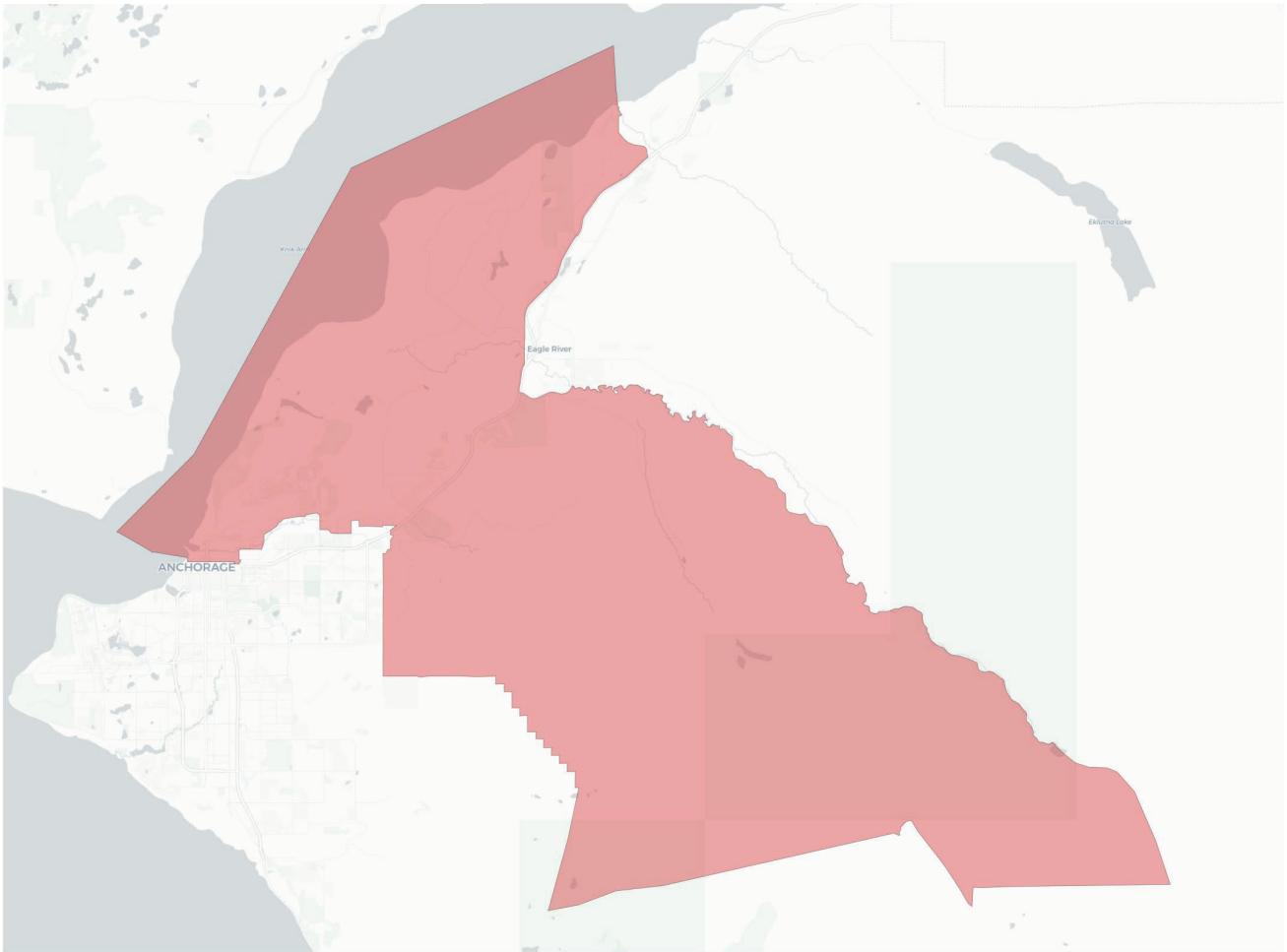
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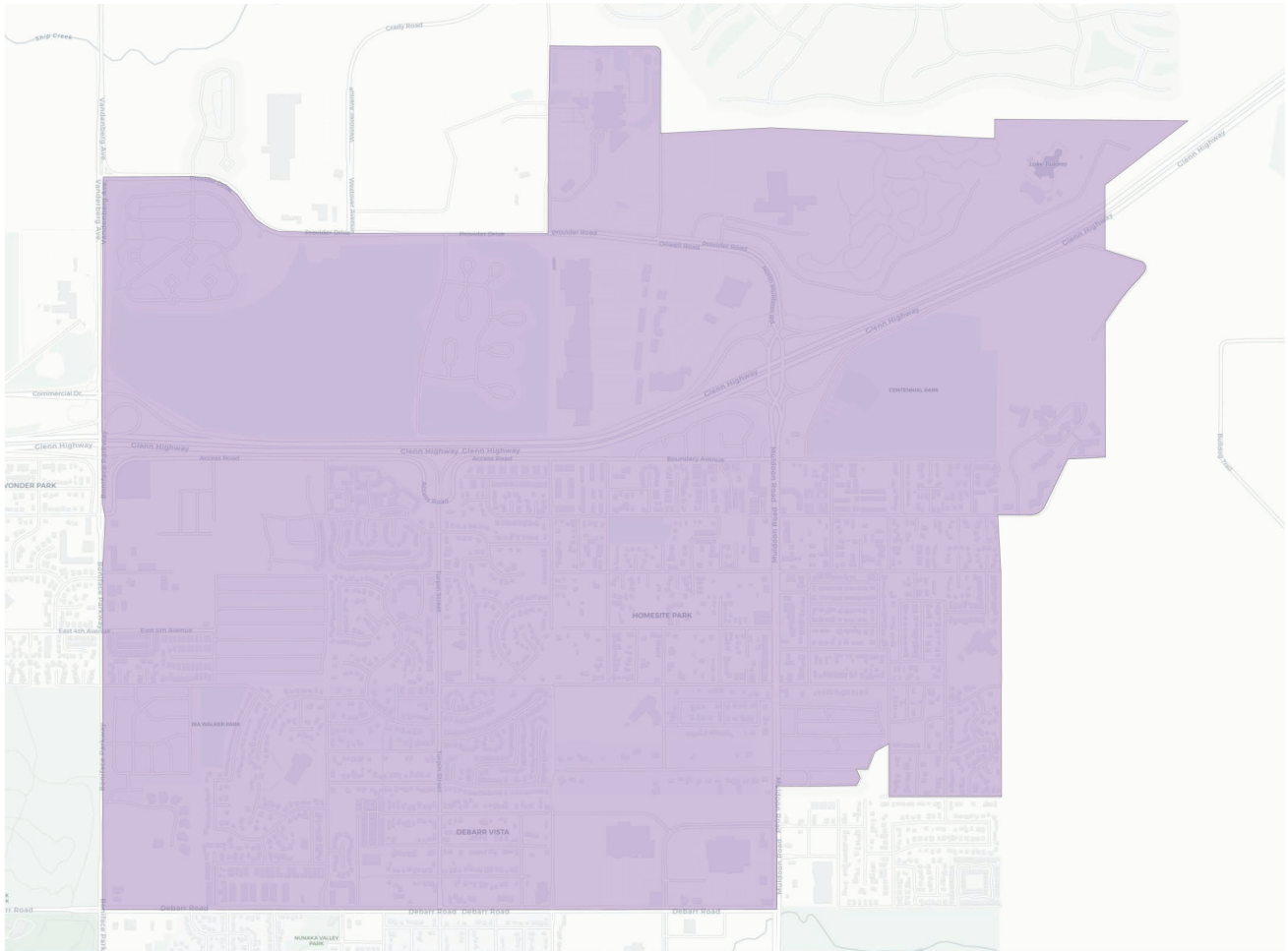
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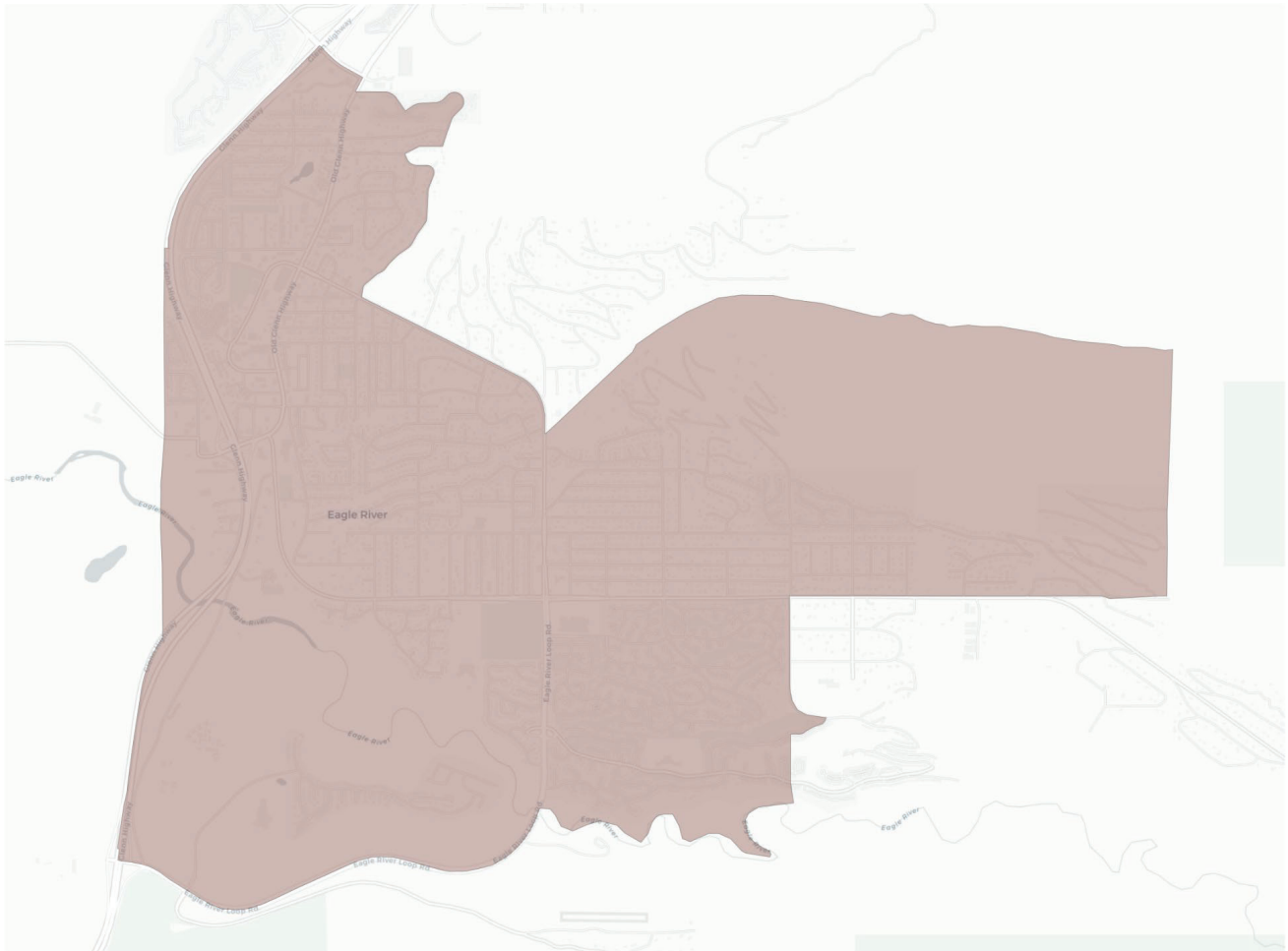
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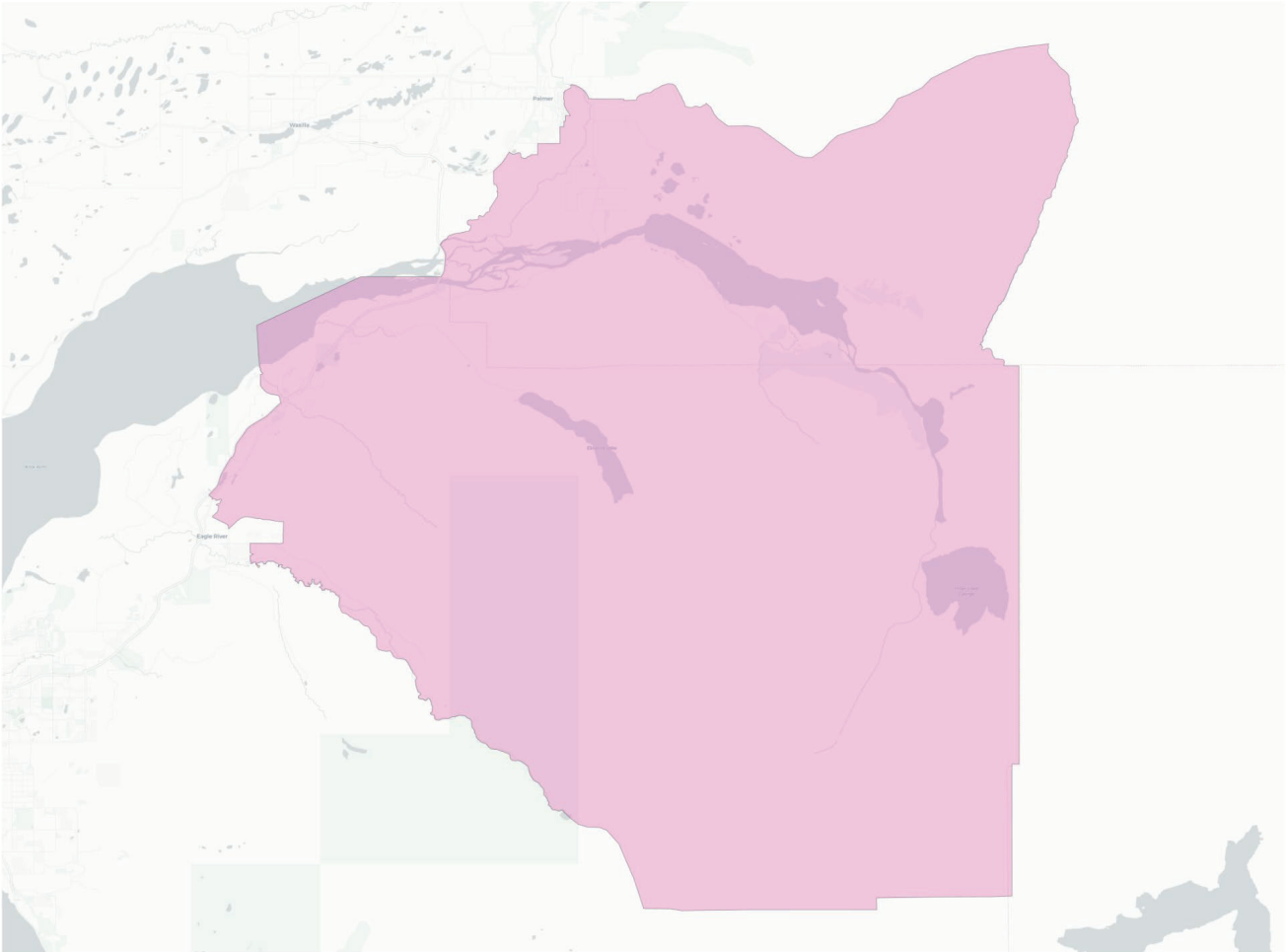
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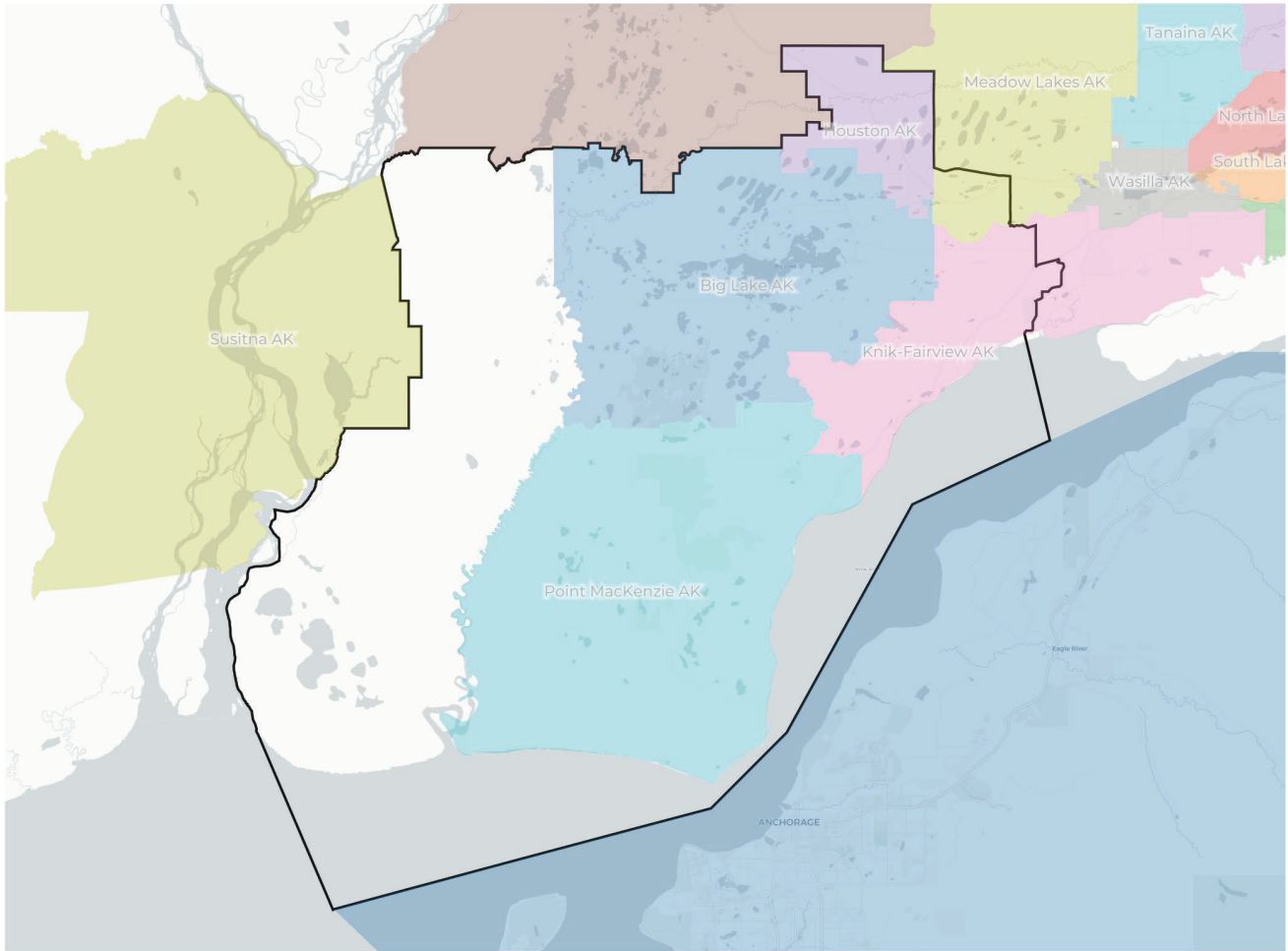
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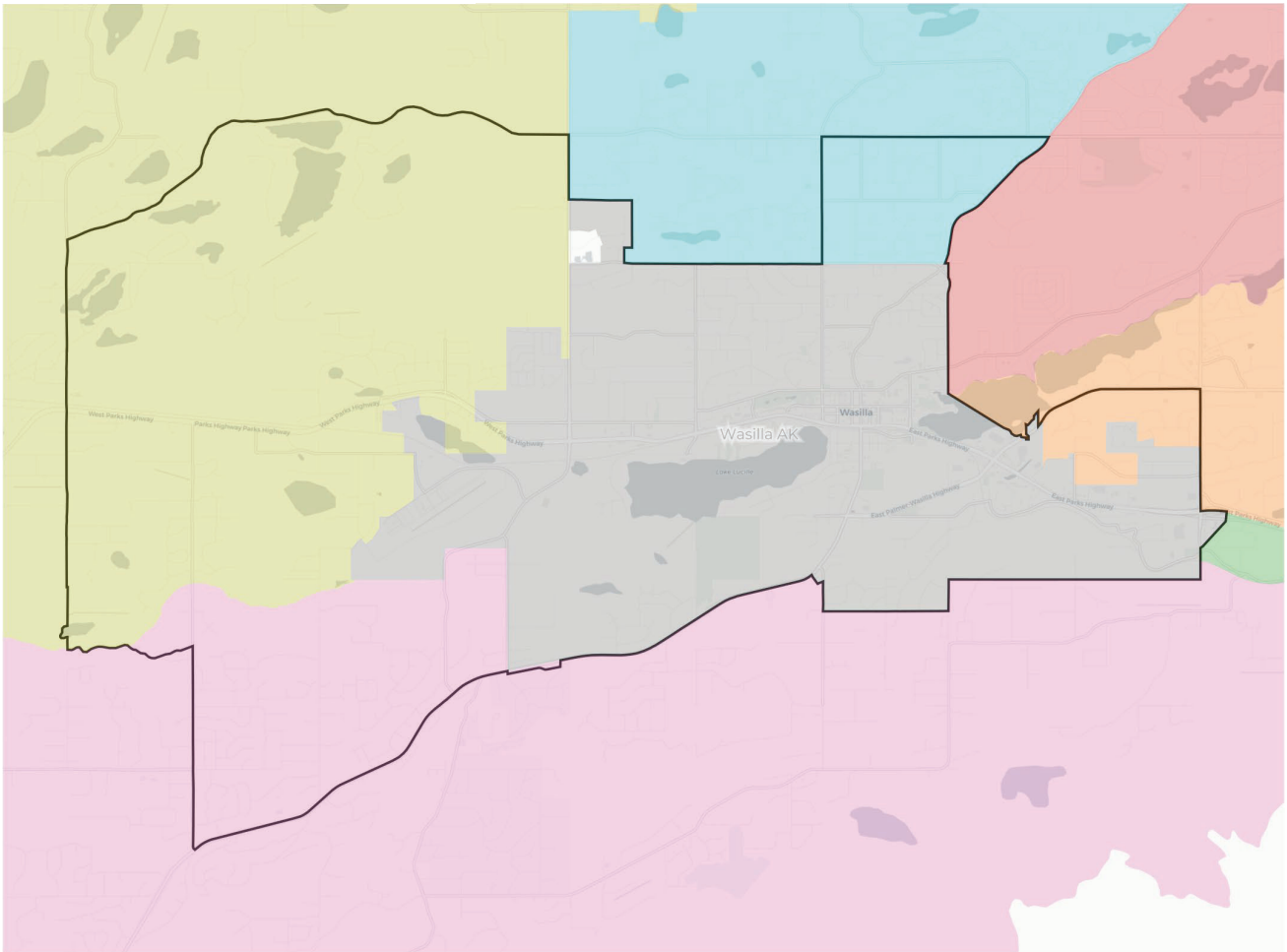
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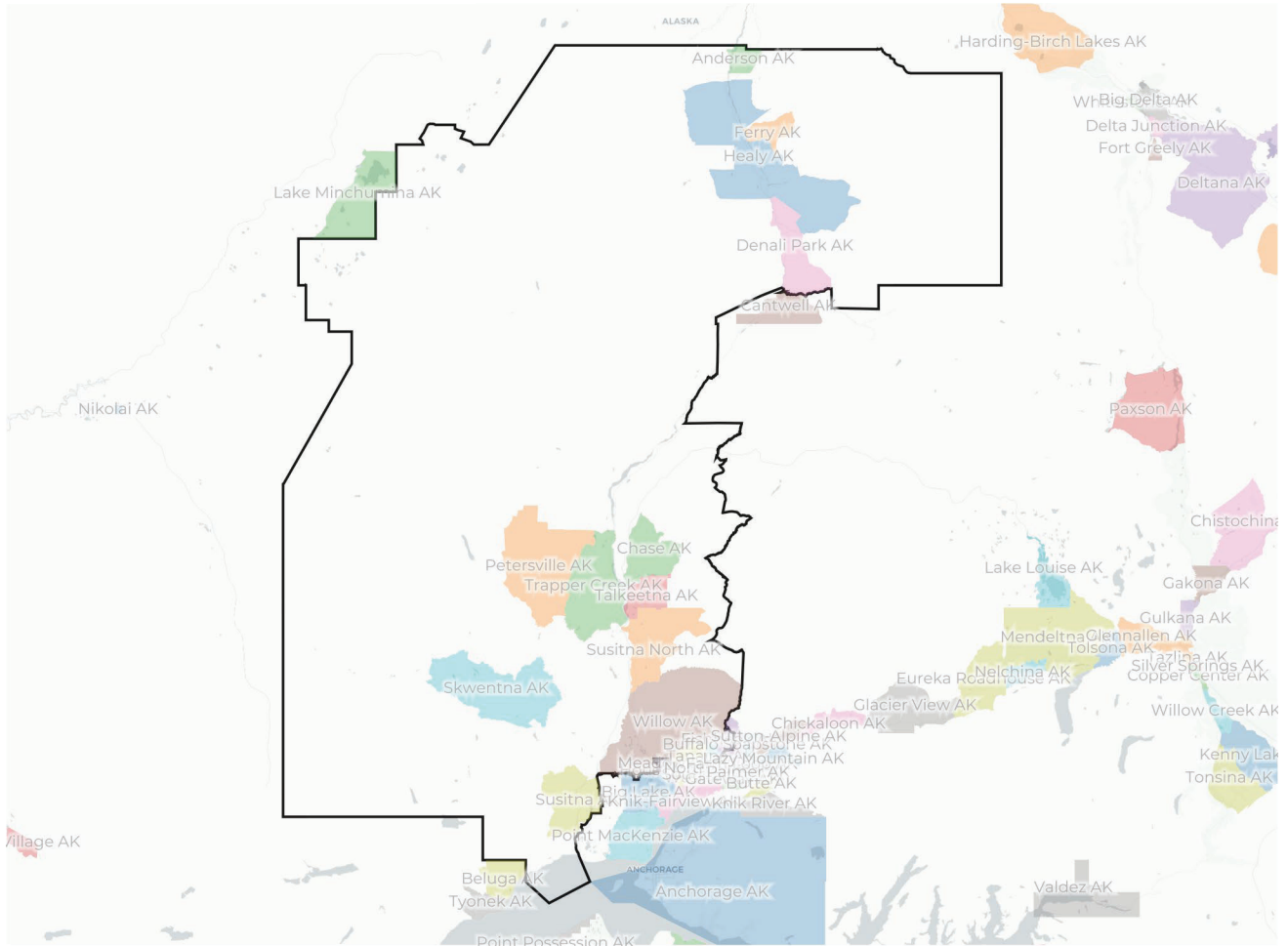
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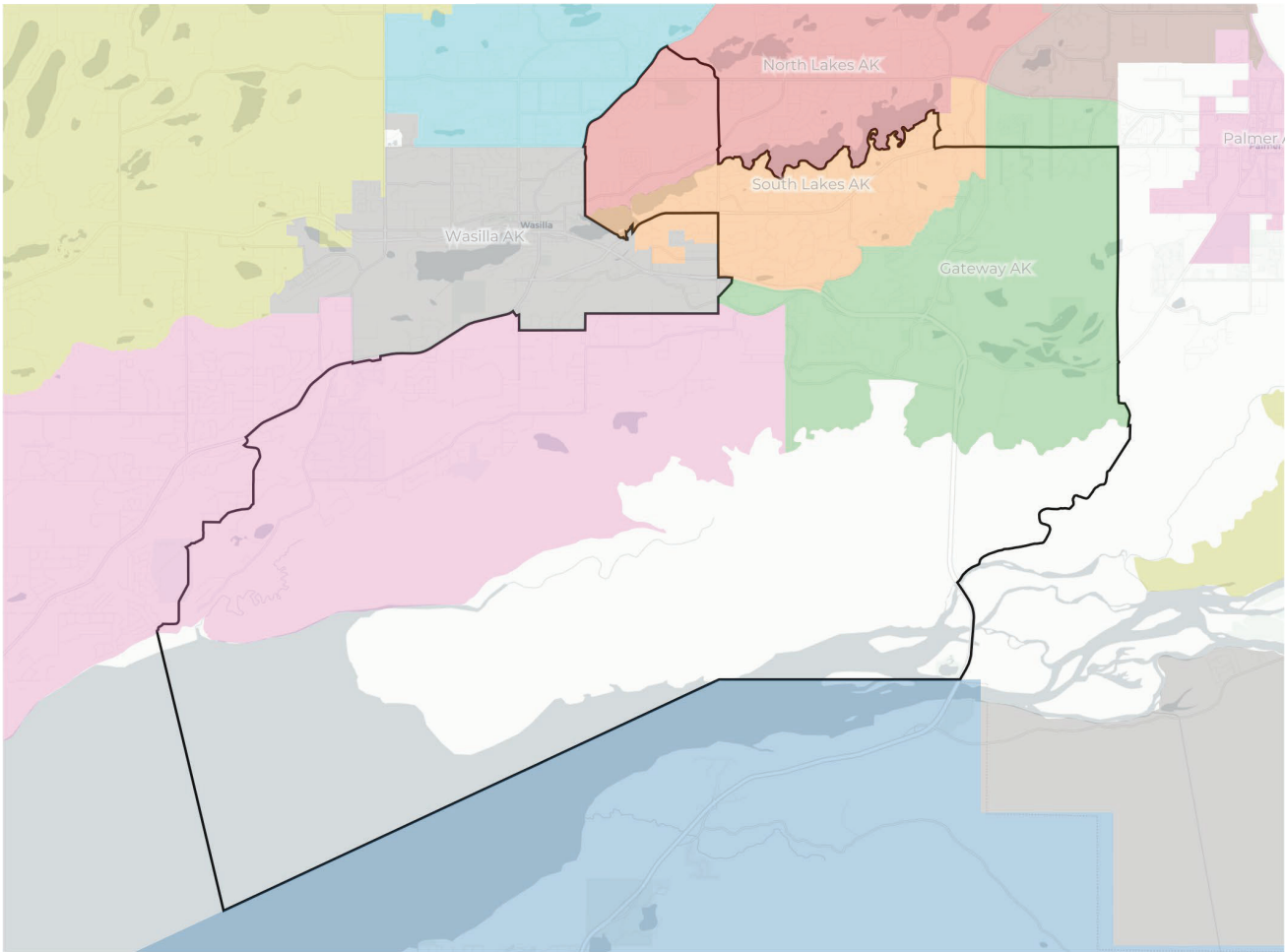
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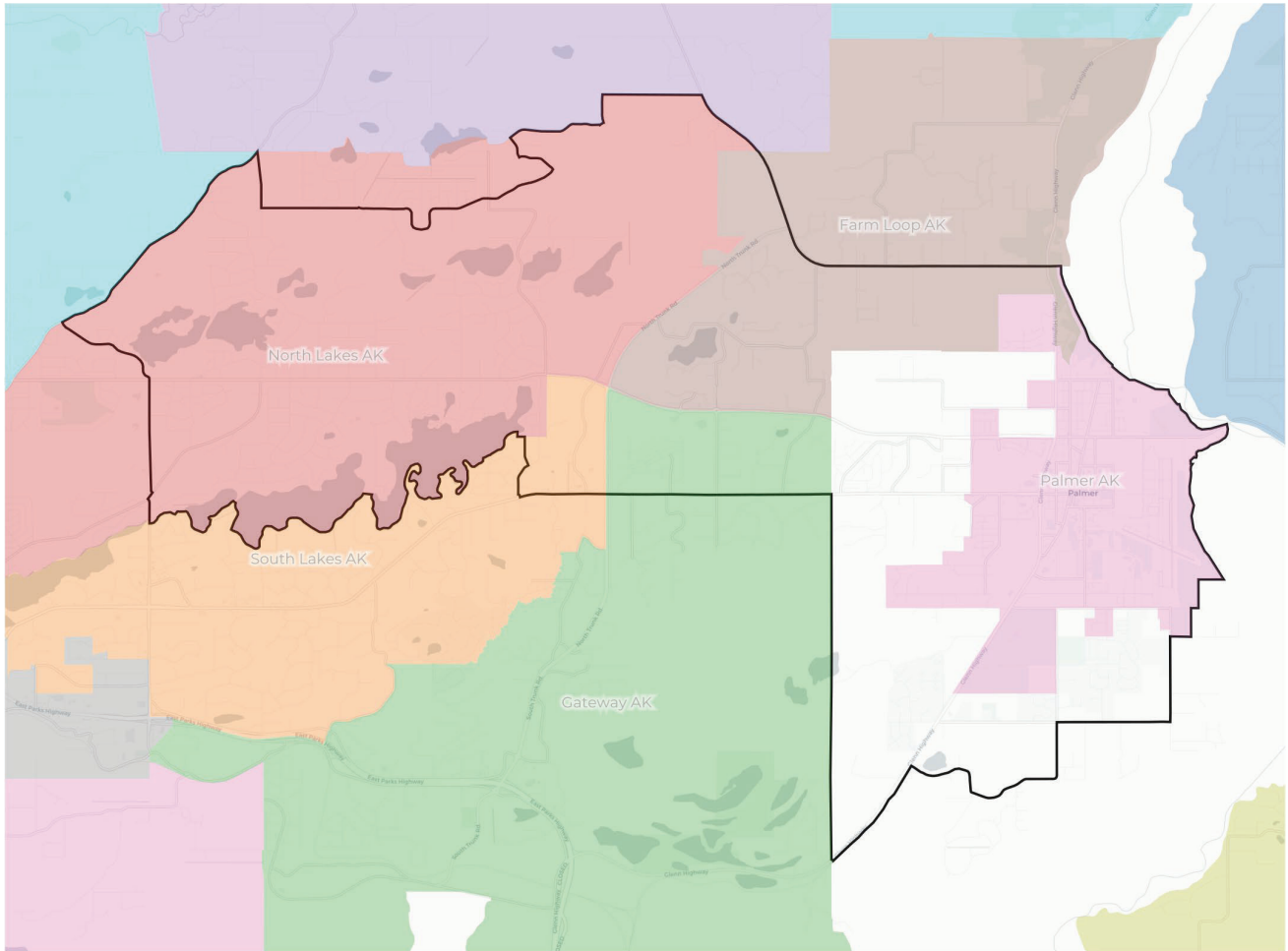
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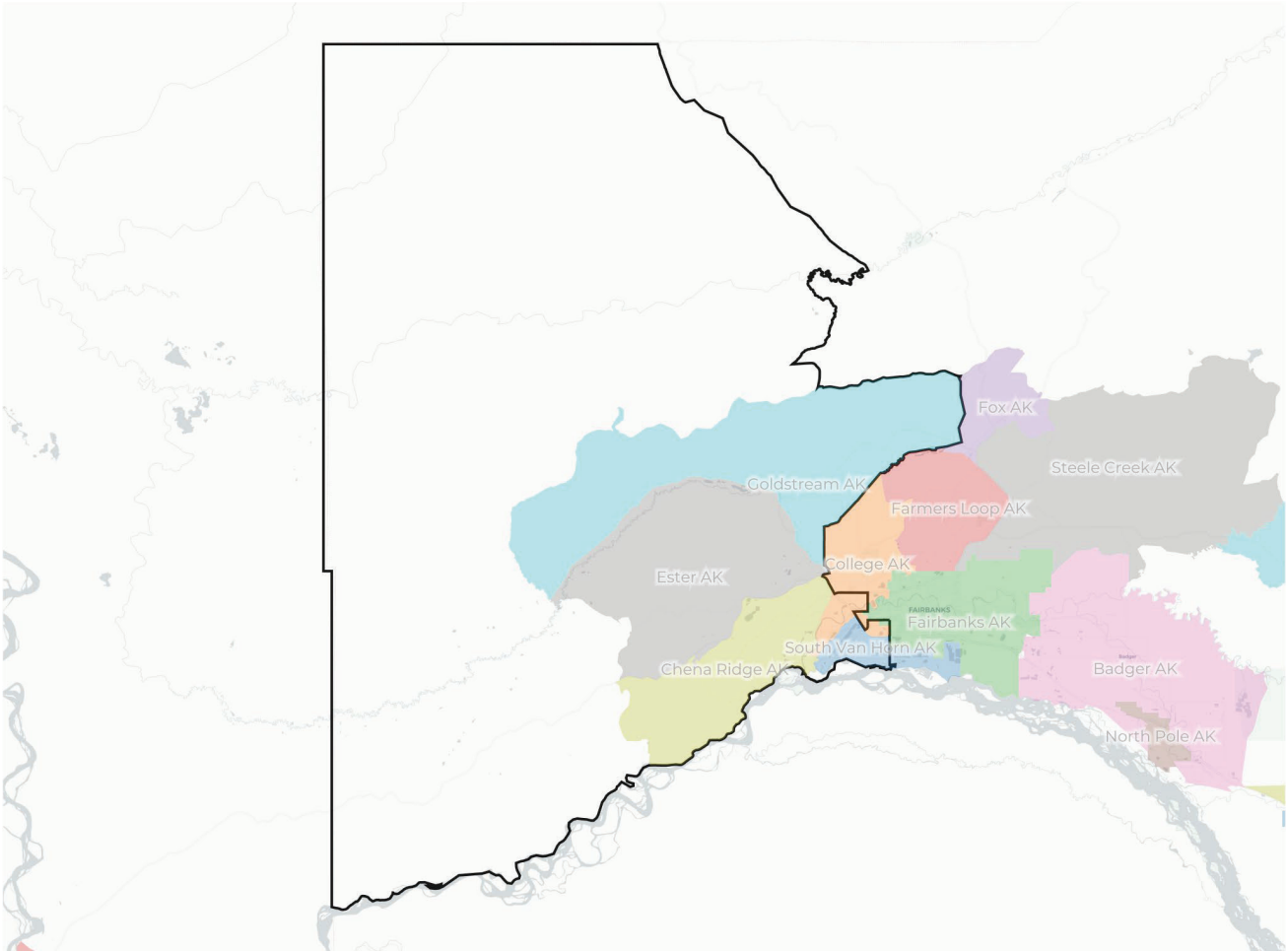
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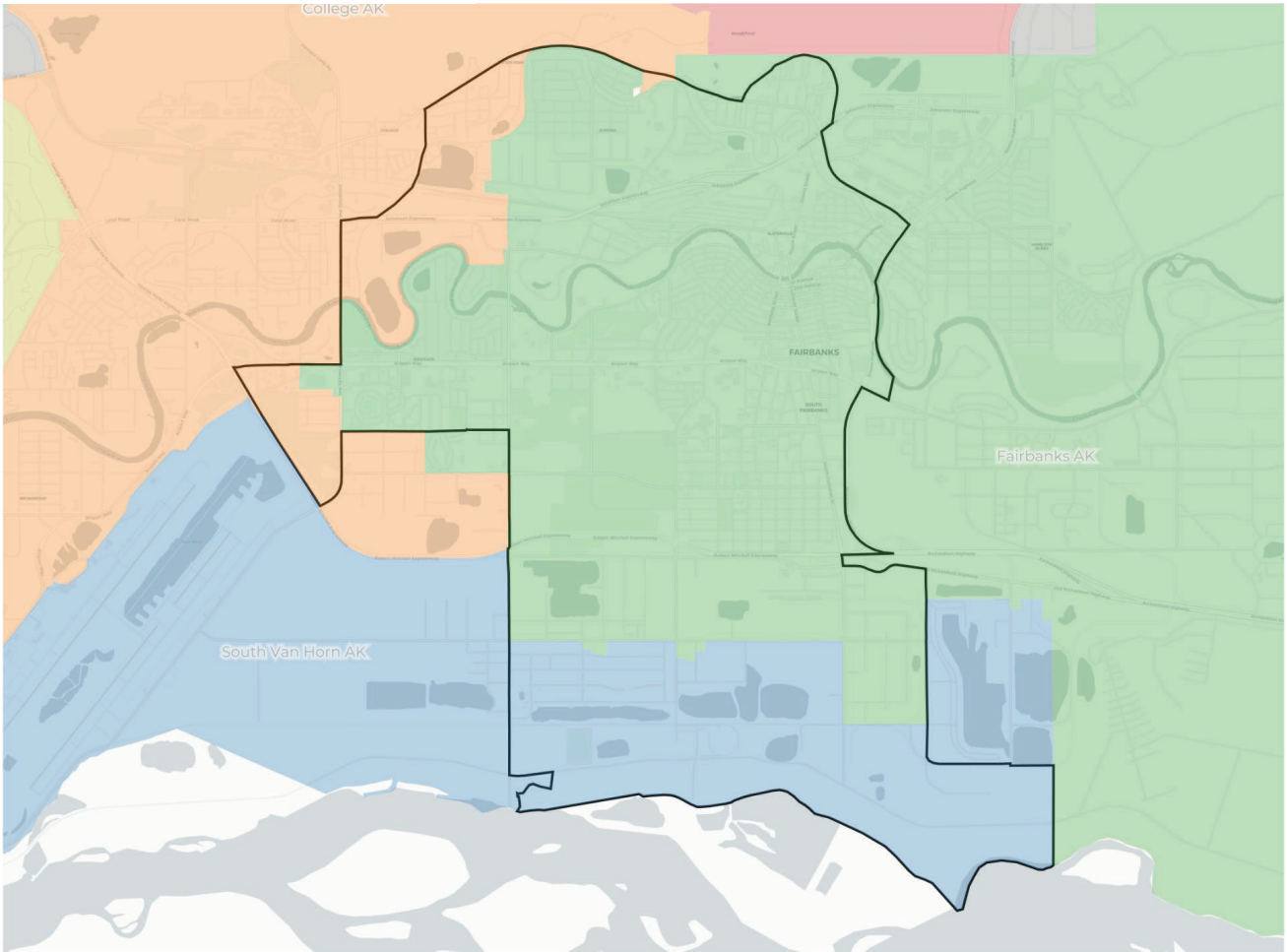
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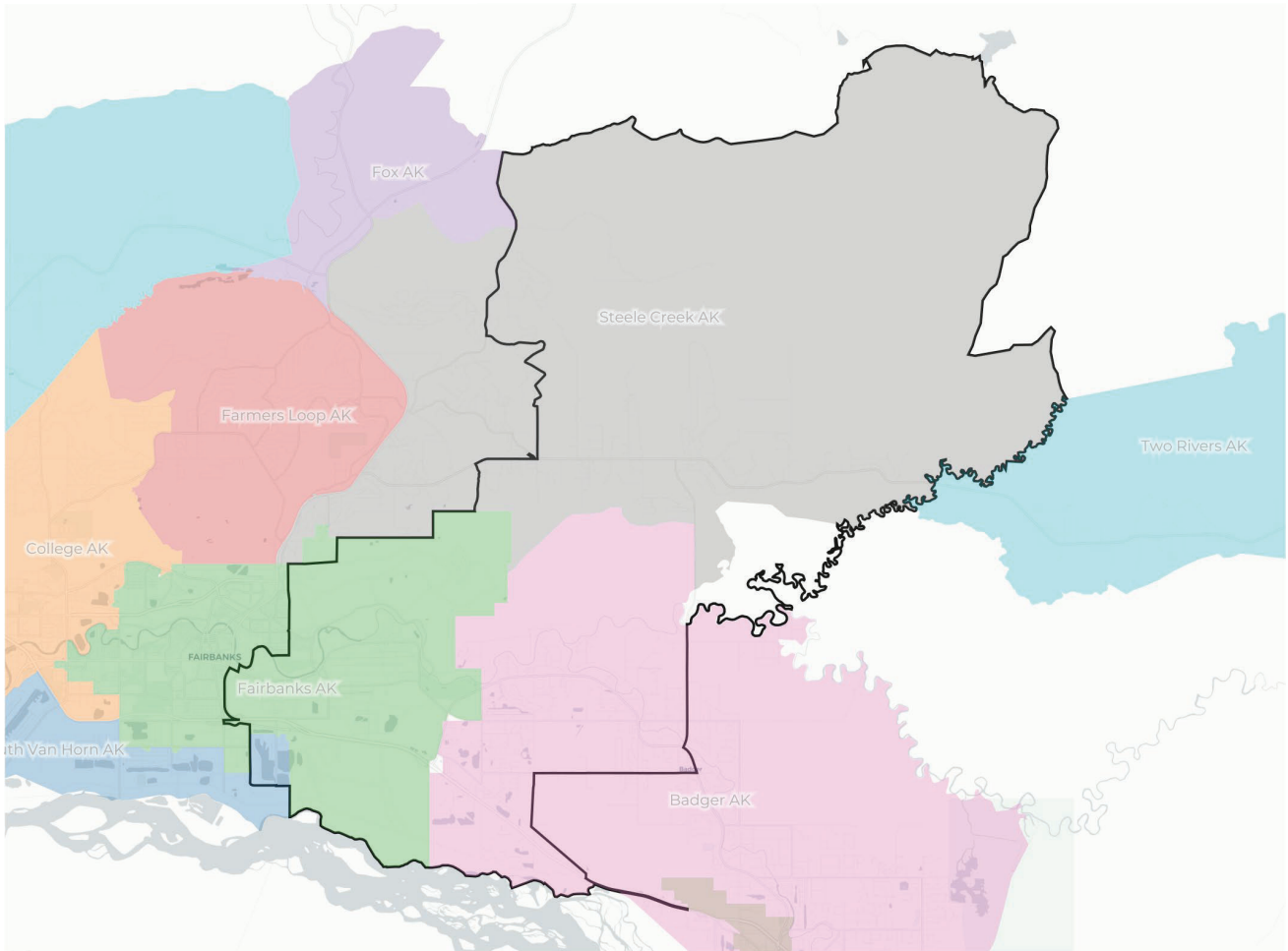
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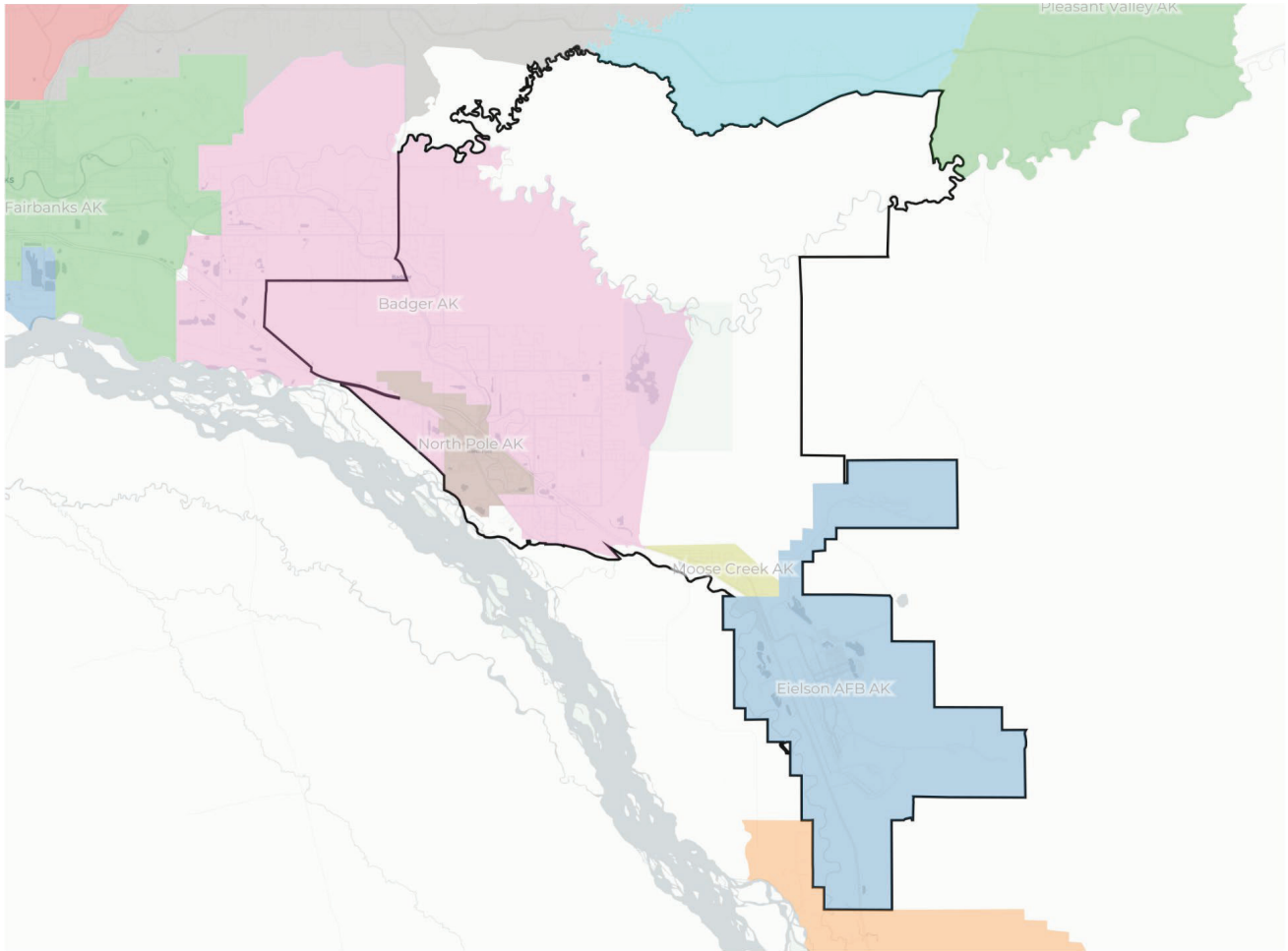
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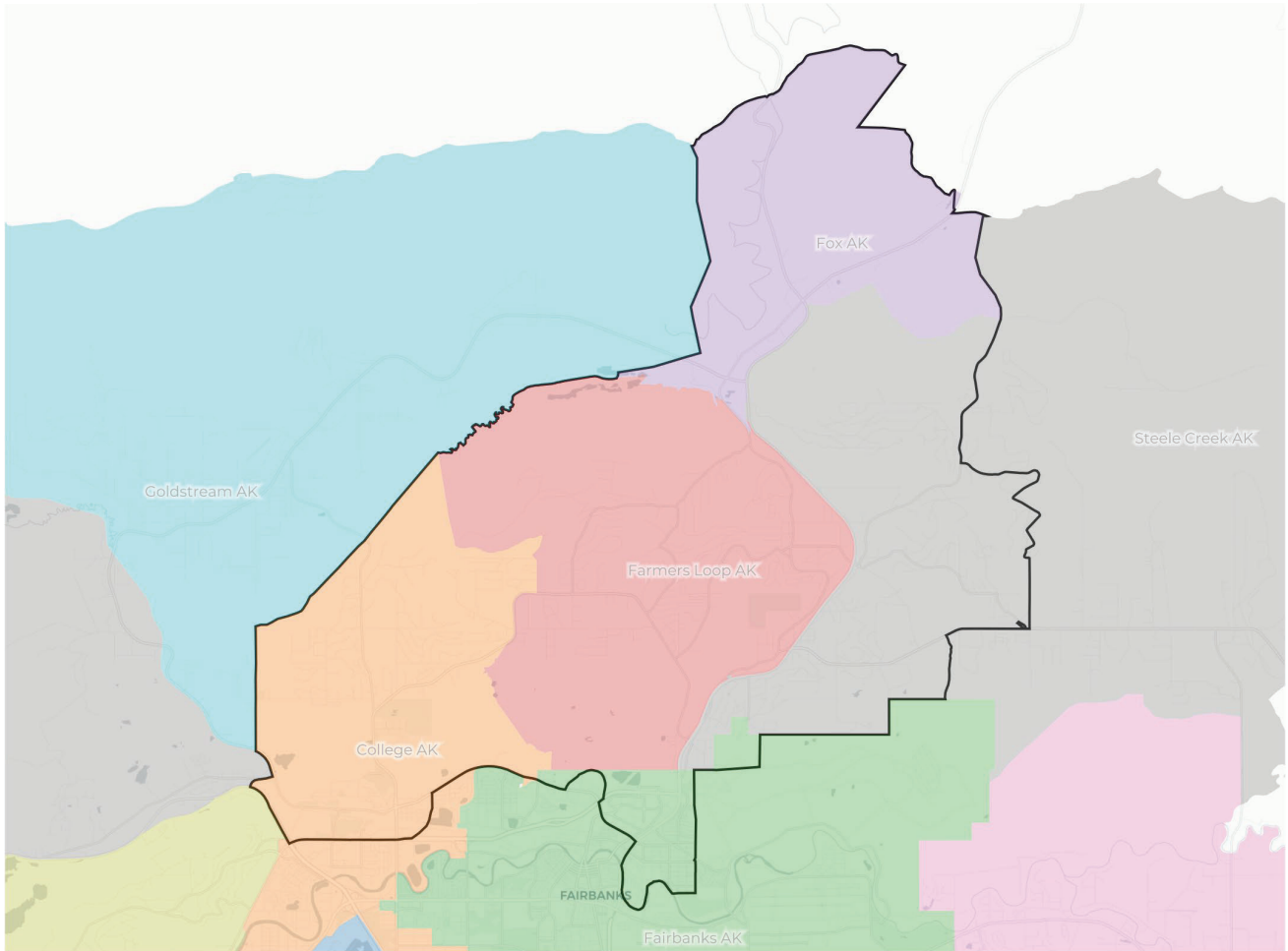
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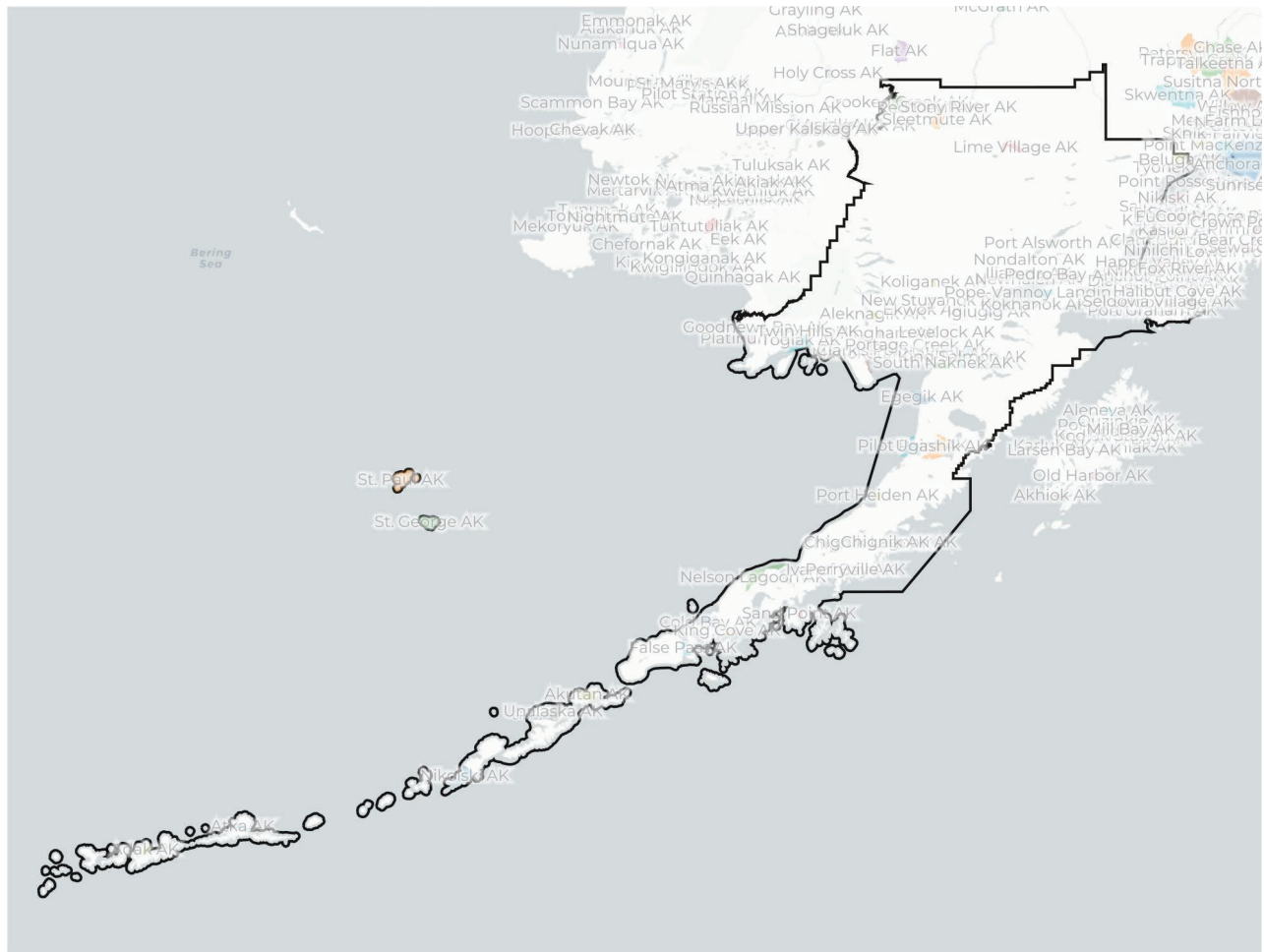
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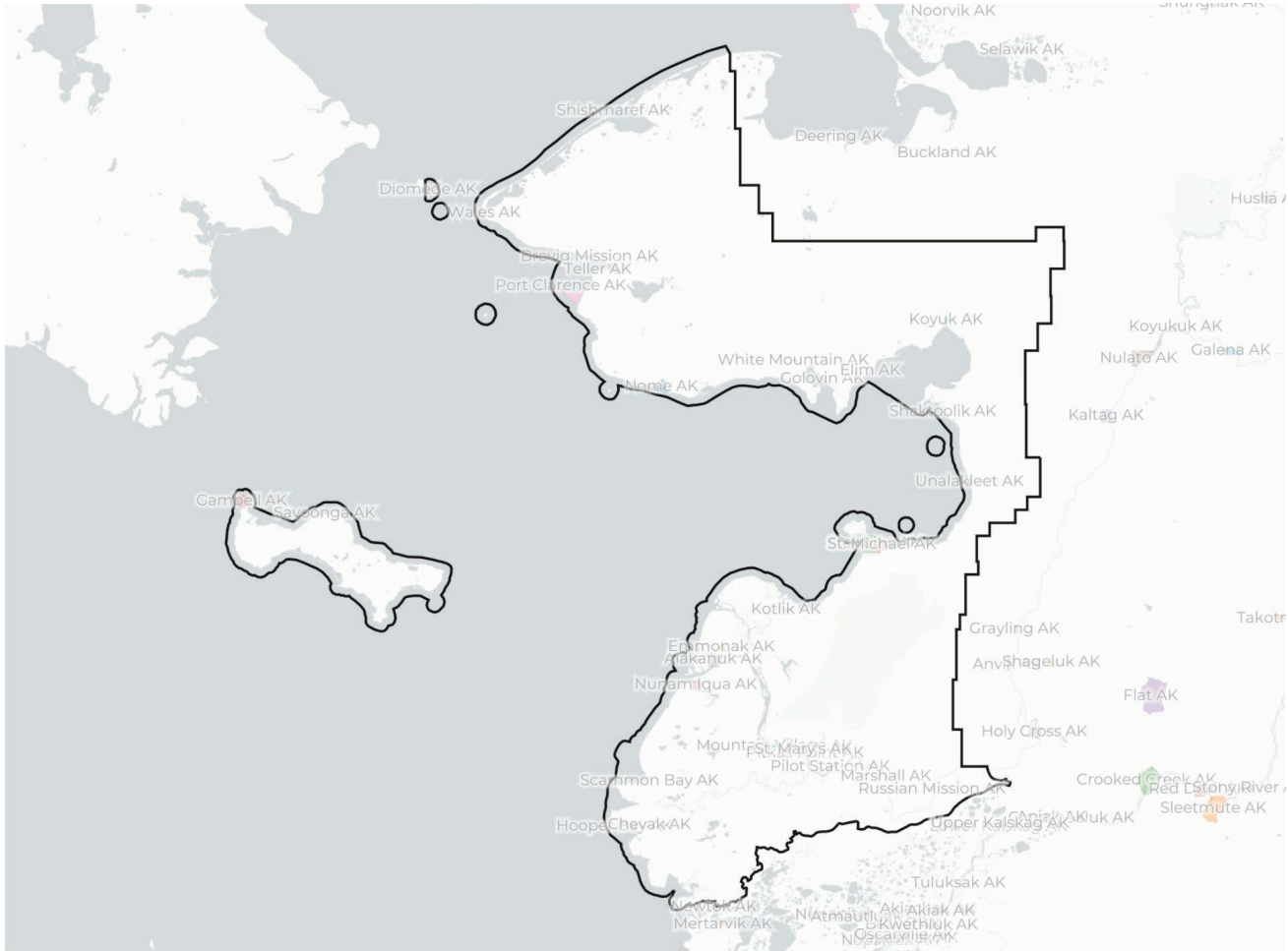
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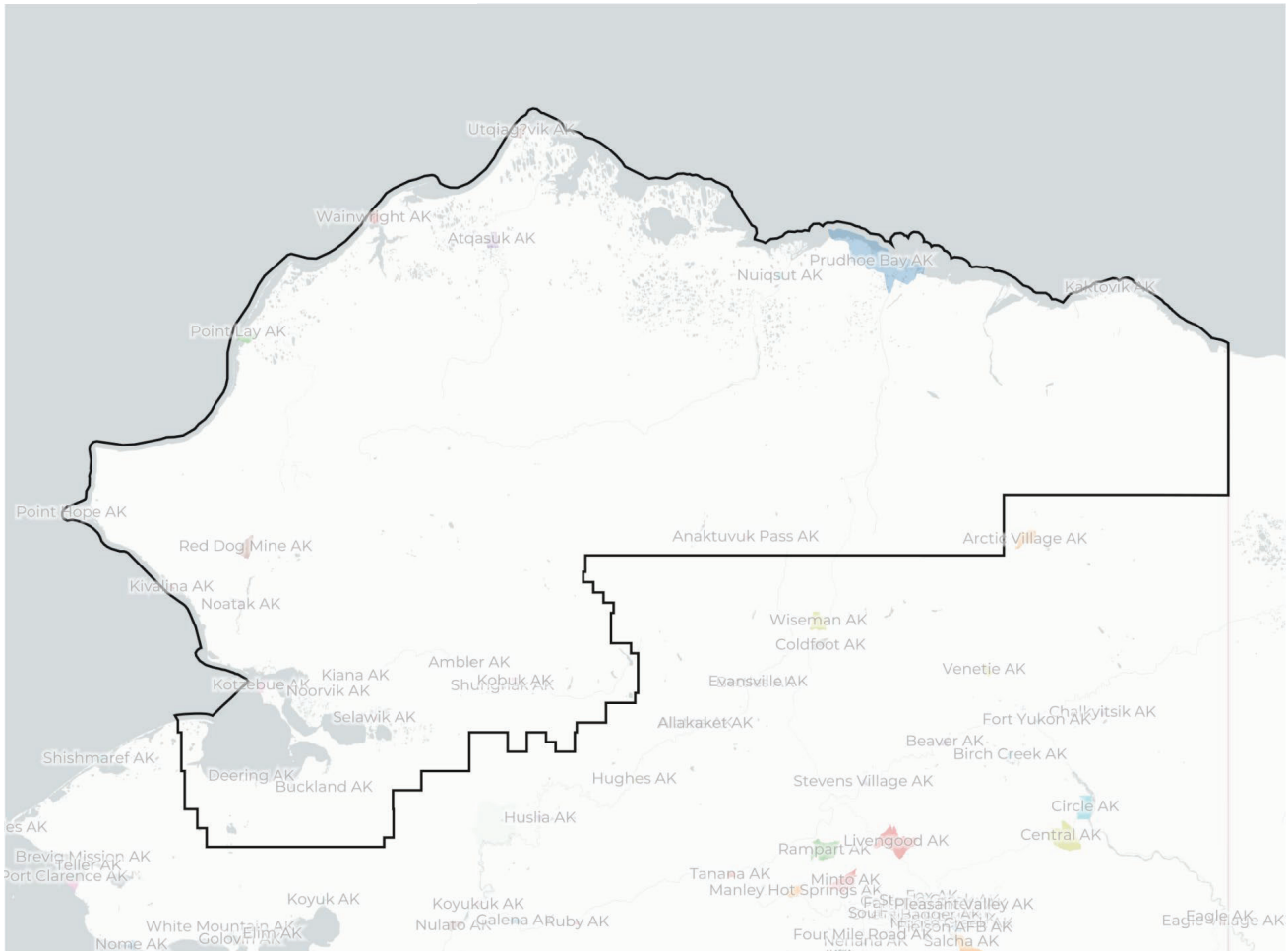
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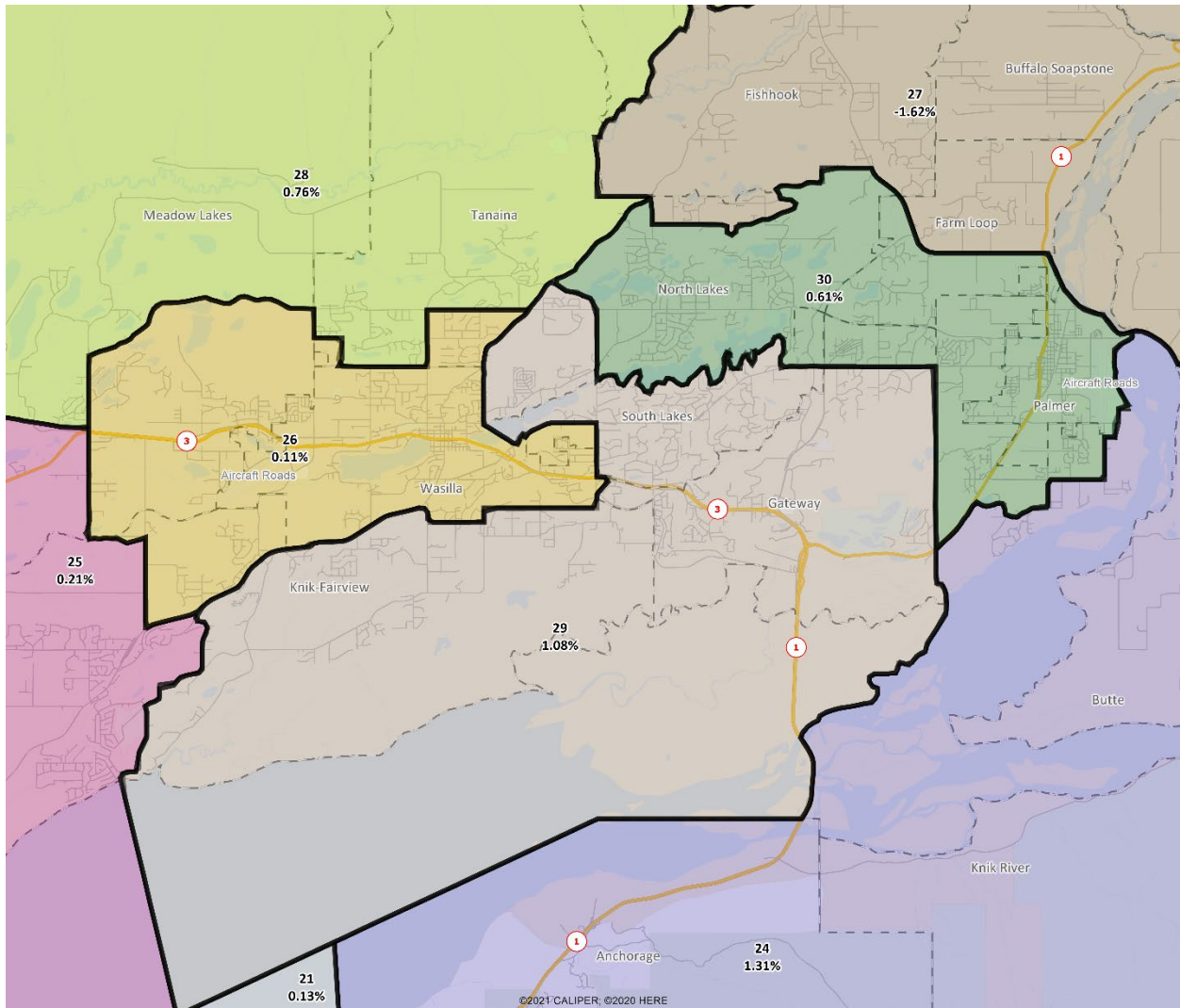
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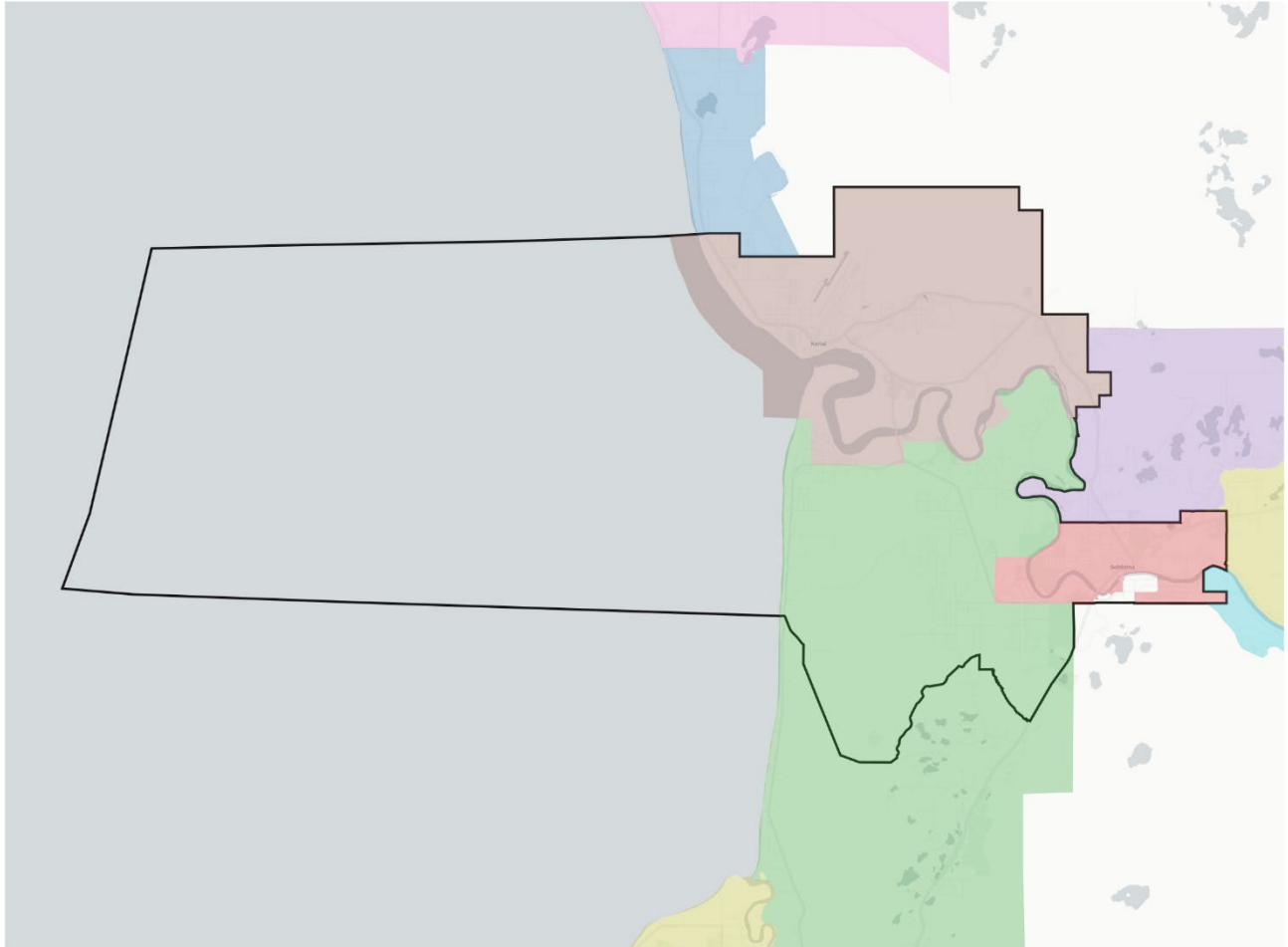
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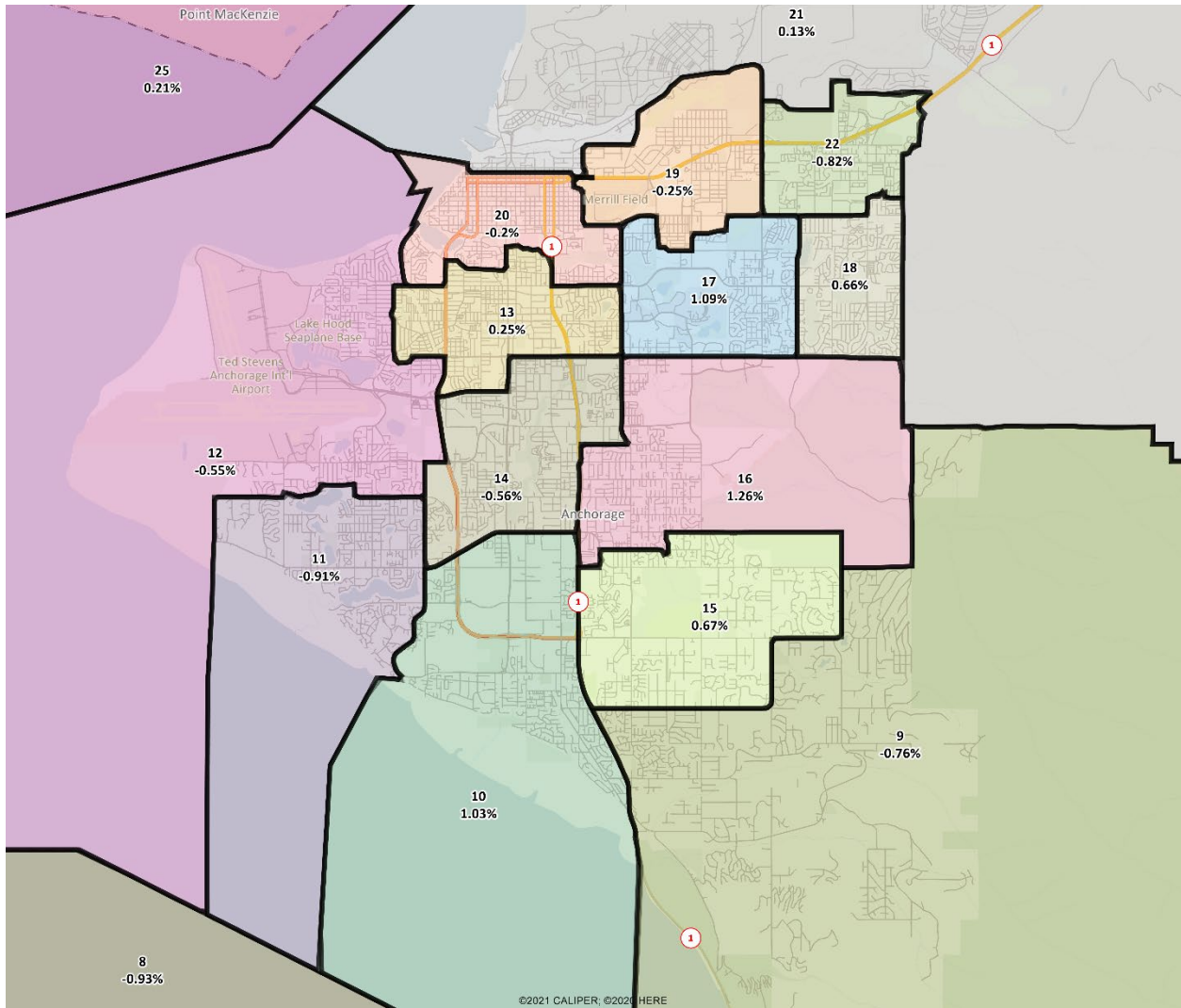
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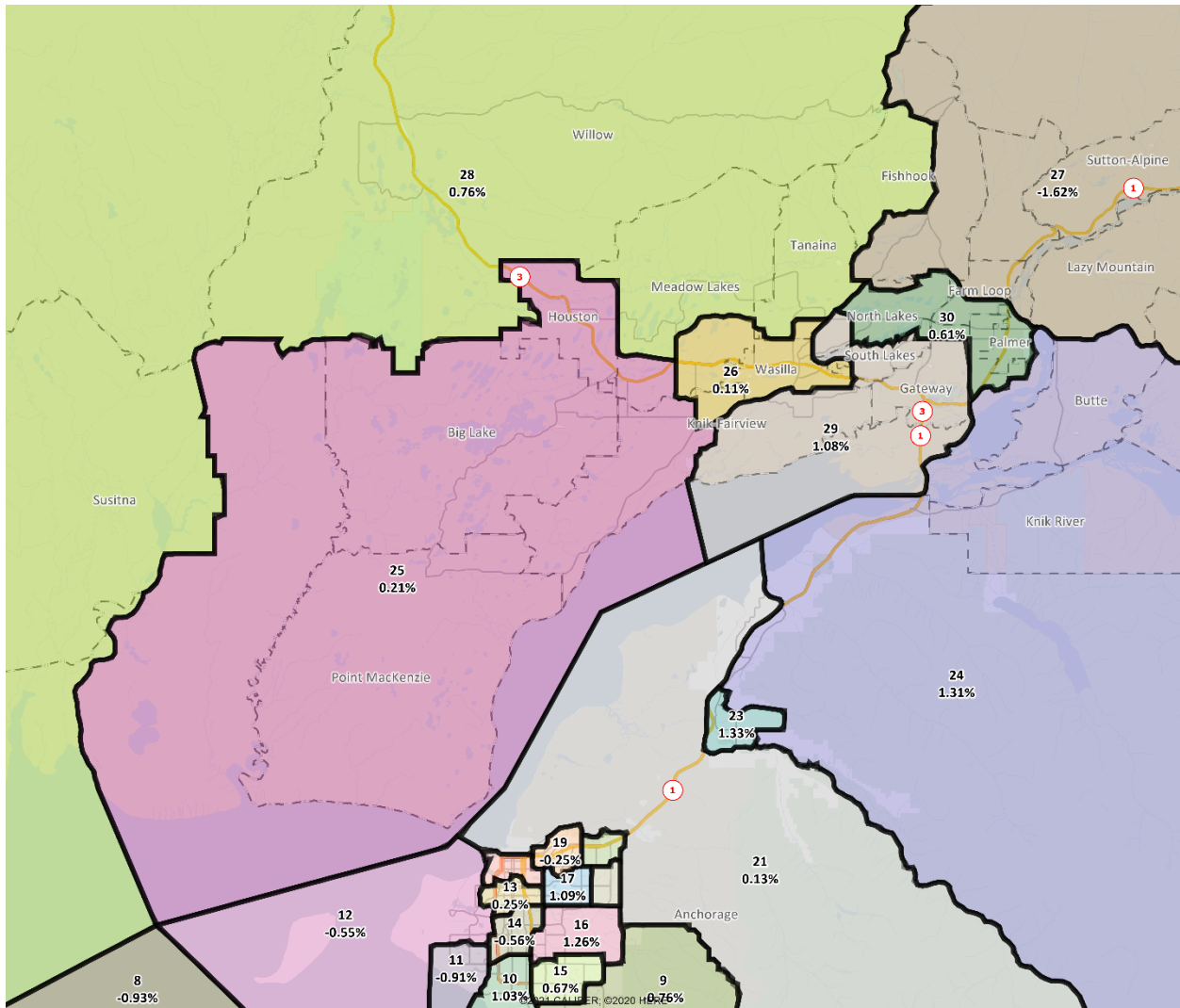
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WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: October 30, 2021, 8:30 pm

Name: **Nicole Eiseman**

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: **99725**

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Public Comment: **To the Redistricting Board,**

First, let me begin by thanking you for this monumental task you have undertaken.

My name is Nicole Eiseman and I have lived on the west side of Fairbanks for the past 46 years. First in Goldstream Valley and then in Ester since 1980. My children were born and raised here, I'm a property owner and I have been employed in Fairbanks from my arrival in 1975 until my retirement in 2018. I've been actively involved in national, state and local political campaigns and have knocked on doors all over the borough, and particularly in the current HD 4 and SD B which takes in Goldstream, Ester and wraps around the north side of the borough to include Fox and North Pole.

While knocking on doors across the vast Fairbanks North Star Borough I've had the opportunity to hear the different ways in which people describe Fairbanks, and the different allegiances they hold. I have found that, broadly speaking, where people live affects these allegiances. Again, generally speaking, residents of the North Pole and the far east side of the borough have strong economic or personal ties to the military, and conversely, people on the west side of town have strong economic or personal ties to the university.

I listened to today's public testimony and want to add my voice to many of the concerns stated by interior residents. For the sake of simplicity I'm just going to bullet point some pros and cons. I wish I had a magic solution for you but alas I don't!

Cons -Version 3

-Shortchanges Fairbanksans and underrepresents us

-The deviation is 4.64%

-It overrepresents Anchorage and the Mat-su

-It disregards community and economic cohesion by dividing the borough North/South vs East/West

Cons - AFFER

-It proposes districts that include populations that are an hour drive from each other and not socio-economically integrated, ie 6C includes Salcha, North Pole and areas of Ester and Chena Ridge.

-It divides the city of North Pole into several districts and separates areas of North Pole from Eielson Air Force Base.

-It divides Ester into 3 districts. We all use the same post office, play in the same park and march in the same 4th of July parade. It makes no sense.

Pro -Senate Minority Plan

-Reflects the East /West nature of Fairbanks and divides accordingly

-Meets the constitutional requirements of being contiguous and compact

Finally, I support the resolution from the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly which supports a redistricting plan that maximizes the representation of Borough citizens by grouping the excess population as a whole into one district rather than overpopulating five districts and further requests contiguous and compact districts that keep communities of interest together.

Thank you so much

Nicole Eiseman

From: Garrett Ennis <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 12:47 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 30, 2021, 12:47 pm

First Name: **Garrett**

Last Name: **Ennis**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99611**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **AFFER Map divides the North Kenai Peninsula (Nikiski) to be included with South Anchorage which goes against the compactness as well as the socio-economic integration criteria.**

Public Comment: **I believe that by looking at all proposed maps carefully it seems that the most contiguous, socio-economically integrated, compact and most equally distributed population would be the Board proposed maps V3 and V4.**

Contiguous in the fact that most areas are connected to each other by road system and wouldn't divide service lines such as the AFFR, AFFER and the Senate Minority maps do on the Kenai Peninsula.

Socio-economic integration by the fact that the districts are divided so as to represent as close as possible the people that work and live together in the same area.

Compact in the sense that the districts are not stretched to include areas that are too distant to be really representative of that population, i.e. AFFER map taking a whole north strip of the Kenai Peninsula (Nikiski) and including it with South Anchorage.

Population is as close as practicable to be equally representative across the state with as little deviation from the ideal as possible.

From: Nathaniel Erfurth <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 5:18 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 25, 2021, 5:17 pm

First Name: **Nathaniel**

Last Name: **Erfurth**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99611**

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

Public Comment: **Alaskans for Fair Redistricting draws the best Kenai Peninsula Map. I'd like to see that used.**

From: anita evans <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 11:48 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Redistricting Issues

I would like to say that in regard to the proposed redistricting for Juneau; separating the Valley, Auke Bay, and Out the Road from each other would be a real mistake. Socially and economically, they form one cohesive region, and have no real connection to the other Southeast Communities. If these proposals are being made based on the 2020 Census, I would seriously question how accurate these Census numbers are - and an inaccurate count might be an issue throughout Alaska (and maybe the entire country). Would a review and/or investigation into the inner workings of the 2020 Census be possible?

Sincerely,
Anita C. Evans
Juneau



10,000 years in our Traditional Homeland, Prince William Sound, the Copper River Delta, and the Gulf of Alaska

October 29, 2021

Alaska Redistricting Board,

The Traditional Council of the Native Village of Eyak, welcomes the opportunity to speak on behalf of our Tribal Members regarding the presently proposed Redistricting Maps.

Board Proposed Maps v.3 and v. 4, both very similar for our district, appear most closely aligned with our present needs for representation. They both include us in District 5, and include the Chugach Villages in the lower Cook Inlet and Prince William Sound, with which we have many cultural and familial ties, and are similar to the boundaries we have used during the last redistricting. We have been connected to Kodiak for the last 10 years, and we have strengthened those connections. Both Kodiak and Cordova have similar socioeconomic links, although Kodiak is a much larger community. We have mutual commercial fishing ties, Sugpiaq and Alutiiq populations, similar freight transportation connections, and the importance of the Alaska Marine Highway to our communities.

The other maps have varying pluses and minuses for us. AFFR map, while including many small coastal communities, stretches too far to the West of us to feel much regional connection. The Senate Minority Map separates us from all other coastal communities and does not meet any of our socioeconomic needs. The AFFER map poses serious problems for us. It separates us from all other coastal communities, including Prince William Sound, and pairs us with Interior Alaska communities with which we have limited connections. The Doyon Plan does keep us in PWS and includes some of the Chugach Villages, but it separates us from Whittier, which is our AMHS connection. It also separates us from the upriver Copper River watershed communities such as Chitina and Gulkana. For these reasons, we support the Board proposed maps of v.3 and v. 4.

No map presented linked us to Southeast Alaska. This omission is unfortunate, as we feel an affinity on several levels with the communities of SE, particularly the more remote and smaller coastal communities. We share cultural connections with our Tlingit relatives, especially those in Yakutat. We host cultural events and our neighbors to the south travel here for these events. We also share a similar small boat fishery and seafood processing economic base similar to the communities of SE. We share a connection, not just in a coastline, but the extension of the temperate rain forest that stretches from the southern Alaska border to Prince William Sound. We share transportation systems, barge lines, and the Alaska Airlines flight 61 and 66, which includes Cordova, Yakutat, and Juneau, and has been a route linking us for decades. We are similarly dependent on the Alaska Marine Highway System as our only "road" connection to the rest of Alaska. We were previously connected to SE in the Islands District in the redistricting process in years past, and it suited our needs well. We include a link here to a draft map which includes Cordova with SE for future redistricting considerations.

Respectfully,

Mark Hoover
Tribal Council Chairman
Native Village of Eyak

<https://districtr.org/plan/69498>

From: Donna Rae Faulkner <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 8:57 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: our testimony - We stongly support the AFFR map option regarding redistricting options and the Kenai Peninsula

Our testimony to the Alaska Redistricting Board (and everyone in the state of Alaska):

Thank you for this important opportunity for our voices to be heard as you make decisions about our beloved state and it's future.

We support the Alaskans for Fair Redistricting (AFFR) map and proposal for the following reasons....especially for those reasons we highlighted below.

AFFR is the only map that respects the natural socio-economic connections within the Kenai Peninsula

- **Homer and Seward belong in the same district, because unique in the region their economies are centered on fishing and tourism in Kachemak and Resurrection Bays**
- Kenai and Nikiski belong in the same district, because Kenai is the economic hub for the Kenai Spur Highway communities
- Soldotna, Kasilof, Ninilchik, and Clam Gulch belong in the same district because Soldotna is the economic hub for the south Sterling Highway communities

AFFR is the only map that seems to respect the cultural connections between Alaska Native villages across the Gulf Coast region, but we would have you listen to the feedback from the residents of Port Graham and Nanwalek to hear what they would want. It seems to us that they *may* have more of a connection to the closer city of Homer (as does Halibut Cove and Seldovia) and may therefore want to be in its district..

- The Alutiiq/Sugpiaq villages of Port Graham and Nanwalek belong in the same district as the Alutiiq/Sugpiaq villages of Chenega, Tatitlek, and on Kodiak Island
- The Dena'ina village of Tyonek belongs in the same district as the the Dena'ina villages around Lake Iliamna

AFFR is the only map that keeps all the communities of Kachemak Bay in the same district

- Seldovia and Halibut Cove have strong socio-economic ties to Homer with water taxi services allowing for daily commutes between these communities
- Both board options put Seldovia and Halibut Cove in a different district from Homer
- AFFER slices and dices Seldovia by putting the portions of Seldovia outside of the city limits in a different district

AFFR is the only map that keeps the whole Gulf Coast region in a single Senate district

- Both board options put Whittier in an Anchorage district, separating it from other Gulf Coast communities
- AFFR is the only map that puts the entire Alaska Peninsula in the same district
- By pairing the greater Gulf Coast district with a Homer/Seward district, **AFFR forms a united Gulf Coast Senate district**

Both board options place Nikiski and Seward in the same district even though these communities have no socio-economic or transportation links

- Nikiski's economy is focused on the oil and gas industry which does not exist in Seward
- Seward's economy is focused on tourism and fishing, industries which do not significantly exist in Nikiski
- Travelling from Nikiski to Seward would require either flying through Anchorage or driving through two other districts under both board options

Board options 3 and 4 unnecessarily place Fritz Creek, Voznecenka, Razdolna, and Kachemak Selo in a different district from Homer

- Fritz Creek is a bedroom community for Homer which has no transportation links or socio-economic integration with Kodiak and Cordova (**we live between the City of Homer and Fritz Creek and see them as parts of one district with us - redistricting should not JUST be about numbers, but make sense in terms of geography and common interests. PLEASE DO NOT PUT FRITZ CREEK IN KODIAK ISLAND'S DISTRICT!!**)
- Both board options separate the Old Believer villages of Nikolaevsk from the other three Old Believer villages, these villages represent a unique socio-economic region and belong in the same district
- The stated justification for including these communities with Kodiak is that historical ties exist from the Russian colonial period. This is not accurate, the Old Believers are not in any way connected to the original Russian colonists and did not arrive in Alaska until 1968. Fritz Creek is not a Russian community and has no ties to the colonial period.

Board option 3 needlessly breaks the Kodiak Island Borough

- This option puts the portion of the borough on the Alaska Peninsula in a district with Dillingham and the Aleutians

AFFER's map is even worse than the board options

- AFFER places Nikiski in a district with South Anchorage. The state justification is that there is a shared tie because of the oil industry, although there are no oil industry facilities within the South Anchorage portion of the district
- AFFER places Valdez in a district with Kodiak and Cordova in a Richardson Highway district, creating an absurd situation where Valdez is in an off-road system district while Cordova is in a road system district

Thank you for taking citizen testimony. Please support the AFFR's proposal for the Kenai Peninsula redistricting lines. Feel free to call or email us if we can be of any further assistance. Stay healthy and we appreciate your service.

Sincere Alaskan Citizens,
Donna Rae Faulkner and Don McNamara

Donna Rae Faulkner and Don "Iceman" McNamara
Oceanside Farms

[REDACTED]
Homer, AK 99603
[REDACTED]

From: Lea Filippi [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 2:24 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Comments regarding proposed maps

The AFFR map's districts for Southeast Alaska are not appropriately compact and do not reflect the relative strength of connections between communities in that region. Prince of Wales Island should not be split into three different districts. It does not make sense to link Craig and Klawock with communities as far away as Gustavus and Hoonah rather than with Thorne Bay and Ketchikan. More appropriate compactness and integration could be easily achieved by ending proposed District 1 south of Wrangell Island so that it could instead extend to capture territory to the west of Ketchikan, like Hydaburg.

The AFFR map appropriately keeps Seldovia with Homer. But AFFR map's handling of the Cook Inlet and the Gulf of Alaska is not appropriate. It would be more compact to connect Tyonek, a Denaina community whose students are served by Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, with the body of the Kenai Peninsula rather than dragging District 5 all the way up Cook Inlet to force Tyonek into a sprawling District that extends from Perryville past Cordova.

The treatment of Cook Inlet and the Kenai Peninsula in the AFFER map is even more flawed. That map not only inappropriately ties Tyonek to Kodiak and Prince William Sound but also inappropriately splits Seldovia (which is connected by ferry only to Homer) from Homer and the rest of Kachemak Bay. District 32 as proposed by AFFER is neither compact nor designed to connect communities based on socioeconomic integration. The AFFER map is also flawed in its construction of District 5. If any of the Prince William Sound Communities were going to be tied to communities in the eastern Interior like Tok and Delta Junction, it should at least be Valdez (which is connected to the road system) not Cordova (which is accessible by ferry from communities which the AFFER map splits away from Cordova). It would be more sensible to connect Cordova and Chenega both to District 36 and not tie Cordova to the interior communities on the road system.

For Anchorage, the Board's Proposed Plan 4 is a significant improvement over plans 1 and 2 and is also more appropriately compact than the configuration of Anchorage districts in Board Plan 3.

Lea Filippi
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99517

From: Ellen Fischer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:34 PM
To: Testimony

Please keep Sand Lake as one contiguous district. Sand Lake is a distinct community, and the boundaries are quite clear. The AFFR map best reflects this. By including the Airport and Kincaid Park, and using Campbell Lake as the southern border, I believe this best capture the socioeconomic and cultural markers in Sand Lake. I encourage the other versions to model their lines for Sand Lake off the AFFR map, and I especially encourage the Board to include Raspberry Rd. in whatever final map for Sand Lake they select. Thank you.

10-14-2021

Dear Committee Members,

After reading the newspaper article about how you want to reform the district where I live, #31, I must protest.

I have worked as an election board member for years in this district, and know that it would be a disservice to the people living in the area you want to carve out of Fritz Creek. To make them roadless is not right as they now are on the road system & come in to vote. Just move the line to the other side of Fritz Creek.

These people do their shopping & schooling & jobs in our district as it is bordered now.

Please leave it alone!

Sincerely,
Shirley Forquer

[Redacted Address]

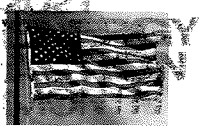
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PO Box 240147

From: R. A. Foster <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 2:01 PM
To: Testimony <testimony@akredistrict.org>
Subject: Redistrict NOT v.3 Keep Homer together.

Redistricting East End Homer villeges should remain with Homer. Kodiak deserves its own district. Homer, East Homer (Voznesenka, Razdolna, Kachemak Selo, Fritz Creek, McNeil), Seldovia, Port Graham, Nanwalek all belong together. We are united by road, same electricity, radio (KBBI). We are a community. Not part of Kodiak.

I taught school in Voznesenka and Kachemak Selo for 15 years, my carpool colleague at the school lives in Fritz Creek. Our schools interacted with the school at McNeil. We all live within the greater Homer region. We belong in the same district. Kodiak is unique and belongs with villages on neighboring islands. If Homer is too big, cut-out Anchor Point or North Fork and Nikolivisk.

Keep Homer, Fritz Creek, Voznesenka, Kachemak Selo and Razdolna together.

Frederick Foster
[REDACTED]
Homer, AK 99603

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY

Homer 10/13 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: October 27, 2021

Name: **Charlie Franz**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Vice Chair of District 31 Republican Party**

Public Comment: Mr. Franz noted that District 31 has grown over the last decade resulting in its boundaries likely needing to change to meet population requirements. District 31 encompasses contiguous communities of the Lower Kenai Peninsula and much of Kachemak Bay for many years. There are geographic, socio-economic, and cultural ties between the communities that make up their district.

Mr. Franz spoke in favor of Board Map v.4, but more work must be done. Several third-party maps have been reviewed and Board Map v.4 is a better starting place than any of the proposed maps. The most objectional change in Board Map v.4 is the carveout along the northern shore of Kachemak Bay of the communities of Fritz Creek and several Old Believers communities all of whom share natural physical boundaries, transportation routes, business activities, and medical and community services. The map violates all 3 principles that should guide the redistricting work (contiguity, compact, socio-economic integration). These communities do not understand why they are being reassigned to another community that is 140 miles away, in Kodiak.

Mr. Franz asked the board to consider including the entire north shore Kachemak Bay in the final District 31 map. If additional adjustments must be made to meet the population targets, Mr. Franz asked the board to consider making the adjustments to the northern boundaries of District 31.

The people who live east of Homer are friends, business partners, and members of the community who deserve to stay in District 31.

From: Dawn Frazier <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 3:45 PM
To: Testimony
Cc: Donald
Subject: Public Testimony redistricting

Hello!

My name I Dawn Frazier and I live in District 9. Thank you for coming to Delta Junction. Sadly the timing was hard for those of us with jobs, but I was able to take personal leave to come and see you. I did leave a testimony comment at the time but I want to again comment and elaborate after having spent time studying the proposed maps.

After careful reviewing I believe all of the maps to be significantly flawed especially in light of your Constitutional directive as a committee. But I will comment on my "favorite" of the lot in case you have no inclination to redraw maps at this juncture.

I feel that version 4 and the AFFR versions are the best of the options. They both are better for integrating socioeconomic

Areas in that they include Eielson AFB and the local community there and Delta Junction/Big Delta community. There is a large connection between these two military communities specifically. Our area is intimately affected by the F35's at Eielson with Allen Army Airfield, the Donnolly Training Area, Black Rapids Training Facility and our in-ground missiles also connecting us. We are all Richardson Highway communities that are affected by military convoys and highway issues and a huge amount of other similar issues we share. Though this version does include those similar areas if does also include many, many areas who are drastically dis-similar. Another weakness in these map versions is that it is not the least bit "compact." It is, in fact, a huge ungainly size district and there are no similarities whatsoever between most of the residents in the huge Yukon, Koyukuk communities and the highway communities that would be represented.

Another factor not addressed in this map are the make up of the communities. Delta Junction and Big Delta have a significant Ukranian/European population which none of the Koyukuk/Yukon community probably even understand. We also have a very large latino population in our community. Did you know that the "Big Voice" public address system at Ft Greely broadcasts in both English and Spanish everyday? The Missile Defense facility has graced our communities with a very wonderful and large population from Puerto Rico. Our school district is largely made up of Ukrainian and Latino children. A representative would have great difficulty understanding and representing all the communities of that huge village area and simultaneously representing a highway district with military, road access, and a very little native concerns specifically.

I strongly feel that those communities deserve LOCAL representation that truly reflects and understands their respective community issues. I believe this map version only accommodates one of your constitutional mandates, "contiguous." It fails in the other two requirements.

I encourage you to reconsider the maps and possible redraw some lines. It would seem that a map tying the communities on the northern side of the Alaska range, including the military communities of Clear and Anderson better meets your mandates of "socioeconomic integration and compactness.

Also, a group of us in the Delta/Big Delta area are looking into changing the current census. We strongly believe that we are underreported in this area. We know that we have a large population of people who are untrusting of government information gatherers, and we have a vast area of new development that is not shown on Google Maps or any other internet based mapping system. Our local relator has confirmed to me that based on her extensive knowledge of the people in the area, our reported numbers are way off. Our school district also confirms that we have nearly 1000 chidden registered through the district and that does not count the many, many children who are homeschooling here either independently or thru one f the three homeschooling programs running in this community. The school district states this year's enrollment is a 10 year high for enrollment this year.

So I ask you primarily to consider a **REDRAWING of your maps to include highway and military communities together** as they are most alike in their needs and concerns. If that is not possible then **I ADVOCATE FOR MAP VERSION #4.**
Thank you for your time and your work.
This concludes my testimony.

Dawn Frazier [REDACTED] Delta Junction, AK 99737

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: October 30, 2021, 4:02 pm

Name: **Amy Galloway**
Your ZIP Code: **99708**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Fairbanks Overpopulation of districts**

Public Comment: **My name is Amy Galloway, and I am a resident of the Fairbanks Northstar Borough and a teacher at West Valley High School in Fairbanks. I do not support map V3 or any of the maps that dilute Fairbank's voting power by packing too many people into one district which would systematically under-represent Fairbank's voice in state government. As Justice Earl Warren noted in Reynolds v. Sims, the right to direct representation is "a bedrock of our political system". I support the AFFR map or the V4 map that has adequate representation for Fairbanks and also respects existing communities.**

Additionally, communities with similar socio-economic characteristics, schools, and utility usage should continue to be grouped together. Any map that is adopted must respect existing communities. For example, the communities of Ester, Chena Ridge, and Goldstream are highly socio-economically integrated through the University of Alaska Fairbanks. These communities should be grouped together, as should North Pole, Eielson, and Wainwright communities. I currently live on Chena Ridge and work at West Valley High School. A strong majority of our students live in districts 4 and 5. Under map V.3 Salcha, Moose Creek and Eielson would also be in the district with Chena Ridge and West Valley. This is not compact and does not keep together communities of similar needs and interests. West Valley students and families and Salcha students and families have v ery different experiences and needs. They should have the opportunity to have a representative that can address their unique needs, not one that will have to be unnecessarily split between competing interests. This is simply untenable. Additionally, the communities that are the most socially and economically tied with UAF are Chena Pump/Ridge and Ester. The AFFR map is the only map that keeps the three of them together and keeps Ester with Woodriver Elementary which serves the Ester region. Finally, Chena Pump/Ridge is the community where many UAF Staff and Faculty live. It's known as a community that feeds right into UAF and shouldn't be separated from it.

Every Alaskan's voice and vote must be protected and placed above partisanship. Therefore, I do not support Map V3 or any map that overpopulates Fairbanks districts. Please consider the AFFR or V4 maps to ensure one person, one vote for all Fairbanksans.

Thank you for your service to Alaska. Drawing districts is profoundly important work, and I appreciate the Board's time, energy, and expertise.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 8:51 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: [Action Item] Redistricting Board Comments

Members of the Redistricting Board,

As a resident of Sand Lake, I believe the AFFR map draws the most representative district for my neighborhood. AFFR keeps Sand Lake, Jewell Lake, DeLong Lake, and the North subdivisions of Campbell Lake together. The AFFR map also includes Kincaid Park which is a defining feature of our community. Furthermore, key community institutions, such as Kincaid, Chinook, and Sand Lake Elementary, Dimond High School, and of course, Taste Freeze, are all kept in the same district.

Board Map Version 3 is the map I oppose most strongly, as it puts Kincaid Park and parts of Sand Lake with parts of Turnagain and Taku/Cambell.

Richard Geiger
House District 22

From: Sharon Geoge <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 11:46 AM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 26, 2021, 11:46 am

First Name: **Sharon**

Last Name: **Geoge**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99708**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **No on Board Version 3**

Public Comment: **Dear members of the Alaska Redistricting Board,**

I appreciate the commitment and effort it has taken the Board and the 3rd-party publishers to create the proposed redistricting maps. I have a 50-year career in mapping and GIS so have a broad understanding of the science, data systems, technology, and methodologies available to create and test mapping. It is never an easy job and you don't just press a button.

I live in the Goldstream Valley area of Fairbanks and have for the past 35+ years. I have worked in both the public and the private sectors. I have attended most of the Redistricting Board public meetings held via the Internet and the in-person meeting in Fairbanks at the Carlson Center. I also participated in the detailed presentations made by the 3rd-party publishers organized by the League of Women Voters of Tanana Valley.

In this letter, I am only addressing the Board's Version 3 map which I feel fails the test of one-person, one-vote in our region. It clearly underrepresents the entire Fairbanks North Star Borough area by over-populating all of the proposed districts. Although the Borough boundary may be used in the creation of maps, adhering to that boundary is not required and obviously leads to the dilution of voting representation in our area. In many ways, borough boundaries are arbitrary and not drawn initially with any consideration as to their use in subsequent redistricting and reapportionment so that boundary should not supersede the key goal of equal voter representation.

From: Peter Goldberg [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 3:22 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Testimony concerning Eagle River, Muldoon and South Anchorage District Lines

Please accept my commentary as you develop the next district map for Alaska.

I support combining Eagle River's Hiland Precinct and most of Chugach Park #2 Precinct with Muldoon in the creation of a new District Map for 2021.

It strikes me as absurd that part of Eagle River be combined with South Anchorage in the 2021 District Map. Not only are these areas not adjacent, but they are separated by several ridges in the Chugach Mountains as well as Turnagain Arm. There is nothing about this that uses natural geographical lines to suggest these areas should be combined.

Peter S. Goldberg
Colonel, US Army Retired
[REDACTED]

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY

Fairbanks 10/18 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: October 25, 2021

Name: Michelle Goodwin

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Ms. Goodwin lives in the westside of Fairbanks and originally lived in Eielson Air Force Base. Being of mixed race, she doesn't believe she fits in anywhere and has an appreciation for all sides. She has a degree in Sociology Research Methods and worked in workforce planning management. One of the things they aimed for was fairness and efficiency and one day her manager asked her "What is the shift that we need to hire for to meet the customer need?" She answered, "Do you want the actual need or do you want to know what people would work?" The manager answered that they wanted to know the need. Ms. Goodwin answered, "We need people to work Monday, Thursday, and Friday from 9 to 12, go home, and come back from 3 to 6." The reality is, when we talk about the people which is what it comes down to, we start with the high level (the census blocks) while working within the parameters given to us while taking into account the human component. This is not just about numbers. Ms. Goodwin noted that in her experience, because she worked with humans and accommodating them for what they are, efficiency was not as perfect.

Ms. Goodwin spoke in favor of the Doyon Coalition map as it puts communities together for representation. If the core map can be modified in Cantwell, Eielson Air Force Base, and Salcha, to put them back into the districts they need to be a part of, contiguousness would be achieved, and the human factor would be recognized in the voting process. It is important to remember that people are involved and are not just numbers.

Ms. Goodwin would like to see a combination of Board Map v.4 and the Doyon Coalition map as they address the communities and neighborhoods in the more urbanized areas and also recognizes the lands of the people of Alaska, the people who were here, and with whose blessing we are allowed to stay.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD PUBLIC TESTIMONY FORM

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

Name: Michelle Goodwin

Affiliation (if any): self

Email or Phone: [REDACTED] Zip Code: 99709

Area/Map Title/Keywords: Dayon Coalition Proposed Alaska

Public Comment: I feel the Dayon proposal best groups
Alaskans by their cultural lifestyle (sociologically).
As a sociologist I feel it's important to have a
representative the vast majority of the district can
identify with. Interior Alaskans should not be
districted with Alaskans on the coast. These lifestyles
are too disparate. Fairbanks, North Pole, Eielson are all
military dominant areas and it's reasonable to group
them. Ester, Chena Ridge, West Fairbanks are dominated
by the university and should be grouped. But what I
like most about Dayon's proposal is that it keeps
villages together in one district that are villages of
like heritage. I feel this is the best way to assure
all of Alaska's voices are heard.

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From: Kathleen Graber <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 2:07 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 30, 2021, 2:06 pm

First Name: **Kathleen**

Last Name: **Graber**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99645**

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

Public Comment: **As a 50+ year Alaskan resident who has lived in a lot of Alaska districts and who now lives in 11F, my main concern is for the drawing of new districts to actually make sense. To draw boundries that put the Greater Palmer area with the Chugiak area which is part of the Municipality's Anchorage takes away our voice here in rural agricultural Palmer. We don't share the same day to day lifestyles just as those folks in District 9 which stretches from North Pole to Whittier with jigs and jags to Glennallen, Chickaloon and Valdez. This mismatch of communities with different lifestyles and needs has got to end. Any politician elected from such a mismatch leaves many in their district unrepresented.**

From: Rozlyn Grady [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 11:58 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Redistricting

Hello My name is Roz'lyn Grady-Wyche and I think that Board Map Version 3 draws districts for my neighborhood that I believe are unrepresentative of my community. Board Map Version 3 draws Mountain View in with Downtown and JBER and to be honest I am worried that the interests of Downtown business owners and Military members on base would drown out the interests of what Mountain View residents need and our expectations to be considered. I like Board Map Version 4 because it draws a good district for Mountain View but I actually prefer the AFFR map because I think it makes the most sense to pair with Fairview for a Senate district.

In reality Mountain View is one of Anchorage's most diverse neighborhoods and many residents are working-class Alaskans with growing families that are most likely going to stay and grow their families right here in our beautiful neighborhood. I would like a district that keeps Mountain View as contiguous as possible and gives our community a strong voice in Juneau.

Sincerely,

Roz'lyn Grady-Wyche
Resident of Mountain View Neighborhood and Born and Raised Anchorage, Alaskan

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: October 29, 2021, 12:51 pm

Name: **Serena Green**

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Support of the AFFR Map**

Public Comment: **I have been a resident of Anchorage for over 35 years and have lived in the 99501 zip code since 2014. The AFFR map is the best map for the next decade. The AFFR map best represents Anchorage's growing diversity. By the end of the decade, it is possible that the Anchorage population will reach 50% minority residents. The AFFR map does the best job of giving Anchorage's most diverse neighborhoods, namely Mountain View, Fairview, and East Anchorage fair representation. In such a diverse city, it makes sense to have multiple majority-minority districts, which I believe the AFFR map does best.**

From: Erik Gunderson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 6:46 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Redistricting Testimony - Erik Gunderson

To: Alaska Redistricting Board Members Bahnke, Borromeo, Binkley, Marcum, and Simpson

To start, I would like to thank you all for your work on this critical constitutional duty to redraw legislative districts for the next decade. The importance of the annual redistricting process cannot be overstated and I am grateful to you all for your service to our state and your willingness to listen to Alaskans on how this process would impact us. Like all Alaskans, my hope is for a fair map that reflects the unique and diverse communities across Alaska and free of partisan influence.

I celebrated my first birthday in Eagle River and have called this community home for the vast majority of my life. I completed my K-12 education in local Eagle River schools and grew up in this community. Earlier this year, I moved to East Anchorage. My testimony will focus on redistricting for the Eagle River - Chugiak community since this is the area that I still like home, where my Alaska family lives, and where I am most personally invested.

I believe that the best map for this area would result in two house districts and one senate district that includes Eagle River and Chugiak to Eklutna. I believe that if an additional population is required beyond these communities, JBER would be most appropriate. Many students from base already attend Eagle River schools (such as Eagle River High School) and Eagle River includes one of the highest active and retired military populations in the state. These two communities share many other similarities and would hold similar interests and priorities.

On the maps currently adopted, I found the AFFER map most concerning as it aims to redistrict Eagle River with a large portion of East Anchorage. These are two distinct communities and based on other proposals, seem entirely unnecessary and likely unconstitutional.

One final note, I believe it would be highly beneficial in ensuring legislative districts reflect the communities they represent by taking community council boundaries into account.

Respectfully,
Erik Gunderson [REDACTED] Please do not hesitate to contact me with any additional questions.

From: Richard Gustafson [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 3:31 PM
To: Testimony

Dear Redistricting Board,

As a resident of Homer and Kachemak Bay the only map that does not cut our community into is the map proposed by Alaskans for Fair Redistricting (AFFR). This keeps all communities of Homer, Russian Villages out East End Road and Seldovia, and Seward in the same district. We all survive economically on fishing and the Tourist Industry. Please adopt the map that AFFR has proposed.

Thank You

Richard Gustafson
[REDACTED]
Homer, Alaska 99603

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD PUBLIC TESTIMONY FORM

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Name: DAVID GUTTENBERG

Affiliation (if any): SELF

Email or Phone: [REDACTED] Zip Code: _____

Area/Map Title/Keywords: _____

Public Comment: PLEASE TRANSCRIBE MY
ORAL TESTIMONY & PUT IT INTO
THE WRITTEN RECORD

David Guttenberg

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ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY

Fairbanks 10/18 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: October 25, 2021

Name: David Guttenberg

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

For 16 years, I have represented 3 different districts in the legislature. The first district, for 10 years, went from west Fairbanks, Goldstream, all the way down to Cantwell, so it included the entire Denali borough. The next redistricting, District 38 was thrown out by the courts. Like it was described earlier, I came out of West Fairbanks, most of the Yukon down to the coast; from Kotlik down to Hooper Bay - the courts threw that out - that was a challenge to represent that district. To fly to Anchorage, to fly to Bethel, and then to try and visit all those communities that included McGrath as well.

All the borough is on Doyon/TCC land. I represented Cantwell which was part of Ahtna. I spent so much time down there that they said I could just hang out at Fred Meyers West and meet them when they come to town, but it was great representing the diverse part of that population.

I think we need to go back to part of the original Alaska Constitution mandates and that is "one person, one vote" - I think that is significant part of all of this. I think that the dilution of giving Fairbanks only 5 districts is de minimis and I think it doesn't work.

I know your challenge, I'm not going to micromanage any single district, but Ms. Demmert did a very good job in illustrating Board Map v.3 and a couple of the others which has West Fairbanks with East Fairbanks and she did good in describing a district where it wasn't far enough to drive across to without getting gas or going to the bathroom. But there are also socio-economic examples to take: there's different high schools in entirely different areas that people shop from, get their mail from and they don't overlap and there's one school in between them. Her example about how much people care about the University bridge in Salcha was a good example, so dividing Fairbanks that way doesn't make any sense to me.

There was a time when Fairbanks elected its legislators by at-large. I sit on the borough assembly and I will represent the entire borough even though we had different seats. The top 5 or 6 go-getters went to the legislators regardless of party. We'd break the borough boundaries often. You can shred a community outside of the borough by having larger representation inside of the borough. The Supreme Court does not like that because it would diminish representation in various parts of the borough, but in this case it would strengthen and diversify. Clearly, if you look back and saw who was elected in Fairbanks in those districts, it was a diverse group of people and part of that was because everybody had to represent everybody where various political parties were representatives. That diversifies representation and would strengthen a coalition where every legislator represented the same group of people in Fairbanks.

I would talk about that and make sure that the east-west divide does represent a socio-economic impact. The socio-economic integration and differences between east and west sides of Fairbanks is significant and whenever you go out to a community meeting, you can see that. The high schools, where people shop, where they integrate, where they socialize is pretty divided. I urge you to consider those things when going back to "one person, one vote" and expanding the base in Fairbanks instead of talking about shrinking it.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY

Homer 10/13 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: October 27, 2021

Name: **George Hall**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **District 31 Chairman, Alaska Republican Party**

Mr. Hall stated that District 31 has unique line drawing challenges as a result of being a place to recreate and an industrial center. There has been growth over the last decade, resulting in changes to the district. District 31 has been contiguous for several years, surrounding much of Kachemak Bay and Lower Kenai Peninsula. The most recent census data shows a district population of 18,718 which is almost a 10% increase since the 2010 census, and means that District 31 will reduce its size to conform to the statewide standard.

Mr. Hall spoke in favor of Board Map v.4 of all board maps and third-party proposed maps, but Mr. Hall also noted that more work needs to be done as this version could be easily challenged. The big change that stands out in this version is the carveout along the northern shore of Kachemak Bay of the communities of Fritz Creek and several Old Believers communities, all of whom share services and utilities with Homer. These communities' residents have asked Mr. Hall to inquire on why the board has carved out these communities and assigned them to a district that is 140 miles away, in Kodiak. They asked what possible socio-economic connections are present between them and Kodiak. The residents see that there are no connections.

Mr. Hall asked the board to consider including the entire north shore of Kachemak Bay in the final District 31 map.

From: Lynn Hallford <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 8:27 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 30, 2021, 8:26 pm

First Name: **Lynn**

Last Name: **Hallford**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99645**

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

Public Comment: **The MatSu borough is the fastest growing area of Alaska. We need to have 3 senators and 6 representatives to effectively provide representation for our borough. Using the borough boundary may not get exactly to the population counts that you are striving for, but is within the 5% over/under range allowed. Because this area will continue to grow, if you do not allow this borough to be represented by 3 senators and 6 representatives, the borough will be vastly underrepresented by the next census. Other reasons to keep the new districts within the borough - you are adhering to governmental jurisdiction (the borough boundary) and you are grouping population by similar socioeconomics. If you have to go outside the MatSu borough boundary, please consider heading toward Denail, as that is the trajectory of our growth. Thanks for all your efforts on this!**

From: Robert Hallford <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 8:30 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 30, 2021, 8:30 pm

First Name: **Robert**

Last Name: **Hallford**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **none**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99645**

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

Public Comment: **The MatSu borough is the fastest growing area of Alaska. We need to have 3 senators and 6 representatives to effectively provide representation for our borough. Using the borough boundary may not get exactly to the population counts that you are striving for, but is within the 5% over/under range allowed. Because this area will continue to grow, if you do not allow this borough to be represented by 3 senators and 6 representatives, the borough will be vastly underrepresented well before the next redistricting. Other reasons to keep the new districts within the borough - you are adhering to governmental jurisdiction (the borough boundary) and you are grouping population by similar socioeconomics. If you have to go outside the MatSu borough boundary, please consider heading toward Denail, as that is the trajectory of our growth. Thanks for all your efforts on this!**

From: Adam Hays [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 3:17 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Public Testimony re: Redistricting Board Maps

My name is Adam Hays and I am a lifelong Alaskan. I own property in Homer, specifically the Rodgers Loop area, where I am building a home. I have been following discussions on the boards' maps as well as the third party maps and wanted to voice my support for the map submitted by the Alaskans for Fair Redistricting and my opposition to both of the boards' maps. The treatment of Homer is what I am focused on specifically.

Board versions 3 and 4 both remove Fritz Creek from Homer which makes no sense since it is truly a community of Homer. Those maps also remove the Old Believer villages from Homer, which again doesn't make sense. Homer and these other communities are linked by transportation and by our shared economy. These communities make Homer what it is.

The map that keeps Homer with its important communities and neighboring cities, including Halibut Cove and Seldovia, is the AFFR map. Please consider adopting this map, or at least create a new map that keeps the socio-economically tied communities in and around Homer together.

Thank you,

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-Adam Hays
[REDACTED]

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: October 25, 2021

Name: **Susan Henrichs**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99708**

Date: October 25, 2021, 3:38 pm

Issue of Concern: **Senate Minority**

Public Comment: **I think that the proposed District boundaries for the Fairbanks North Star Borough are the best of the maps provided. North Pole, Moose Creek, Eielson, and Salcha are in a single proposed District 5-C, as I think they should be, and the other Fairbanks Districts are reasonably compact.**

October 25, 2021, 3:14 pm

Issue of Concern: **Doyon Coalition**

Public Comment: **I think this is the best single map proposed. It doesn't have as many of the larger and systematic District population deviations present in most other maps. In my opinion it takes better account of economic and cultural differences between Interior and Western Alaska coastal communities than some other maps. All maps, including this one, bring together road system communities in eastern Interior Alaska with communities along the Yukon and its tributaries in a vast proposed District 36. These communities have substantial differences, but this grouping might be unavoidable due to the sparse population.**

Date: October 25, 2021, 3:01 pm

Issue of Concern: **Map v. 3**

Public Comment: **This proposed redistricting would lead to systematic underrepresentation of the Fairbanks North Star Borough. Proposed Districts 31 through 35 all have more than 4% greater than the target population and are the only Districts in the state with this large a positive deviation. I also think that joining the Eielson-Moose Creek-Salcha area to the Chena-Chena Ridge area in a Proposed District 35 is not appropriate. Eielson-Moose Creek-Salcha have much more in common with the North Pole area. It seems to me that adjusting the other Fairbanks District boundaries slightly eastward could allow contiguous Districts without the need for an unpopulated "bridge" across the Flats. The Doyon proposed map has one proposed approach that I think is an improvement, although Salcha remains outside the North Pole grouping.**

From: David Hernandez [REDACTED] >
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 7:25 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Redistricting map

I would like to express my support for combining Eagle River's Hiland Precinct and most of Chugach Park #2 Precinct with Muldoon in the 2021 Redistricting Map. I feel this is the best representation apportionment that has been conceived and presented so far.

Thank you.

Dave Hernandez
Muldoon/Tudor Curve resident.

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

From: Leo Hicker [REDACTED] >
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 11:25 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: testimony concerning redistricting.

Hwllloq,
My name is Leo Hicker and I live on Goldfinch road in Fairbanks just north of the UAF campus.

I've looked over the proposed redistricting maps and had a few thoughts.

My first point is that Map V.3 puts too many people in each Fairbanks area district. This needlessly underrepresents Fairbanks citizens. Since the board has not followed borough boundaries elsewhere in the state I see no need to do so here and would like to see fair and equal representation here in fairbanks.

My second point is that in my observations through living here and interacting with the community the Fairbanks North Star Borough's social groups tend to be oriented east to west along the Chena River and I feel the maps should represent these communities in that way.

As a University student and living on Goldfinch road just North of campus I feel connected to the communities of the University campus as well as those of Chena Ridge, Chena pump, Goldstream, and Ester as well. I would like to be represented together with those communities as I feel we have similar interests. The AFFR plan and the Board Map V.4 both reflect that east/west divide, but Board Map V.3 uses north/south lines and breaks up some of these communities of interest. The AFFR map is the only one that would connect me with the communities previously listed as having similar interests as mine.

Similarly, I feel that it makes sense to keep North Pole separate from downtown Fairbanks, as North Pole has a VERY distinct culture from really all of Fairbanks, and it would not be fair to either community to put them in the same district.

Thank you for your time in hearing my testimony as well as making this opportunity available to me, I look forward to seeing the final maps!

Leo Hicker

From: Matthew Hickey <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 5:48 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: October 30, 2021, 5:47 pm

First Name: **Matthew**

Last Name: **Hickey**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **local business man**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

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

Public Comment: **I support combining Eagle River's Hiland Precinct and most of Chugach Park #2 Precinct with Muldoon in the 2021 Redistricting Map.**

This Anchorage Muni district is a much more compact than combining this part of Eagle River with South Anchorage in the 2001 District 32 Map.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: October 26, 2021, 12:52 am

Name: **Patti Higgins** Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED] Your ZIP Code: **99507**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Urge the Board to keep the Abbott Loop community intact**

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

I am commenting on the proposed 2021 maps and how each would affect the current Anchorage H25 Abbott Loop District. First a description of Abbott Loop writ large.

Abbott Loop is a community bounded by the Chugach mountains and major thoroughfares: Seward Hwy, Dowling, Abbott Rd, and the Chugach mountains. Once you cross Abbott Rd to the south the neighborhoods are almost all on well and septic, large lots, no commercial or industrial properties, often served by Limited Road Service Areas, and share a disinclination to streetlights. Crossing the Seward Highway is a totally different world with little in common with Abbott Loop. Crossing Dowling Rd brings a mixture of neighborhoods that do not interact with Abbott Loop and a different school district. To the east and to the south are huge swaths of forests, Far North Bicentennial Park and Ruth Arcand Park. The neighbors in Abbott Loop value their proximity to trails and nature. They worked hard to create Whisper Faith Kovach playground, with the small and large dog park. Except for a few streets on the north edge, all the schools are in or very close to D25. There is one community council for the entire district (the Community Council also includes Independence Park.) We have all worked together for a long time.

I am listing the proposed maps in descending order of maintaining a cohesive district with similar wants and needs:

- 1) Board Proposed Plan v.4 is perfect. It maintains our current boundaries and gives us Far North Bicentennial Park.**
- 2) Board Proposed Plan v.3 puts three different areas together. Independence Park is a huge, planned community with a mixture of SFR, condos, zero-lot lines, apartments and commercial. The northern half is Abbott Loop as described above. The Southern half is Lower Hillside with somewhat different characteristics, but the main issue would be the huge separation caused by the Ruth Arcand Park. The neighborhoods are not connected.**
- 3) AFFR Plan on the northeast end cuts a few blocks off the rest of its neighborhood. Then there is a tiny strip of homes to the west that are thrown into D15 along with three of our optional schools, Polaris, Rilke Schule, and Northern Lights ABC. On the south end the new D14 has the bulk of our existing district but they added some stores and a single half street of condos that belong in Independence Park.**
- 4) Senate Minority Plan divides our neighborhood into two pieces D20 on the north and 26 on the south. 26 is bounded by Lore Rd on the north and O'Malley to the south. It crosses the Seward Hwy and picks up neighborhoods with very different needs. The district is not walkable and has nothing in common with the other side of the highway. It would include Independence Park which is walkable. Taking a random slice of the mid-hillside makes no**

sense. The few people populating that area would make no difference in the numbers but the disruption to their community and representation would be harmful - they would be a forgotten area.

- 5) Doyon Coalition Plan splits our neighborhood into three pieces. A tiny sliver on the southeast would join the lower hillside plus five random subdivisions currently in Abbott Loop that are not at all like the lower hillside. The core of Abbott Loop would dip into the hillside and again pick up Independence Park - not like the rest of the area but at least close and walkable. The northern part of the district would extend all the way to Tudor Rd and again put totally different school districts into one legislative district.
- 6) AFFER does the most damage to Abbott Loop. The northern part of the district would extend to Northern Lights, taking in the Universities, hospitals, Collegate, and splitting the Campbell Airstrip neighborhoods in half. The southern half of Abbott Loop would zig zag from Dowling Rd to Lore, pick up Stuckagain Heights - which should really be in with the hillside even though the entrance to that subdivision is off of Tudor, and then picks up a huge subdivision including ValiView. This random bisecting of neighborhoods is not necessary.

In conclusion, I urge you to favor the Board's version #4. If other tweaks are made, please consider keeping Abbott Loop intact. Our natural and man-made boundaries have created a great place to live, work, and play.

Respectfully,
Patti Higgins, resident of Abbott Loop

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY

Dillingham 10/21 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: October 25, 2021

Name: **Chris** Last Name: **Hladich**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **City of Dillingham**

Email or Phone Contact: 

Public Comment: **Mr. Hladich stated that the economy of their district is related to fishing and coastal living. Much of the map options keeps their district intact with some nuances concerning Goodnews and Platinum; these residents should weigh in on where they'd like to be. It is important to take a fairness approach to the state and ensure that there is a balance of power in the end as there have been difficulties with the legislature working together.**

From: Janverneâ€™ Hnilicka <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 10:07 AM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 30, 2021, 10:06 am

First Name: **Janverneâ€™**

Last Name: **Hnilicka**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99709**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting Map 3 -NO!**

Public Comment: **I oppose Map 3 as it clearly does not give FAIR REPRESENTATION to Fairbanks!**

From: Katherine Hocker <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 10:46 AM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 30, 2021, 10:46 am

First Name: **Katherine**

Last Name: **Hocker**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99826**

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

Public Comment: **I am in favor of the Senate Minority's proposed redistricting map, placing Gustavus in the Southeast Coastal district. If the Board chooses to keep Gustavus with Juneau, I am in favor of the Doyon map boundaries for our district.**

From: Mark Hopkin <markhopkin@gci.net>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 1:08 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Eagle River district

Dear Board:

As an Eagle River resident, I would like to voice my support for combining Eagle River's Hiland Precinct and most of Chugach Park #2 Precinct with Muldoon in the 2021 Redistricting Map.

This Anchorage Muni district is much more logical than combining this part of Eagle River with South Anchorage in the 2001 District 32 Map. Eagle River does not have anything in common with South Anchorage, either geographically or ideologically.

Thanks,

Mark Hopkin, 

From: Anne Houseal <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 5:36 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Redistricting: South Knik River community

As a long time resident of the South Knik River Community, my family desires to stay connected to our neighbors in the Butte community. We have strong socio-economic ties; for example, we share the same FSA.

Under NO circumstances do we want to be included to be included in a district within the Municipality of Anchorage. Our family desires to be paired with fellow Mat-Su residents as stated above, which would allow us to remain within the confines of local government boundaries. Regarding other proposals, being grouped with Palmer or the Sutton community is acceptable.

In short, we no longer want to be paired with Anchorage and identify as an exclusively May Su community.

Respectfully,
Anne Houseal

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: Wayne Howell <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 1:02 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 30, 2021, 1:01 pm

First Name: **Wayne**

Last Name: **Howell**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99826**

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

Public Comment: **In reviewing the six redistricting maps I will focus on how my community of Gustavus fits into the proposed districts, the justifications for it, and how the proposed districts will provide representative government to communities throughout Southeast Alaska. Of note, I see that Gustavus is located with Juneau-dominated districts on four of the maps, while it is placed in the sprawling coastal district in the other two. There are justifications for both scenarios.**

As established by the 2013 Proclamation Map, Gustavus was placed in HD33, which includes the communities in norther Lynn Canal and downtown Juneau. This placement was justifiable as Juneau is the transportation hub for 14 communities in northern SE Alaska, where we do much of our shopping, medical visits, social activities and more. I can say that the fit has been good, and I feel our community, regardless of one's political leanings, could not have been better represented in the State Legislature. In this regard I would like to maintain the status quo as much as possible. In reviewing the proposed maps, I feel the Doyon Coalition Map comes closest to achieving that objective. It draws an effective border between downtown Juneau and the Mendenhall Valley at a natural place where there is virtually no habitation. This is in sharp contrast with the Redistricting Board's V.3 and V.4 maps, which snake the line up into the heavily populated Mendenhall Valley and bisect that community in ways t hat seem either somewhat arbitrary, as in V.4, our downright blatant gerrymandering, as in V.3, where one boundary line jogs off Glacier Highway to draw sitting Representative Andi Story into the same district as sitting Representative Sara Hannan, but not her neighbors just across the street. Such maneuvering is simply unnecessary. The AFFER Map falls in the same category regarding the Mendenhall Valley and is much more difficult to justify if one looks at what it proposes for Ketchikan, where it unnecessarily divides that borough, arbitrarily removing Saxman from the proposed district. The Doyon Coalition Map avoids any such pitfalls and would be my preferred choice if Gustavus is to be placed in a Juneau-based district.

Two of the maps " AFFR and Senate Minority - place Gustavus in a district with many other small communities in coastal SE Alaska, with the largest population center in Sitka. While issues such as shopping and medical visits would not pertain to Gustavus's affiliation with the proposed largely rural coastal district, our community has economic, cultural and social ties with the communities and natural resources there. All the communities are coastal and marine resource focused. Many exist as isolated municipal governments scattered throughout the Unorganized Borough, or

as unincorporated communities. Gustavus's subsistence and recreational hub is Icy Strait, and much of our actual economic activity is also generated there in the form of commercial and sport fishing and tourism. Glacier Bay is also an economic engine for regional tourism and would be well placed within the coastal district proposed by the AFFR and Senate Minority maps.

Gustavus also has various economic ties with the communities on north Chichagof Island, in particular the community of Hoonah with which it shares ferry service. The Hoonah Indian Association is currently establishing economic enterprises in Gustavus which further joins those communities. Also, given that Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve is the homeland of the Hoonah Tlingit and the Yakutat Tlingit communities, Gustavus has cultural ties with both those communities.

It has seemed odd to me that Yakutat has consistently been placed in house and senate districts to the north. Yakutat is a predominantly a Tlingit community with strong cultural ties to the rest of Southeast Alaska, particularly with Sitka where strong clan relations exist, as members of a prominent Yakutat-based clan migrated there in the 1820s and married into that community. All of Yakutat's residents are shareholders with Sealaska Corporation, the Juneau-based SE regional ANCSA corporation. Yakutat's economy is based largely on commercial fishing, logging and tourism, much like many other communities scattered throughout coastal SE Alaska. Several of the clans now residing in Yakutat identify the mouth of the Alsek River as their sacred homeland of Dry Bay, a place that lies within the "preserve" part of Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, headquartered in Gustavus. I believe Yakutat would be better represented in the Legislature by being included in a district with other communities that share its common culture, family ties, economic activities and interests.

And while considering the position of Yakutat it would also be worthwhile to consider its closest neighbor to the north, Cordova. Historically, Yakutat was originally founded by Ahtna and Eyak matrilineal clans that migrated from the Copper River country to the north, where they met and intermarried with Tlingit and Tlingit-Athabaskan clans migrating from the south. Yakutat became a cultural melting pot, likely due to the rich seal hunting waters of Yakutat Bay. Tlingit eventually became the dominant language, but the community has retained many cultural elements derived from its Eyak and Athabaskan ancestors. Today, Yakutat and Cordova are on the same Alaska Airlines flight path, sharing two flights per day. Like many other communities in SE Alaska, Cordova is an incorporated municipality within the Unorganized Borough, and it is located off the road system. Its economy relies primarily on commercial fishing, much like other communities throughout SE Alaska. I think it would be good to consider placing Cordova in a coastal district where it shares common interests, conditions, resources and cultural ties.

With these considerations, I believe it would be worthwhile to make adjustments to the Senate Minority Map and perhaps the AFFR Map. When compared to the AFFR Map I believe the Senate Minority Map more effectively draws a justifiable district in southern SE (HD36-R) so that should be kept. This creates a more compact district than the AFFR Map. The Senate Minority Map, which currently includes Cordova in a vast interior district that extends all the way to the Brooks Range, could be altered to include Cordova in its HD35R, and populations adjusted accordingly.

From: Laurie Hueffer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 7:53 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Redistricting map testimony

I am writing in regards to redistricting.

I support a competitive, fair, equitable map that keeps our communities together and doesn't gerrymander Alaska.

This means I do not support V.3 and instead ask that Fairbanks be appropriately represented through division into 6 districts.

I am continuing to seek information on the nuances of the AFFR map and Board Map V.4 before determining what I feel best represents our area and I appreciate your consideration of these nuances as well. I appreciate that the need to separate Fairbanks and North Pole is recognized in these versions. I also feel it is important to not overpopulate districts, consider racial equity, and adhere to the natural alignment of Fairbanks.

Thank you for ensuring that our community will have appropriate representation for the next 10 years by removing V.3 from consideration and instead focusing on AFFR or V.4.

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Laurie Hueffer
[REDACTED]

From: cheri hufford <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 2:28 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

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

Date: October 26, 2021, 2:28 pm

First Name: **cheri**

Last Name: **hufford**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99652**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **I don't think you should make any changes**

Public Comment: **Map 3 may be the best selection if these are the only choices that we have, and that is a disturbing thought. Why do the populations have to be equal? Personally I think you should go back to the drawboard or don't bother making any change. If change needs to be made I think you should consider how much work will be involved with all of the running around and vast area some of these reps are going to have to cover. Jumping all over the state seems counterproductive and entirely unnecessary.**

From: Kimberly Hunt <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 8:16 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 26, 2021, 8:15 pm

First Name: **Kimberly**

Last Name: **Hunt**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99503**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Fair and Equitable Representation, Constitutionality of Re-Districting, AFFER Map**

Public Comment: **I would like the record to state that I favor following the guidelines for redistricting that are laid out in the Alaska State Constitution. I favor using natural demarcations such as creeks, streams, tree lines, rock formations, other geographic features and also roads as natural boundaries between districts. There is substantial precedent with this, and for good reason. Since I am in favor of hewing with the state constitution and natural demarcations as far as boundaries between districts go, I am also in favor of limiting the distance between areas that are penciled into a district. I am against, for example, Nikiski and other areas in the Kenai being included in Anchorage - the areas are too far apart. Distance, population, and geographical features contribute to an area's priorities, and mapping them in with a completely different district far away makes it difficult for the smaller community or the more distant community to be heard and to exercise their priorities. Muting a smaller area's concerns can also cost Alaska grant money -- a serious consideration in a time of budget upheaval and decreasing revenues. I am not in favor of combining any of the Eagle River neighborhoods with any of the Anchorage districts. This is because the Mountain View and Muldoon districts have a sort of identity of their own based on demographics and the communities that have formed there. Their needs and priorities might be very different from those of a more conservative, higher income district that doesn't have as diverse of a population. It would be a breach of democracy to make sure certain neighborhoods don't have representation. I disagree with merging Eagle River neighborhoods or any part of Eagle River in with Anchorage- area districts, especially like the Muldoon neighborhood, the Mountain View neighborhood and Airport Heights. For the most part, I am against the board version and the AFFER version, not only because they limit certain neighborhoods, peoples', and groups' right to representation, but also because they divide boroughs into more than two sections- if at all possible, boroughs should not be divided; I think I have heard it's best practice to only divide a borough once and the Board plan and the AFFER plan do much more than that. In all, I am in favor of keeping with the precedent of following the Alaska State Constitution's guidelines for redistricting and for making sure all groups, parties, areas, neighborhoods and populations have an equitable voice in Alaska's democracy. Thank you.**

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Date: October 30, 2021, 11:51 am

Name: **Grant Hunter**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **RNLA**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99517**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **2001 District 32 Map**

Public Comment: **Testimony for Eagle River - Muldoon District**

I support combining Eagle River's Hiland Precinct and most of Chugach Park #2 Precinct with Muldoon in the 2021 Redistricting Map.

This Anchorage Muni district is a much more compact than combining this part of Eagle River with South Anchorage in the 2001 District 32 Map.

Of all the proposals presented this one best conforms to the physical and human geographical requirements of Article Six Section Six of the Constitution of the State of Alaska.

For the same reason, this your honorable board should follow all other proposals dealing with district boundaries presented by Alaskans for Fair and Equitable Redistricting. AFFER.org

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To study the Alaskans For Fair & Equitable Redistricting Map and other proposed board options visit the Alaskans for Fair and Equitable Redistricting AFFER.org I urge you to testify in support of the AFFER map.

Citizen testimony is critical to this process. See something say something. File your comments online at Alaska Redistricting Board - Map Comment (akredistrict.org). Do not delay, file your online comments today.

Or email to Testimony testimony@akredistrict.org

**Questions: call me at [REDACTED]
Randy**

From: Mackinzie Hutchings <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 3:14 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 22, 2021, 3:14 pm

First Name: **Mackinzie**

Last Name: **Hutchings**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: **Mackinzie Hutchings**

Your ZIP Code: **99645**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Knik river road redistrict**

Public Comment: **Iâ€™m against the redistricting of Knik River Road. I live out on this road and I feel this is a decision that will not positively impact our neighborhoods or roads.**

We are apart of the Mat su valley, and it should stay that way.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY

Homer 10/13 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: October 27, 2021

Name: **Mary Jackson**

Email or Phone Contact: 

Ms. Jackson has lived in Homer for almost 20 years and noted that Board Map v.4 is the best map, but needs to be amended to put the whole East End Road back in. Ms. Jackson suggested that the board take the Kenai Peninsula as an entire unit with all 58,766 residents divided by 3, equaling 19,666 people which is within the federal deviation standards. This keeps the Kenai Peninsula as a whole and validates borough boundaries.

Ms. Jackson used the Kachemak Emergency Services Area (KESA) as an example and stated that it was formed at the end of the road, up north of Homer, and to the western boundary of the western service area near Anchor Point, going up to Ninilchik. All of these areas are independent, but interdependent as they have "reciprocity agreements to work with each other." The Board Map v.4 splits the boundary of the service area; this is not right. Ms. Jackson asked the board to form a district with the entirety of the Kenai Peninsula Borough including Seldovia and Tyonek.

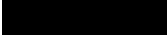
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Fairbanks 10/18 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: October 25, 2021

Name: **Nick Jackson**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Ahtna**

Email or Phone Contact: 

Mr. Jackson spoke in favor of the Doyon map that is inclusive of all villages. Currently, Cantwell is not in the district and Mr. Jackson would like to be sure Cantwell is included in the district as there are familial and recreational ties to Cantwell.

From: Ellen Jaimes <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 3:24 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Redistricting Testimony

Hi,

I wanted to follow up on my earlier testimony now that additional maps and public hearings have been held. Again, I want to thank the board and everyone working behind the scenes on this important effort to ensure fair representation statewide. After reviewing the maps and listening to some of the testimony, I believe the AFFR, Senate Minority and Board v.3 maps are the most constitutional. The Board v.3 map does a good job with District 9 combining South Anchorage, Girdwood, and Whittier. I have friends who live in Anchorage and work in Whittier during the summer, so that connection makes sense. In my own experience, as a person who works in Anchorage's tourism sector (hosting a vacation rental), I see how linked Anchorage and Whittier are, with the cruise ship port and the Alaska Railroad - these are critical socio-economic integrations. The Board v.3 map District 11 also seems to fit very well for Anchorage. I live East of District 11 and drive Tudor road quite a bit. The area west of Elmore is distinctly a commercial area, while the area east of Elmore has the ANMC campus, so that seems like an appropriate boundary. Anchorage has strong community councils. The community councils often work with business owners to ensure that the businesses are well integrated with the community, especially those with the potential to impact the community, such as liquor stores. The AFFR map seems to reflect community council boundaries in Anchorage the best, and the districts in Anchorage also are very close to the target population of 18,335 staying in the single and double digits for most of the Anchorage districts. The Board v.4 map is the worst for Anchorage deviation, and the AFFER map is the second worst for this with many of the districts in Anchorage deviating by hundreds of people. The Doyon map does pretty well with the population deviations and the Senate Minority map does very well in that regard. The Board v.3 map also seems to keep Anchorage deviations low. While I do not live in the MatSu, there is an interdependence between the MatSu borough and Anchorage. It seems harmful that the way that the AFFER, Doyon, and Board v.4 maps split up the Mat-Su borough which I would consider a socio-economically integrated area.

Thanks again for the opportunity to testify!
Ellen Jaimes

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

From: Leon Jaimes <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 3:28 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Map Testimony

Hello,

I forget if the better way to submit testimony is the web form or the email, so I am following up on my submission through the web form.

I am writing today to encourage the board to support fair representation and fair maps. I believe that the AFFER and Board v.4 maps are the furthest from meeting the goals of being Compact, Contiguous, Socially-Economically integrated and Equal in Population. The AFFER map shows District 32-P extending from Huffman Road in Anchorage down to the Pipeline Road in Nikiski. This does not keep communities of interest together. South Anchorage and Nikiski are very much NOT Socially-Economically integrated. The AFFER map combines very different Socio-Economic areas with District 21-K as well. The Board v.3 and AFFR map making Eagle River its own district makes a lot of sense as they have their own business district there, as well as the ongoing effort to separate from the Municipality of Anchorage into their own town.

Thank you for your consideration.

Leon Jaimes
Anchorage, AK 99508
[REDACTED]

From: Jackie Jewell <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 10:25 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Support of AFFER

I support the East Anchorage Eagle River redistricting.

Jackie Jewell

[REDACTED]
Anchorage 99504

From: Janet Johnson <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 12:30 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 29, 2021, 12:30 pm

First Name: **Janet**

Last Name: **Johnson**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99645**

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

Public Comment: **My name is Janet Johnson, I live in Butte and have been a resident of the Mat-Su for over 30 years.**

My primary concern with redistricting is seeing that the Mat-Su has six (6) full house seats and three (3) full senate. Our population has grown over the last 10 years, and is at a population to fully support this level of representation.

Having all six districts within the boundaries of the Mat-Su clearly takes into consideration local boundaries and more nearly assures integrated socio-economic interests.

My preference leans toward the Board's Proposed v.3 map.

From: Kent Johnson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 6:51 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Redistricting map

Please consider the important democratic and constitutional virtues of the AFFR plan in redrawing the district map and avoid the political appearance of other proposed maps. Our voice in our important local choices in the Homer area will be obviously neglected and diminished by adopting a map which removes the East End community from its traditional and geographic connection with Homer.

Thank-you for supporting the AFFR plan over other seemingly politically motivated attempts to dilute my voice and gerrymander our representation.

Kent Johnson

50 year resident of Homer

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Name: **Ron Johnson**

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

Email/Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99645**

Date: October 28, 2021, 8:03 am

Public Comment: **My name is Ron Johnson, I live in Butte, I have been a resident of the Mat-Su for over 30 years.**

My primary concern with redistricting is seeing that the Mat-Su has six (6) full house seats and three (3) full senate seats. Our population has grown over the last 10 years and is at a population to support this level of representation.

Having all six districts within the boundaries of the Mat-Su clearly takes onto consideration local government boundaries and more nearly assures integrated socio-economic interests.

My preference leans toward the Board's Proposed v.3 map. Bringing population from the Denali Borough to the north to compliment our population is much preferable to reaching to the east and bringing in populations from the Glennallen area and beyond.

Date: October 24, 2021, 8:36 pm

Public Comment: **On October 13th, 2021 the Butte Community Council held our October meeting. A motion was made and seconded and subsequently approved unanimously stating the following concerning redistricting. The community of Butte desires to stay connected to our friends in South Knik River Road, we share the same FSA among other things, giving us strong socio-economic ties. We do NOT desire to be included in a district within the MOA, we desire to be paired with fellow Mat-Su residents where our primary socio-economic ties lie. Thus staying within the confines of local government boundaries. Being grouped with Palmer or the Sutton community is acceptable to Butte Residents.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY

Palmer 10/25/21 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: October 28, 2021

First Name: **Steven Johnson**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Steven Johnson spoke in favor of the AFFER map's proposed District 15-H as it best represents historic and current socio-economic realities of the greater Palmer area. The map includes the complete city water district extending to the Mat-Su Regional Hospital and Colony High School. The map also includes the Palmer core area where most residents work and spend their money. Most businesses and institutions in this area look to Palmer for services. For example, Mat Su Regional Hospital started in Palmer and remains one of the largest utility customers of the City of Palmer.

Steven Johnson is not in support of Board Map v.3 and v.4 as they do not represent the Palmer core area. Many Palmer communities and several Palmer institutions would be adversely affected by the maps. Steven Johnson noted that Board Map v.3 is superior to v.4 if the southwestern boundary was realigned with New Trunk Road, as currently drawn, v.3 wanders back and forth over Trunk Road, cutting several neighborhoods, the Mat Su College property, and UAF experimental farm property all in half and moving Mat Su Regional into the Fairview and Wasilla water district. Trunk Road has always been the traditional and historic boundary between Palmer and Wasilla. A realignment along Trunk Road would resolve these issues and impact very few households.

Board Map v.3 and v.4 make it likely that New Palmer district could be paired with non-Valley districts for senate seats, possibly with Valdez. This would dilute the Valley's vote and be a disservice to Valdez which has its own unique needs.

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Homer 10/13 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: October 27, 2021

Name: Ina Jones

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]


Public Comment: Ms. Jones stated that she lives 18.5 miles out on East End Road and spoke in favor of the AFFER map. However, Nanwalek has been left out of the Kenai Peninsula borough and if there is a way to bring the northern line down to have the population absorb Seldovia and Nanwalek, that is just as important as it is to have Fritz Creek and East End Road included. Ms. Jones is against any map that removes Fritz Creek and East End Road from the Kenai Peninsula Borough, but she would also like to see Seldovia and Nanwalek included if there is any way to do so as Homer is where those residents attend school, shop, and recreate.

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Homer 10/13 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: October 27, 2021

Name: **Terry Jones**

Email or Phone Contact: 

Public Comment: Ms. Jones is a lifelong Kenai Peninsula resident who currently lives 17 miles out of East End Road. If her community is lumped in with Kodiak, it will cut her community off from the representative that is on the Kenai Peninsula that they are able to meet and speak with on a regular basis. Kenai Peninsula also does not have much in common with Kodiak. Ms. Jones asked if there is another way to take the Kenai Peninsula, divide it by 3, and leave the borough intact?

From: Nate Kaaihue <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 10:48 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Board Map V.3 Comments

Hello Redistricting Committee,

Board Map V3 underrepresents the people over interior Alaska and should not be supported. Per the Web Map viewer, districts 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35 all have populations greater than 19,100. Compare this to districts in the Anchorage area, which have populations around 18,200. This amounts to about a 5% increase in representation for an Anchorage voter than an interior Alaska voter.

5% is too high of a difference, especially when elections can be determined by a single vote. It is a disservice to Interior Alaska to support Board Map V3. Board Map V3 disenfranchises voters of all parties. I ask that you support Board Map V4 which provides equal representation for Interior Alaska Voters when compared with other districts.

Thank you,
Nathan Kaaihue
Julia Hicker

From: Breanna Kaiser <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 6:26 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 26, 2021, 6:25 pm

First Name: **Breanna**

Last Name: **Kaiser**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: [REDACTED]

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

Public Comment: **I feel like they Senate Minority map represents my area the best.**

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WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: October 26, 2021, 4:55 pm

Name: **Cheryl Kajdan** Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED] Your ZIP Code: **99645**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Testimony at Palmer 10.25.2021 with additional info**

Public Comment: **My name is Cheryl Kajdan and I have been a resident of the Palmer area since 1995. I lived in Gakona from 1977-1995, in which I still have property. Comments are included concerning both these areas. I support the A.F.F.E.R. plan, Alaskans for Fair and Equitable Redistricting Palmer area, redistricting map D-15. This map includes the economic areas that have been supported and developed by the citizens of this area.**

-Most notably, Mat-Su Hospital, The UAF Agricultural Farm and Mat-Su College. Mat-Su Hospital stays in the Palmer water district from which it is served.

-The core area of Palmer is also included without splitting the communities between districts.

-Maps 3 and 4 both separate functional communities without apparent reason.

-Plan 3 deviates from using the traditional demarkation of Trunk Road between Palmer and Wasilla. Mat-Su Hospital is transferred to the Wasilla area with part of the Mat-Su College and Agricultural Station being divided between districts.(both)

- Copper River Basin: prefer AFFER map D-16 includes areas that are strongly related culturally and economically, Gakona to the north and Kenny Lake to the south.

A suggested consideration would be to include Chitna ,which has socio-economic connections to Kenny Lake. Please consider extending the inclusion of the Tok Road through mile 20 to keep voting residents in an area of traditional activities, including voting.

Map 3 D30 doesn't include the Copper Basin at all, which is a concern as it is currently included in this common socio-economic area. Glennallen, Gakona to the north and Chitna to the south should be included for consideration.

Map 4 D25 does include Glennallen, but not Gakona to the north or Chitna to the south.

*****The geographically large District 36 in plan 4 links communities that are not traditionally and/or economically related.**

Thank you for considering my comments and concerns.

This large area (D36) of Map 3 is compact and has the population needed for the purpose of redistricting. The Affer proposed map accepted by the redistricting board also has a similar large compact area denoted as district 5-C. My observation is the socio-economic lives of towns who are available only by air year-round does not have connection to those areas on the road system, ie Glennallen Fort Greeley etc. This is my opinion from having traveled and throughout Alaska and living along the road system in south-central Alaska.

From: Antanina Kalugin <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 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: October 28, 2021, 11:22 am

First Name: **Antanina**

Last Name: **Kalugin**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99603**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **East End Road, From District 31**

Public Comment: **I lived here all my life. Shop in Homer. Kids go to school here (kenai peninsula). We own two businesses here also. I'm against being removed from District 31!**

From: Anthony Kalugin <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 11:47 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: October 28, 2021, 11:46 am

First Name: **Anthony**

Last Name: **Kalugin**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Republican**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99603**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **East End Road, District 31**

Public Comment: **I have lived my entire life here, I do all my shopping here, and I don't see any reason to make such a dramatic change. I believe the districts are fine just the way they are and in my eyes it doesn't make any sense to change it.**

From: Avram Kalugin <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 11:34 AM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 28, 2021, 11:34 am

First Name: **Avram**

Last Name: **Kalugin**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99603**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **District 31**

Public Comment: **I don't agree with representation being from a different city or town other than Homer where I do my business from. I've lived here since 1980 and do construction out of Homer. I'd like to keep representative from around here**

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Name: **Reva Katz**

Email: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Date: October 26, 2021, 9:58 am

Issue of Concern: **Sen. Minority Plan**

Public Comment: **It is bad enough when people in Lower 48 do not realize Alaska is part of USA but now my own state senate thinks that it is ok if I and all my neighbors who live here in the city limits of Anchorage and share all the urban concerns and needs and services of the city of Anchorage should be cleaved from the city and attached as an appendage to Kenai and all the rural and small towns south of Anchorage? How dare you?!**

Date: October 26, 2021, 9:53 am

Issue of Concern: **AFFR Plan**

Public Comment: **How can you think of taking our small neighborhood of Glen Alps and Upper Hillside and dividing it between 2 districts 9 and 10E? We share road clearing, maintenance, mailboxes, Have you ever been to our neighborhood? Or were we just an easy place to put a boundary? You managed to put our mailboxes in different district from our newspaper delivery boxes! Shame on you**

Date: October 26, 2021, 9:34 am

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

Public Comment: **How in the world can you take a small community like Glen Alps and Upper Hillside which has to rely on itself for roads, services and divide it between two new districts (e.g., 32P). Have you ever been to our community? Shame shame on you.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: October 17, 2021, 7:28 pm

First Name: **Mary E** Last Name: **Kehrhahn-Stark**

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: **Thank you for the opportunity to comment today. My name is Mary E Kehrhahn-Stark. I am a 30 year resident of the Goldstream Valley located in the Fairbanks North Star Borough.**

The AFFR and Version 4 Maps depict a realistic version of life here in West Fairbanks.

The Alaska Constitution explains the criteria to be followed when drawing a district's boundary: The House should be formed of contiguous and compact territory, and relatively integrated socioeconomic area,

The House should contain a population as near as practical to the quotient attained by dividing the population of the state by 40,

And, that each senate District be composed as near as practicable of 2 contiguous House Districts.

Yes, the AFFR map is very realistic to how neighborhoods are situated in the borough. The map follows the most likely road and geographical divisions. On the westside, 33Q, where my home is located, Ballaine Road in the AFFR is shown as the border between East and West, and it certainly is. When I want to go Skiing at Birch Hill on the East Side of Fairbanks, I use Ballaine as the main RD to get on to that side of the borough. Ballaine also is somewhat of a division between those that are likely to work at the Ft Knox Goldmine with residences on the east of Ballaine, and those that residences on the left of Ballaine are most likely UAF students or professors.

In general, Version 4 and the AFFR version maps offer reasonable division of the city of Fairbanks west/east and most importantly, respect the socio-economic divisions created by the Parks and Richardson highways. These 2 map versions also maintain the University and the surrounding community, that this area is, a relatively integrated socioeconomic area and neighborhoods in common. Finally, North Pole is contained within its own district, thus recognizing its political lines and socioeconomic factors.

Secondly, AFFR doesn't allow for high population deviations-thus following one of the three criteria stressed in the Alaska Constitution. Low deviations from the quotient ensures that all neighborhoods are equally represented.

Finally, the city of Fairbanks and Rural Fairbanks is reasonably divided into 2 districts each, for socioeconomic purposes and community cohesion, completely sensible in my opinion.

I urge you to use the AFFR or the Version 4 map as the 2021 Redistricting Map. These are realistic and true to life here in the Fairbanks North Star Borough.

Thank you for all your work and consideration.

From: Mary E.Kehrhahn-Stark <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 4:12 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 30, 2021, 4:11 pm

First Name: **Mary E.**

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): **Map 3 is not Fair for Fairbanks**

Public Comment: **Board Map3 does not provide fair representation for the voters of the Borough.**

Map 3 overpopulates, thus under represents the the actual number of borough residents.

According to the recent census, the FNSB should be allocated 5.23 house seats. This means, 5 house seats within the borough (all socioeconomically integrated) and 1 other house seat for the excess 23% population that should go to an adjoining district thus assuring the federal requirement of ONE PERSON, ONE VOTE.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,


Mary Elizabeth Kehrhahn-Stark

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY

Kodiak 10/15/21 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: October 27, 2021

Name: Judi Kidder

Email or Phone Contact: 

Judi Kidder expressed concern that she had heard the Board was using 2010 census data. She noted a # of changes that have happened in Kodiak since then. She explained an example of one of the largest trailer parks in Kodiak shutting down in that time which led to a reduction in population on the island. A number of those people left the island and the population has shrunk from 13k. The other thing she brought up was that at the time the census was taken, Kodiak has a large transient population, including fish processing from the seafood industry. They are temporary people, they are not around so she believes the numbers do not reflect a true and accurate representation of the population of Kodiak Island Borough. She believes the numbers are high and they should be revised when considering redistricting districts.

Introduced by: Borough Mayor
Drafted by: Borough Deputy Clerk
Introduced on: 10/21/2021
Adopted on:10/21/2021

**KODIAK ISLAND BOROUGH
RESOLUTION NO. FY2022-14**

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KODIAK ISLAND BOROUGH AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KODIAK URGING THE STATE OF ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD TO ADOPT THE DOYON COALITION PROPOSED DISTRICT 5-C WHICH MAINTAINS KODIAK IN A HOUSE DISTRICT THAT IS A RELATIVELY INTEGRATED SOCIO-ECONOMIC AREA WITH OTHER SIMILAR COMMUNITIES AND VILLAGES OF SIMILAR SIZE

WHEREAS, the Redistricting Board is establishing forty house districts, with each house district to elect one member of the house of representatives, the board will establish twenty senate districts each composed of two-house districts, with each senate district to elect one senator; and

WHEREAS, the Redistricting Board adopted six proposed redistricting plans in September 2021, along with other plans submitted by the following organizations: Coalition of Doyon, Ltd., Tanana Chiefs Conference, Fairbanks Native Association, Sealaska, Ahtna, Alaskans for Fair and Equitable Redistricting, Alaskans for Fair Redistricting and the Senate Minority Caucus; and

WHEREAS, the Restricting Board is seeking public feedback from Alaskans on all proposed plans before adoption of the final plan is required by the Alaska Constitution by November 10, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kodiak Council and the Kodiak Island Borough Assembly wish to stay aligned **with communities of similar economic diversity and geography. smaller communities and not be subsumed by a District with a community many times their respective size**

WHEREAS, these communities have similar economic and social structures and rely heavily on a rural and subsistence (versus urban) lifestyle;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KODIAK ISLAND BOROUGH AND THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KODIAK, ALASKA, TO URGE THE STATE OF ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD TO ADOPT A MAP SIMILAR TO THAT PROPOSED DOYON COALITION PROPOSED DISTRICT 5-C, WHICH MAINTAINS KODIAK IN A HOUSE DISTRICT THAT IS “ A RELATIVELY INTEGRATED SOCIOECONOMIC AREA” WITH OTHER SIMILAR COMMUNITIES AND VILLAGES OF SIMILAR SIZE.

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KODIAK ISLAND BOROUGH
THIS TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021.**

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54 **VOTES:**

55 Ayes: Griffin, Smith, Turner, Williams, Arndt, and Delgado

56 Noes:

ATTEST:



Alise L Rice, Borough Clerk

**CITY OF KODIAK
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-28**

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KODIAK AND THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KODIAK ISLAND BOROUGH URGING THE STATE OF ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD TO ADOPT THE DOYON COALITION PROPOSED DISTRICT 5-C WHICH MAINTAINS KODIAK IN A HOUSE DISTRICT THAT IS A RELATIVELY INTEGRATED SOCIO-ECONOMIC AREA WITH OTHER SIMILAR COMMUNITIES AND VILLAGES OF SIMILAR SIZE

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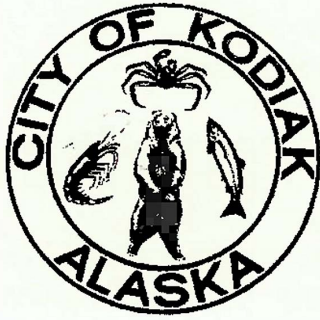
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WHEREAS, the Restricting Board is seeking public feedback from Alaskans on all proposed plans before adoption of the final plan is required by the Alaska Constitution by November 10, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kodiak Council and the Kodiak Island Borough Assembly wish to stay aligned with communities of similar economic diversity and geography; and

WHEREAS, these communities have similar economic and social structures and rely heavily on a rural and subsistence (versus urban) lifestyle.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Kodiak, Alaska, to urge the State of Alaska Redistricting Board to adopt a map similar to that proposed Doyon Coalition Proposed District 5-C, which maintain Kodiak in a House District that is “ a relatively integrated socio-economic area” with other similar communities and villages of similar size.



CITY OF KODIAK

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Pat Cronin".

MAYOR

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michelle W. Allen".
CITY CLERK

Adopted: October 28, 2021



3800 Centerpoint Drive
Suite 502
Anchorage, AK 99503

October 29, 2021

Alaska Redistricting Board
PO Box 240147
Anchorage, AK 99524

Dear Alaska Redistricting Board Members:

Koniag is one of the 12 Alaska Native regional corporations formed under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) of 1971. We have over 4,300 Shareholders of Alutiiq descent and our region encompasses the Kodiak Island area in the Gulf of Alaska.

Koniag has reviewed the various redistricting versions the board has made available for public comment. In general, Koniag supports the use of ANCSA boundaries as a key indicator of socio-economic integration when drawing house district lines, especially in rural areas. Low deviations (positive or negative) for each House district, especially for Alaska's urban areas should remain a primary goal of the Redistricting board to ensure that no district is grossly over or under populated.

Koniag supports the Doyon Coalition's version that includes an interior Rural House district which includes all the Interior Villages for both the Ahtna and Doyon regions and a Southeast "all-island" House district.

Regarding our region, Koniag can support a House district that includes the Kodiak Island Borough and Seward as proposed in the Doyon Coalition plan or a House district that includes the Kodiak Island Borough and stretches along the Gulf of Alaska coast from Seldovia to Cordova as proposed in Board Version 4.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shauna Hegna".

Shauna Hegna
President

koniag.com

P (907) 561-2668

F (907) 562-5258

From: Annie Krenzer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 2:28 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: redistricting map testimony

I am writing in regards to redistricting. I support a competitive, fair, equitable map that keeps our communities together and doesn't gerrymander Alaska. This means I do not support V.3 and instead ask that Fairbanks be appropriately represented through division into 6 districts.

I am continuing to seek information on the nuances of the AFFR map and Board Map V.4 before determining what I feel best represents our area and I appreciate your consideration of these nuances as well. I appreciate that the need to separate Fairbanks and North Pole is recognized in these versions. I also feel it is important to not overpopulate districts, consider racial equity, and adhere to the natural alignment of Fairbanks.

Thank you for ensuring that our community will have appropriate representation for the next 10 years by removing V.3 from consideration and instead focusing on AFFR or V.4.

Sincerely,
Annie Krenzer

From: Corrine Krenzer <corlesto@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 12:50 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: redistricting testimony

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Sincerely,
Corrine and Lester Krenzer

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: October 28, 2021, 3:17 pm

Name: **Margaret Kugel**

Email or Phone Contact: 

Your ZIP Code: **99508**

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

Public Comment: **To the Alaska Redistricting Board:**

I have lived in Anchorage since 1975, and I have lived in my current home in the College Gate Subdivision for 30 years. I support the Version 4 map and I will explain why below. My second choice is the AFFR map. These maps treat my neighborhood fairly and logically.

Background

The College Gate neighborhood includes the College Gate subdivision and a few other adjacent subdivisions. It is the rectangle east of the U-Med campuses, south of Northern Lights, west of Boniface and north of Tudor.

College Gate is a well-established, stable neighborhood. Most of the homes in College Gate are single-family houses, and most were built in the late 1960's or early 1970's. Many houses here have the exact same floor plans as houses in College Village, Huntington Park, and other parts of Anchorage that were developed at roughly the same time. I understand that the same developer built both College Gate and College Village. The two subdivisions were conceived of as "bookends" on either side of UAA/APU. That's why "college" is part of the name.

I have always felt that College Gate is part of the U-Med area. Many of my neighbors work at one of the nearby universities (UAA and APU) or hospitals (Providence and ANMC). College Gate is part of the University Area Community Council. I have been receiving the UACC newsletters for years and have followed issues that affect my neighborhood and the U-Med area with great interest. Issues that affect areas to the east of us, such as Scenic Park, have never seemed particularly relevant.

The west edge of my neighborhood borders University Lake, APU and municipal parkland. The excellent trails there are very popular with my neighbors for walking or jogging, dogwalking, biking, and skiing. In the winter the whole neighborhood turns out to cheer on Iditarod mushers who pass by as part of the ceremonial start of the Iditarod. The trail system through the U-Med area is an integral and valued part of this neighborhood.

The flagship location of the Alaska Club can be found in this neighborhood, on the north side of Tudor Road, between Boniface and Checkmate. The Alaska Club offers a gym, swimming pool, indoor tennis courts, youth camps, and much more. While it serves a wider community than College Gate, it clearly is focal point for many in the neighborhood.

College Gate is included in the school attendance zones for Wendler Middle School and East High School. The school zone maps can be found here: <https://www.asdk12.org/demographics-gis/boundaries/>

Version 4

The best plan for College Gate is Version 4. We are in District 17 on this map.

â€¢ District 17 has a very compact shape.

â€¢ Most of the boundaries are major roads: Baxter, Tudor, Elmore, Dowling, Lake Otis.

â€¢ The northern edge is a little jagged, but if you know the area, you will know that much of the northern boundary is defined by parkland and institutional lands such as ARCA and Catholic Social Services. Nobody lives there. These irregular-appearing boundaries are logical.

â€¢ A small portion of the northern boundary, east of Boniface, is part of a natural boundary created by Nunaka Valley School, baseball diamonds, and Nunaka Valley Park. Although it appears to divide a neighborhood, it follows a set of appropriate natural boundaries.

â€¢ On the west end of the northern boundary a jagged line seems to follow Goose Lake Drive for a short distance. â€œGoose Lake Driveâ€ is a bike trail in a park. There are no houses in this area, only a continuation of the bike trails and parklands that are so prevalent in this area.

â€¢ There is a reasonable amount of overlap with the school attendance zones and the University Area Community Council.

AFFR

The AFFR map includes College Gate in its District 17-I. Most of this district lies between the universities, Northern Lights Boulevard, the mountains, and Tudor Road. I have no objections to this proposal.

â€¢ The primary footprint is fairly compact and contains a number of subdivisions that are similar from a socio-economic perspective.

â€¢ The district includes the Basher neighborhood (also known as Stuckagain). Basher is an isolated neighborhood that is not adjacent to any other neighborhood. It is only accessible via Campbell Airstrip Road. It is logical to include it in District 17 because of the access and the overlap with school attendance zones.

Version 3

I have several concerns about Version 3, which places the College Gate neighborhood in District 20.

â€¢ There is a subdivision immediately to the north of College Gate, on the north side of Northern Lights Boulevard. I don't know the name of it, but we call it â€œSouth Russian Jack.â€

â€¢ South Russian Jack is a much newer neighborhood, for the most part. It features a high proportion of high-density residential property and a small amount of commercial property. South Russian Jack abuts a portion of Russian Jack Park rather than the Goose Lake-University Lake parkland that borders College Gate.

â€¢ College Gate is an older, more established, more homogeneous neighborhood. Yet South Russian Jack is included in District 19 with the university area, while College Gate is not. That does not make sense, since College Gate is directly adjacent to the university lands, and South Russian Jack is not.

â€¢ South Russian Jack is part of the Russian Jack Community Council, while College Gate is part of the University Area Community Council.

â€¢ College Gate should not be included in a district that extends all the way to the eastern edge of Anchorage proper. Residents of Muldoon live in different school zones and different community councils. It makes more sense to add College Gate (everything west of Boniface) to District 19 and add Chugach Foothills to District 20. Chugach Foothills is shown on Map 3 as the NE corner of District 10. It is not contiguous to anything else in District 10.

AFFER

I am opposed to the AFFER map. We would be in District 25-M, an absurd conglomeration that includes unrelated neighborhoods from Baxter Road all the way to the Seward Highway, and from Northern Lights all the way south to E 72nd.

â€¢ District 25-M is shaped like a staircase. This is far from compact.

â€¢ I don't like to see neighborhoods divided up by redistricting. I am concerned that many of the borders of the proposed District 25-M are neighborhood streets.

- o Look at the northeast edge where the border carves out a section of the College Gate neighborhood along Sunflower and 30th.

- o Look what happens on the eastern side where the border follows Campbell Airstrip Road (not a major street) " until it doesn't.

- o Another odd little piece can be found on the northwest part, where side streets like Folker and E. 40th are boundaries, but Lake Otis, which is an arterial, is not a boundary.

Doyon

The Doyon Map, places most of College Gate in District 17-I. However, it does not create a district that follows natural and logical boundaries.

â€¢ I object to the Doyon map because it divides the College Gate neighborhood into two pieces by carving out an odd-shaped piece in the southern part of our neighborhood and adding that section to District 15.

â€¢ The South Russian Jack area north of Northern Lights Boulevard is also inexplicably divided in two, with a slice one block wide being added to District 17.

â€¢ The most concerning aspect of this map is that a mostly residential area is being tied to a substantial area on the west side of the Seward Highway which is highly commercial in nature and contains a lot of high-density rental property. There is no commonality once one crosses over the Seward Highway. This is hardly a well-integrated socio-economic area.

Senate Minority Caucus

The SMC map places College Gate in District 17-1. Curiously, most of the southern half of the district is parkland and contains no residences. All of the district east of Elmore and South of Tudor is either park or municipal or state land. Much of the portion west of Elmore is also non-residential land.

The SMC map has added tiny pieces of several neighborhoods to District 17-I:

â€¢ It appears that one block of houses west of Elmore between 64th and 65th was taken from 20-J and added to 17-I.

â€¢ The neighborhood to the south of Dowling was divided along Norm Drive and a small section of it was added to 17-I.

â€¢ Half of a large trailer court to the north of Dowling (Manoog's Isle) was added to District 17-I, while half remained in 20-J. Why?

â€¢ Then the district leapfrogs over medical offices, commercial buildings, UAA and ASD buildings so that the Anchor Park subdivision (NE corner of Lake Otis and Northern Lights) can be included.

The SMC has turned District 17-I into a crazy-quilt made of one big piece and lots of scraps. If you look at Google Earth, you will see that none of these little accretions are contiguous to each other or to the main part of the district to the east. This iteration of District 17 is not contiguous, compact, or integrated socio-economically.

Conclusion

Please respect the integrity of long-standing neighborhoods and avoid slicing them up. Draw district boundaries along major physical features. Districts borders should be formed by arterials, such as Northern Lights and Tudor, not by neighborhood streets. Do not disregard the social commonalities of neighborhoods. This should include the history and character of neighborhoods, as well as the schools, parks, and nearby employers.

The map that is the most logical for my neighborhood is Version 4.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Margaret Kugel

[REDACTED]

Anchorage, AK 99508

[REDACTED]


[REDACTED]

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY

Homer 10/13 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: October 27, 2021

Name: **Akcinia Kulikov**

Email or Phone Contact: 

Public Comment: Ms. Kulikov is a resident of the Voznesenka community and stated that there is a lack of information on other impacts such as taxes and school districts. Ms. Kulikov expressed concern about redistricting affecting those items. It's hard enough driving to Soldotna to take care of property and sales taxes. How will residents handle these impacts if they have to drive to Kodiak? In the Voznesenka community, as it is, there was voting that took place in Fritz Creek, and this resulted in Voznesenka residents not voting. If they have to vote in the Kodiak district, how will residents do this if Homer itself can't help their community with voting in their area?

Ms. Kulikov noted that the Voznesenka community needs their voice included in Homer and many residents of the area are against being grouped with Kodiak.

From: Shoshana Kun <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 1:43 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 30, 2021, 1:43 pm

First Name: **Shoshana**

Last Name: **Kun**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99701**

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

Public Comment: **I am in favor of map 3.**

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

Homer 10/13 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: October 27, 2021

Name: **Marcia Kuzmaul**

Email or Phone Contact: 

Public Comment: Ms. Kuzmaul is a business owner, member of the Chamber, and lives on Mile 4 of East End Road. Ms. Kuzmaul agrees with what other testifiers stated regarding the carve out of Fritz Creek and Fox River. Ms. Kuzmaul also spoke against separating the Kachemak Bay sides as the Kachemak Bay includes both the north and south, creating a synergistic, economic, cultural, and geographic community that is very distinctive with common issues.

From: Jackie Lampley <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 2:45 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: my Testimony

I have lived in the Mat Su Borough for over 30 years and am very happy with the way things are . I live at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Wasilla I do not see any reason that we should put Valdez with the Mat Su Borough. I believe that there has been enough change in our lives we did not need any more.

Thank you for your time.

Jackie Lampley

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

WEBSITE RESPONSE

Name: **Florence Larson**

Email Address: putts5646@yahoo.com

Date: October 30, 2021, 1:06 pm

Comments: **I have been a citizen of Alaska in the Kenai Peninsula Borough since 1969, having lived in Kenai, Soldotna and presently reside in Homer. Please keep the Borough districting map as is.**

Date: October 30, 2021, 1:01 pm

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

Public Comment: **Listening on radio and looking at maps online, the AFFR map is the only choice for this area because:**

- 1) the draft maps splits this district in ways that are not logical nor financially sound**
- 2) all schools in this neighborhood belong to Kenai Borough School District (KBSD)**
- 3) the map grouping, AFFR, contributes to all small coastal towns with marine economies, i.e. fishing, tourism, recreational, life style, and the reason people live here**
- 4) all these small towns have similar land form and jobs and therefore need a cohesive, similar representation.**
- 5) placing Seward in a map with Nikiski when one city relies on fishing and tourism and the other an oil based economy makes no sense**
- 6) what is the rational for these drafts that seem to dilute coastal towns representation?**

From: Elaine Lawrence <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 1:32 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 30, 2021, 1:32 pm

First Name: **Elaine**

Last Name: **Lawrence**

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

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99701**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **v. 3 Proposed Plan Map**

Public Comment: **v. 3 Proposed Plan districts leave Fairbanks and many outlying communities grossly underrepresented. The deviations are unnecessarily high for all of the interior districts. Pairing very dissimilar communities (College/Moose Creek, Ester/Fox) is easily avoidable and should be changed. District 36 is bigger than many states and does not group communities in a way that makes sense. District 36 has two distinct transportation systems which would place election management and oversight under two different Division of Elections regional offices. Common sense is not represented in the v. 3 Proposed Plan Map.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY

Homer 10/13 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: October 27, 2021

Name: **Cassie Lawver**

Email or Phone Contact: 

Public Comment: Ms. Lawver is a resident of Fritz Creek and the Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB). Ms. Lawver opposed Board Map v.4 that removes Fritz Creek and Fox River communities from District 6 and places them in District 5. This area will not benefit from a representative whose constituents are only fisherman and military members. Fritz Creek has a small percentage of fisherman, but also has construction workers, house builders, cattlemen and cattlegirls, and retirees. Residents have chosen to live on the road system for several reasons, one of which is to have access to their representative. Ten years ago this was not so, but in the last 5 years, Fritz Creek and Fox River residents have become very involved in state government.

Moving 2,200 of KPB residents to another region that do not share the same socio-economic structure and geographic boundaries does not make sense.

From: Alan Leonard <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 12:41 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 26, 2021, 12:40 pm

First Name: **Alan**

Last Name: **Leonard**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99503**

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

Public Comment: **We live in Meadow Lakes, and I like that the AFFER proposed plan keeps our area in one district, district 11 F. Not sure what sort of butchery is happening elsewhere.**

Thanks for taking my comment. Have a great decade.

From: Kate Liddle Broberg [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 8:26 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Redistricting Testimony

Hello,

I am writing as a Fairbanks resident to object to the redistricting proposal "Board Proposed v.3 Fairbanks." This proposal breaks the area into illogical groupings in order to unfairly advantage Republican candidates and misrepresent the neighborhoods of Fairbanks and North Pole. More appropriate redistricting options are the AFFR and Board Map v.4, which are divided in a much more appropriate way, ensure that North Pole has its own representation and that the Fairbanks districts aren't unfairly overpopulated, reducing the impact of each individual resident's vote. I ask that our region is redistricted in a way that ensures all communities are represented and that opposes the type of gerrymandering seen in Board Proposed v.3's map.

Respectfully,


Kate Liddle Broberg
[REDACTED]
Fairbanks, AK

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

Seward 10/12/21 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: October 26, 2021

Name: **Patty Linville**

Email or Phone Contact: 

Ms. Linville agreed with everything that Mr. Plush stated regarding Seward not being economically aligned with the northern part of Kenai Peninsula. Ms. Linville would like to see Seward connected with coastal communities that have similar interests.

From: Oleksandr Lushchik <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 2:21 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 30, 2021, 2:21 pm

First Name: **Oleksandr**

Last Name: **Lushchik**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99503**

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

Public Comment: **I do not support Board Plan v3, Board Plan v4, or the AFFER plan as more than half of the districts proposed in these plans do not meet the allowable deviation of 0.5% from an equal target population. If the districts do not have equal populations, then the votes in some disticts count more than in others, which is inherently undemocratic. I support the AFFER plan and the Senate Minority plan because only five or six districts in these plans exceed the allowable deviation, which is tremendously better than the Board Plans, where 26 or 27 districts do not conform. I would have imagined that the board would do a better job of fulfilling the basic criteria for redistricting and not produce slovenly plans where there is a donut district surrounding Eagle River. I don't want our state to be the laughing stock of our nation for heavily unbalanced districts and you shouldn't either! Do better.**

From: Lawrence Lynn <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 6:33 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 30, 2021, 6:33 pm

First Name: **Lawrence**

Last Name: **Lynn**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99645**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Lazy Mountain end of Wolverine Road**

Public Comment: **Our end of Wolverine Road community needs to be folded back in with the rest of our Lazy Mountain Community. Our current voting district requires that we drive 8 miles round trip out of our way to vote. Not only is this an unreasonable situation, we want to be included in the decisions that affect the rest of our single-road community. Please include us back into the greater Lazy Mountain-Palmer voting district.**

From: Ellen Mannion <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 8:20 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: The AFFR plan is the best option for redistricting

The AFFR plan maintains the voting rights of Fairbanks residents as well as successfully keeps people with similar issues in the same contiguous voting groups.

From: Catherine Margolin <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 12:12 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 29, 2021, 12:12 pm

First Name: **Catherine**

Last Name: **Margolin**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Hiland-Eagle River attachment to Muldoon**

Public Comment: **I support the Hiland-Eagle River attachment to Muldoon as it is a contiguous and compact territory containing as nearly as practicable a relatively integrated socio-economic area per our state constitution.**

From: Lawrence Marshall <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 10:48 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: October 29, 2021, 10:47 pm

First Name: **Lawrence**

Last Name: **Marshall**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

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

Public Comment: **I have lived in Eagle River since 1989! Eagle River should be joined with the Hiland Precinct, Muldoon and part of JBER when redrawing the boundaries in the Redistricting process! Eagle River has a large number of active duty and retired Military residents!, and the areas I listed previously are a perfect fit with the Muldoon and JBER areas!**

From: Mary and Robert Martin <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 9:37 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: October 29, 2021, 9:37 am

First Name: **Mary and Robert**

Last Name: **Martin**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99712**

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

Public Comment: **V.3 unfairly represents Fairbanks by making our votes count less than those in Mat-Su, Kenai, and Anchorage. It divides Fairbanks artificially, and prevents North Pole from having its own representation. We support either the Board map V.4, or the AFFR map.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: October 26, 2021, 9:39 am

Name: **Helenmarie Matesi**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99709**

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

Public Comment: **My name is Helenmarie Matesi I live at 3751 NON Rd in Fairbanks Alaska. We live off Becker Ridge in the areas of Chena Ridge, Ester, and Cripple Creek, on the west side of town. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in the matter of the assignment of districts for our state. In 2007, I retired from teaching at University of Alaska. I believe that fair equitable and nonpartisan redistricting is in the best interest of our state, this community and definitely for me as an elder of this community. I believe fairness and a non partisan approach to issues of governance benefits us all and fosters well being.**

I find none of the maps perfect, though some represent my needs better than others. I find the Binkley map to be out of balance and inappropriate. I live off Becker Ridge and this map would have me in a district with North Pole which is which is not the community that I moved into or live in. In addition the map over populates the five districts of the Fairbanks area in a way that doesn't happen in any other communities in the state. This distribution would not support the tenet of one person one vote and would diminish the effectiveness of our votes, the fairness of the system. In this map we are under represented and Matsu and Anchorage are over represented. In addition the map is awkward and does not respect the natural West/East divide that exists in the Fairbanks North Star Borough. The map below is a poor choice, please don't let this be the choice of the redistricting committee.

Map 4 and the AFFR map respect the West/East divide.

The AFFR plan recognizes North Pole's distinct identity and keeps the greater North Pole area together in a district. Ester is my community, North Pole is not.

My first choice is the AFFR map above. My second choice is shown below map 4.

Thank you for your consideration and your work.

Helenmarie Matesi

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY

Homer 10/13 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: October 27, 2021

First Name: **George Matz**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Public Comment: Mr. Matz is a Fritz Creek resident and opposes the community being a part of a district that does not include Homer. Mr. Matz encouraged the board to consider topography as it defines where they live, how they connect, and how they receive services. The topography has the Kachemak Bay watershed where everyone has a connection to.

Mr. Matz spoke in favor of the AFFER map's proposed District 35-R, but suggested including Nanwalek and Port Graham.

From: Donald May <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 11:42 AM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 29, 2021, 11:41 am

First Name: **Donald**

Last Name: **May**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Support for Version 4**

Public Comment: **I reside in current House district 28. I believe that the most current board version 4 best meets the legal and practical requirements for what is now HD 28 and is now listed as proposed HD9. The population variance is well within reasonable limits. The Board version 4 plan also meets the test of social and economic community of interest by collecting South Anchorage citizens together.**

Some earlier versions of maps had included some Kenai Peninsula Borough communities in proposed district 9. Those communities are very different from South Anchorage. They are in a different political subdivision on the state and differ markedly from South Anchorage in terms of social and economic congruence with South Anchorage.

Thank you for considering my comments. .

From: Eric McCallum <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 5:58 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 29, 2021, 5:58 pm

First Name: **Eric**

Last Name: **McCallum**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **self**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99515**

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

Public Comment: **I recently attended public testimony before the redistricting board, and was concerned when a board member indicated that race could not be a factor in redrawing voter districts.**

Race is required to be considered in redistricting for compliance with the Voting Rights Act. Section 2 of the VRA requires consideration of race to ensure minority voters have an equal opportunity to participate in the political process and elect candidates of their choice. Although race cannot be used as the sole or predominant basis for the drawing of any district without a compelling justification, compliance with the Voting Rights Act is a compelling state interest.

As you are well aware Anchorage has become a much more diverse community; therefore I am supporting the AFFR map which has taken the concept of majority/minority districts into consideration as one of the many reasons when drawing their districts for Anchorage.

I urge you to use the AFFR map as your final map.

From: akraven <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 4:25 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Matsu Borough Redistricting

To Whom It May Concern;

I am happy with the districts in Matsu Borough. I am a resident of Matsu Borough and support map Version 3. We do not need Valdez in the Matsu Borough districts. We have enough residents to support our candidates. Please leave Matsu Borough the way it is. Our population supports our businesses ,elections and we do not need the population of Valdez in our elections.

Sincerely,

Brian McNair

[REDACTED]

Wasilla, AK 99654

From: Alice Mcnamara <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 11:30 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Redistricting

For the record I vote we do not create a new district which would include one half of the Mendenhall Valley to include Haines and Skagway. Our residents need to be concerned with our schools, recreation, shopping, etc., in the area we live. This does not even make sense.

Of all maps you are considering AFFR seems the more reasonable.

Please choose wisely being considerate of the people you represent. Your choices will affect all of us for a very long time.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond.

Alice McNamara
Mendenhall Valley resident for 50+ years.

From: Wyn Menefee <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 1:07 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 25, 2021, 1:06 pm

First Name: **Wyn**

Last Name: **Menefee**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Resident South Knik River Community Council area**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99645**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Doyon Coalition Proposal for 24L**

Public Comment: **This is an inappropriate redistricting by putting the area represented by the South Knik River Community Council and some of the Butte, an area wholly with the MatSu Borough, to be represented as a component of a larger area which is mostly within the Anchorage Municipality. The general views of the residents of these areas are often diametrically opposed. The residents of the Matsu Borough should be represented with areas wholly in the Matsu Borough.**

From: ERIC MILLER <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 1:40 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 30, 2021, 1:40 pm

First Name: **ERIC**

Last Name: **MILLER**

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

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99709**

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

Public Comment: **Board Proposed Plan v.3 for redistricting is clearly unreasonable relative to the other plans. It fails to meet the criteria of socio-economic integration and consideration of local government boundaries (it combines portions of Fairbanks and North Pole) and equal population (its deviations are much greater than the other plans). My opinion is the the AFFR and AFFER plans better meet the criteria for redistricting and more fairly distribute the population.**

From: Kathryn Miller <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 2:18 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 29, 2021, 2:17 pm

First Name: **Kathryn**

Last Name: **Miller**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99801**

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

Public Comment: **The Senate Minority Caucus Proposed Plan is the most fair and equitable map draft, because it results in the highest number of competitive districts. We cannot afford to allow our elections to become foregone conclusions, and we certainly cannot afford to approve maps such as AFFER's with such brazen political motivations. Dipping into Democratic Rep. Andi Story's Auke Bay neighborhood and putting her house in the same district as fellow Democratic Rep. Sara Hannan is a thinly-veiled attempt to deprive Juneauites of fair representation. Let's uphold the mission of our legislative body as a forum for discussion and debate that benefits all Alaskans. This requires competitive districts. As a young Alaskan who will live through many, many decades of this redistricting's legislative effects, I urge you: do not sacrifice this state's future for the myopic views of one political party today. Approve the Senate Minority Caucus Proposed Plan.**

From: Patricia Miller <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 11:40 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: October 30, 2021, 11:40 am

First Name: **Patricia**

Last Name: **Miller**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99709**

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

Public Comment: **I would like to express concern over map V3. It doesnâ€™t separate North Pole from Fairbanks. It overpopulated the interior districts. Why should my vote count less than someone elseâ€™s?**

I strongly advocate a map that will separate the cities of Fairbanks and North Pole PLUS will give each voter an equal voice. Thank you.

From: Morgan Moore <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 2:46 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Testimony for Redistricting the Eagle River - Muldoon District

I support the proposed AFFER map combining Eagle River's Hiland precinct and most of Chugach Park #2 precinct with Muldoon.

I've lived in east Anchorage my entire life and this map seems to be the best fit.

- Morgan

From: Spencer Moore <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 11:52 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Redistricting Testimony

I'd like to write in to **support the AFFER Map**, with the inclusion of Eagle River and Muldoon. I have lived in the Muldoon area for the past 5 years and I would welcome our E.R. neighbors to join us in state representation. I believe it is a natural move due to the way the road system is laid out.

After reviewing the various maps, I believe the AFFER map is the best map that suits our portion of town. Thanks!

Spencer Moore
East Anchorage Resident

P: [REDACTED]
E: [REDACTED]

From: cmosher <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 3:03 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Matsu Redistricting

To Whom It May Concern:

Matsu borough has 6 good districts with enough population to support our residents . We do not need Valdez to help our population. We are in good shape and growing in population, you can tell by the amount of traffic we have. We are fine the way we are, leave us alone.

Sincerely,

Cathy K Mosher

[REDACTED]
Wasilla, AK 99654

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: Roman Motyka <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 11:38 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: October 30, 2021, 11:37 am

First Name: **Roman**

Last Name: **Motyka**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

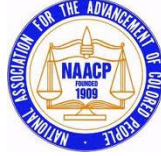
Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99801**

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

Public Comment: **I wish to express my support for the Senate Minority Proposal for Southeast Alaska. This plan best maintains. previous boundaries with minimum deviations.**

Thank you.



GREATER FAIRBANKS NAACP UNIT 1001

P.O. Box 84437, Fairbanks, AK 99708

E-mail: fairbanksnaacp@gmail.com

October 28, 2021

Alaska Redistricting Board

I am providing written public testimony regarding the proposed new political redistricting. The local Branch of the National Association of Colored Persons (NAACP) – Unit 1001, has reviewed the six proposed maps and supports v4 map of the redistricting plan. The NAACP believes map v4 offers the most equitable and fair redistricting plan to adequately serve all borough residents with respect for the voting process, protect political boundaries, as well as maximize voter representation.

The NAACP is ardently opposed to v3 of the map redistricting plan. We believe this particular map represents and conveys the following position:

- 1) unfair political advantage for one party
- 2) unequal apportionment of electoral districts
- 3) effort to manipulate boundaries
- 4) diluting party voting power in certain districts
- 5) political picking of voters

This is a clear sign of gerrymandering. Map v3 appears to be designed to benefit a particular group and/or party. Map v3 does not represent the best interest of the Interior for the next 10 years, or all the residents that live and work therein. Fairbanks and North Pole are separate and distinct communities. Each area should have representation from within their respective communities, not lumped in with other populations or areas. The outlying areas should have representation that is representative of their community.

Sincerely,

Montean Jackson, President
Greater Fairbanks Branch, NAACP
Unit 1001

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY

Bethel 10/19 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: October 25, 2021

Name: **Myron Naneng Sr.**

Mr. Naneng has lived in Bethel since the 1970's and has been asked by the village, city, and corporation of Hooper Bay to represent and testify on behalf of them. One item they have discussed for the last year, knowing that redistricting has been coming up, is the fact that they have been represented from Nome and Kotzebue, but they feel their connection to Bethel is stronger as it is their hub for transportation and medical services. They can also get much work done in their village with the help of a representative and senator from Bethel as they understand their needs more. There have been many projects over the last few years and most of the support has come from the Bethel senator who they have expressed their concerns directly to him in person.

Mr. Naneng strongly urged that Hooper Bay be grouped with the Bethel district.

Mr. Naneng added that his brother-in-law, who is on the village corporation and a tribal council, is from Scammon Bay and stated that he would also support having Scammon Bay with Bethel because they are similarly situated between Hooper Bay and Scammon Bay.

From: Tabitha Nardini <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 12:30 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Article VI, section 6

Alaska redistricting board,

I have been to your meeting on October 26, 2021. I realized that on the board. There was not one representative in the district that are affected by the changes. Most of the effective areas are farming communities. The map shows city and farm land to share the same representative. How is the representation to be fair? If more people lived in the city. Than people on farm lands. I feel this will not represent the people fairly. Please reconsider the map to represent farmers fairly. I do realize the process. But PLEASE think about the farm lands and people livelihoods will be affected, without the proper representation. City needs are different needs, then raising crops and feeding animals.

Thank you,
Tabitha Nardini

From: Joe Nelson [REDACTED] >
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 9:26 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Redistricting Comment

Honorable Redistricting Board Members,

I am a 51 year-old lifelong southeast Alaskan. Raised in Yakutat. Currently, living in Juneau's downtown district. Three-fourths of my ancestors have always been here. Prior to statehood. Prior to territorialism. Prior to the Russians.

Before Alaska was Alaska - the people here also had district boundaries. Those boundaries were negotiated periodically. In southeast, they are known as Kwaans.

The redistricting maps that carve up the valley, auke bay and out the road do not fit the spirit of the effort and will likely end up moving through the courts. v3, v4, and AFFER appear to fall in that category.

Our rural legislators have always played a key role in balancing out the partisanship that many elected officials bring into the Capitol Building. Deference should always be paid to those who are looking out for Alaska's rural areas and first peoples.

The Doyon Coalition maps will best serve all Alaskans.

Thank you for your service, your travel, your engagement, and your acknowledgement of the original peoples who are very much still here minding our traditional boundaries and working for the benefit of all Alaskans.

Respectfully,

Joe Nelson
[REDACTED]
Juneau, AK 99801

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

WEBSITE RESPONSE

From: Michael Neussl <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 6:04 PM
To: Testimony <testimony@akredistrict.org>
Subject: Southeast Alaska Redistricting

I do not support splitting the Mendenhall Valley into two different districts, therefore I oppose the proposed map v.3, map v.4, and the AFFER map. Any of the remaining maps, AFFR, Senate Minority, or DOYON Coalition are fine and acceptable to me.

Michael Neussl
Juneau, AK, 99801

Date: October 29, 2021, 6:11 pm

Name: **Michael Neussl**
Your ZIP Code: **99801**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Do not split the Mendenhall Valley into two different districts.**

Public Comment: **I oppose map v.3, map v.4, and the AFFER map as they all split the Mendenhall Valley in two. I support the AFFR map, Senate Minority map, and Doyon Coalition map. Either of these keeps the Mendenhall Valley intact as one district.**

Gary Newman Redistricting Board Testimony 10/18/21

Updated and provided as written testimony 10/24/21

My name is Gary Newman, a 50 year resident of Fairbanks, living on Chena Hot Springs Road. I've engaged for 3 decades on redistricting efforts and have spent considerable time this year as well. Since 1990, my area has been bounced around, paired with northern Fairbanks, North Pole, and the current District 6 that includes Ft. Yukon and Tok.

Technology this time around has been great to have and the Redistricting Board's website and meetings have been very open.

I understand the challenges of mapping with the handful of constitutional requirements that to some degree are often in competition. An analogy might be a balloon that, when squeezed in one direction, pops out in another. Others have suggested a Rubix Cube, a complex version which I have provided to the Board.



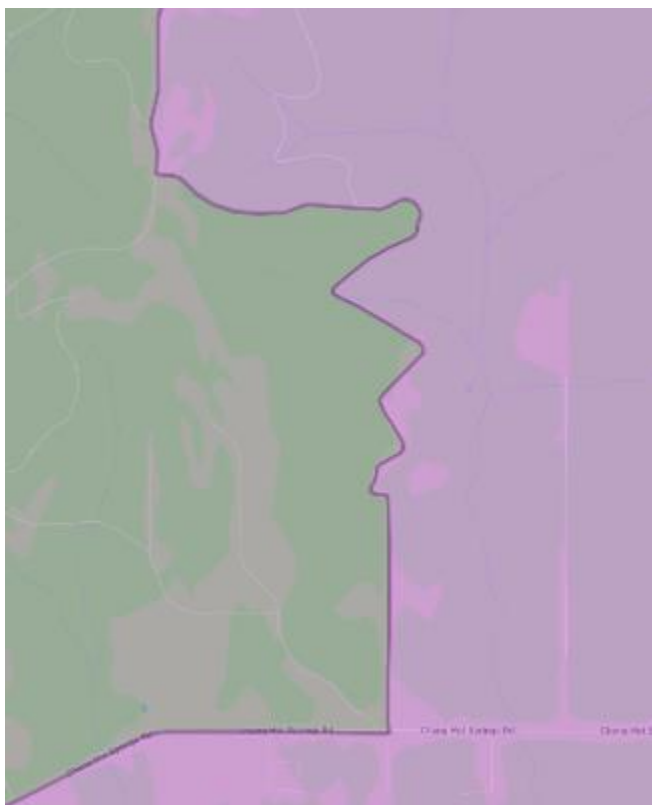
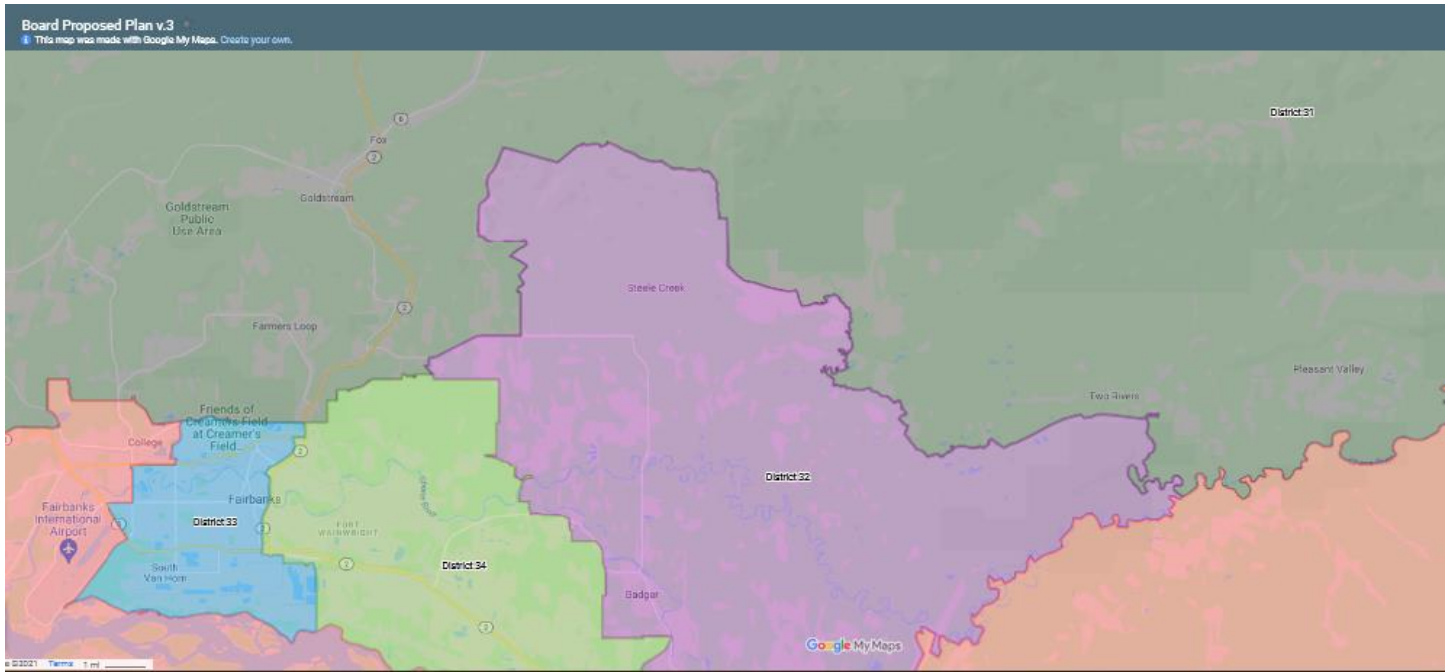
Of all of the maps under consideration, two maps seem to be the most functional from the standpoint of respect for compactness, contiguousness, socio-economic integration, cultural integration, municipal boundaries as much as possible, and lack of constitutional questionability, with just a few districts with deviations that are higher than optimal. With much of Alaska sparsely populated, that will always be a challenge.

In both the Board Version 4 and AFFR maps, I particularly appreciate the treatment of the Fairbanks North Star Borough districts with its east-west orientation over the north-south orientation of other maps. Other maps also break up subdivisions and neighborhoods, include sections of Chena Hot Springs Road with North Pole. The obvious boundary in the latter case is to use not a road, but the Chena River to delineate the separate of North Pole from Chena Hot Springs area. Version 4 and the AFFR maps mostly do this, though do include western Badger Road to reduce the deviation. North Pole is its own distinct community and should be afforded its own district, similarly with Chena Hot Springs Road to the neighborhoods to the north and west. I'd think the Doyon Coalition folks would like Version 4 better than the AFFR map, but for the greater Fairbanks area, but there are pluses for both Version 4 and AFFR.

The Doyon Coalition shows a lack of concern for how it breaks up neighborhoods in Fairbanks, while Board version 4 seems to meet their main objectives without that disruption. I think the maps of Board Version 3 and AFFR, are totally unacceptable for various reasons, the former as it disenfranchises Fairbanks from required representation from high deviations and the latter constitutionally which the Board recognized in testimony, but still surprisingly allowed to be accepted. The Senate Minority Caucus map, with its north-south orientation and neighborhood breakup of east rural Fairbanks into dissimilar districts is also flawed.

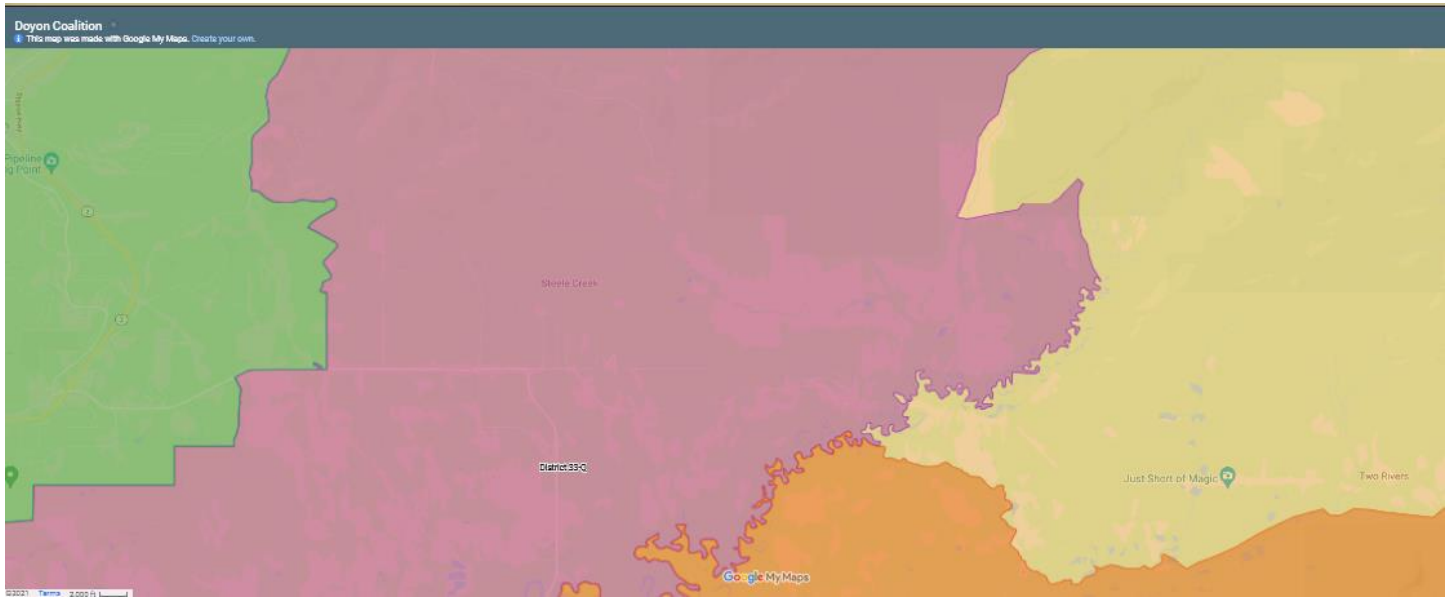
AFFER doesn't afford Fairbanks the 5.2 House seat representation it requires, besides the other constitutional questions the Board noted in their presentation.

Board V.3 grabs a central portion of Chena Hot Springs Road and Gilmore Trail and puts it in with North Pole. It also splits the Tungsten Subdivision in half. Shown below:

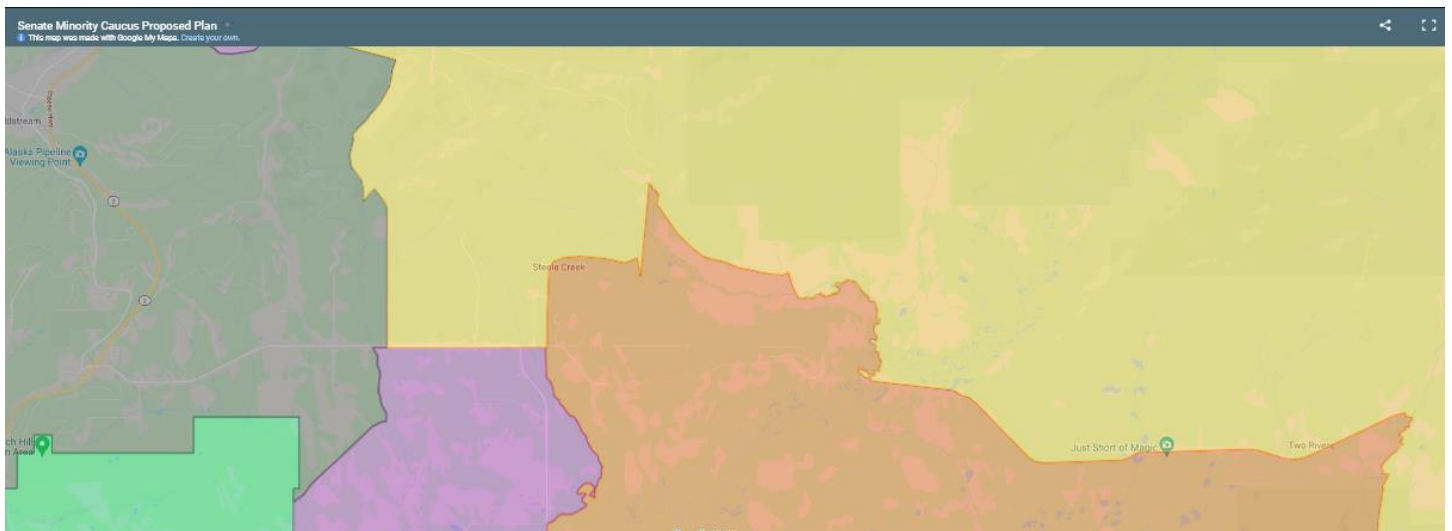


The Doyon Coalition map also puts the middle of Chena Hot Springs Road into a different district with North Pole/Badger Road and the eastern 1/3 into a 3rd district, as well as similarly

splitting the Tungsten Subdivision in half between two districts. With this map, Chena Hot Springs Road would be in 3 different districts, the eastern 1/3 in contained within the Interior Athabascan proposed District 36 as shown below.



The **Senate Minority Caucus** map actually has Chena Hot Springs Road in 4 districts, far from desired respect for socio-economic integration



Regarding any map versions including Board V. 4, I do not offer any input on how maps treat other areas outside of Interior Alaska as I don't know the neighborhoods, except that Board Version 4 does separate Eagle River from Wasilla, about which the Board has heard in previous testimony. I know other areas will weigh in for the Board's consideration.


Thank you for the opportunity to offer my perspective and for the amount of work the Board and staff have put in on this important task.

**ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING
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Fairbanks 10/18 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: October 25, 2021

Name: **Brent Nichols**

Email or Phone Contact: 

Public Comment: **Mr. Nichols spoke in favor of the AFFR map as it keeps Fairbanks districts within the borough boundaries and keeps communities of interest together. It also represents communities the best.**

From: MA Nickles <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 1:22 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Interior Alaska Redistricting

To the Board

I live in Fairbanks 97701. I definitely do not approve of the Board's Version 3. It shortchanges the Fairbanks voters. I think that there should be six areas for six Representatives. So much more fair than 5.2 areas.

I sincerely hope that you can adopt a map closer to the Doyon Coalition map.

Mary Ann Nickles

[REDACTED]
Fairbanks, AK 99701

From: Katie Nolan <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 4:14 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 26, 2021, 4:14 pm

First Name: **Katie**

Last Name: **Nolan**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **HALO**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

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

Public Comment: **Map version 3 is my first choice; version 4 second choice. The others create huge issues for the Anchorage Hillside and do not follow the mandate to create contiguous and compact areas.**

From: Naomi Norback <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 8:15 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: October 26, 2021, 8:15 pm

First Name: **Naomi**

Last Name: **Norback**

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Comments: **I am from McGrath. I support the redistricting board map 4 because it gets us away from the coastal villages that have different priorities than the interior villages. It makes sense to group the interior villages together. I can not call in to testify, so I hope this e mail counts as testimony, if not, please e mail me the correct place for my comment to be part of the record. Thank you.**

From: Honeybee Nordenson <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 7:36 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: October 26, 2021, 7:35 pm

First Name: **Honeybee**

Last Name: **Nordenson**

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Comments: **I am very interested in the redistricting. We need everyone to look at where Seldovia is in the redistricting. It is wrong to include Seldovia with Kodiak. They are so different from Seldovia and I feel we have not had the representation we all deserve and should have by law.**

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 3:47 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Fritz Creek

As a 12 year resident and home owner of Fritz Creek, I am vehemently opposed to the redistricting map that would relocate us from our current district on the Kenai Peninsula to the Kodiak district. Our area shares social, cultural, historical and economic ties to Homer and the southern KP. It has no history nor ties to Kodiak. It has no road or ferry transport access to the proposed district. It makes absolutely no sense to propose much less act on this plan.

I strongly urge you to adopt the district map proposed by Alaskans For Fair Redistricting.

Respectfully,
Jack Oudiz

[REDACTED]
Fritz Creek, AK

From: David Paperman <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 2:35 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 26, 2021, 2:35 pm

First Name: **David**

Last Name: **Paperman**

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

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **N/A**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Seward 10/12/21 Verbal Testimony**

Public Comment: **Mr. Paperman acknowledged the difficulty in meeting all of the constitutional requirements while redistricting and noted that past redistricting cycles have been a disservice to Seward because the communities they have been grouped with have nothing in common with Seward once you leave the Cooper Landing area. The northern Kenai Peninsula and Cooper Landing areas are related to the oil industry whereas on the Seward side of the peninsula, there is almost no contact with that end of the district. Mr. Paperman noted that Seward has more in common with Girdwood. In the past, a senate district was shared with Girdwood and this did underrepresent Seward, but they were underrepresented with a voice that was similar to Seward. Mr. Paperman spoke in favor of grouping Seward with Homer as there are similar socio-economic statuses and Mr. Paperman would rather have Seward with Kodiak than Nikiski and Kenai.**

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 12:23 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Comments on redistricting in North Star Borough

To the Alaska Redistricting Board,

There needs to be adjustments on the Board Map V.3. This would overpopulate each district in Fairbanks. In turn, this underrepresents the people of Fairbanks. This map V.3 systematically underrepresents us here in Fairbanks while Anchorage and the Matsu are being overrepresented. This is unfair to the Fairbanks constituents when our Fairbanks North Star Borough has a sufficiently large population to have 5 districts plus one quarter for an additional district. We are entitled to fair representation.

The Fairbanks North Star Borough is socio-economically oriented East and West, along the Chena River. The Fairbanks map should reflect these existing communities of interest. Orienting the Fairbanks Borough Districts West/East respects the existing communities of interest such as the University of Alaska Fairbanks campus & the communities that are closely tied to the campus. To the East this orientation respects the major economic driver of Fort Wainwright & the many neighborhoods in East Fairbanks where service members and their families reside.

In addition, The Fairbanks North Star Borough is socio-economically oriented west & east following the Parks & Richardson highways, respectively. These are the two main thoroughfares into and out of our community with exception of by air. The AFFR plan and Board Map V.4 both respect the natural West/East divide that exists in the Fairbanks North Star Borough. However, board Map V.3 would orient the Fairbanks North Star Borough north/south and break up naturally existing communities of interest. This needs to be corrected to fairly reflect our community and our concerns.

I live in the city of Fairbanks on 15th Ave. Thank you for your time and I trust my comments will be taken in support of changing these maps to be fairly accurate.

Regards

Joyce D. Parks
[REDACTED]
Fairbanks, Ak. 99701

From: David Peck <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 5:01 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 28, 2021, 5:01 pm

First Name: **David**

Last Name: **Peck**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **n/a**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99611**

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

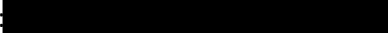
Public Comment: **I support maps 3 or 4 which keep the upper Kenai Peninsula intact & not part of an Anchorage District. This is because this area has unique commonality and few, if any, residents identify as living in or as part of Anchorage. Though in air miles Nikiski is not so far from Anchorage by road its about 200. Adding Nikiski or parts of Sterling to an Anchorage district is apples & oranges. We're separated by a wide space of wild country with no road except for the Seward Hiway and that is way to the east of Nikiski. Thank you**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY

Bethel 10/19 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: October 25, 2021

Name: **Mary Peltola**

Email or Phone Contact: 

Public Comment: Ms. Peltola is a Bethel resident who served on the Alaska State Legislature from 1999 to 2009. Ms. Peltola expressed concern for the Senate Minority Caucus map. Having Platinum and Goodnews Bay in the Dillingham district would make sense as they get their health services from the Bristol Bay corporation. There are also many family relationships between Togiak, Twin Hills, and Manokotak. Having Kipnuk, Cheforak, Nelson Island, Nunivak Island separated from Bethel is complicated as Bethel is their hub for transportation and logistics supply chain. Also, they are apart of the Kuskokwim Intertribal Fish Commission and the Kuskokwim River is in favor of keeping the Kuskokwim villages in tact. If the Kuskokwim River can include Aniak and Kalskag, this would be beneficial.

Ms. Peltola noted that it is unfortunate that all the districts in Alaska can't be larger to include more of the villages Bethel already has a relationship with.

From: Genevieve Perreault <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 10:45 AM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 30, 2021, 10:45 am

First Name: **Genevieve**

Last Name: **Perreault**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99709**

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

Public Comment: **I am concerned that there are too few districts representing Fairbanks and the Interior squeezing too much population into not enough districts is a *lack* of representation compared to other areas of the state. Please don't shortchange Fairbanks and Interior residents.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: October 25, 2021, 1:54 pm

Name: **Thaddaeus Phillips**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99645**

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

Public Comment: I am concerned with any redistricting proposal that does not align with borough boundaries. Most of these proposals align Butte community with Anchorage and not a valley district. Anyone who gets redistricted out of their borough will not get proper representation in the government from Juneau with any alignment. Please do not realign anyone outside of their borough

From: thad phillips [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 1:23 PM
To: Testimony <testimony@akredistrict.org>
Subject: Butte redistrict

I am concerned with the Dying proposal since it aligns the Butte community with Anchorage and not a valley district. We will not get proper representation in the government from Juneau with this alignment. Please do not align us with Anchorage.

Thank you
Thaddaeus Phillips
Butte resident

From: Theresa Phillips [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 5:56 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: South Knik River and Butte Redistricting

Hello,

I am writing in regards to the redistricting of our area. I move from Anchorage in August 2012 and found a home on Knik River Rd. I did not like Anchorage or the direction that it was going. I do not want or desire to be associated in a district within MOA. I desire to stay with my fellow Mat-Su residents where my primary socio-economic ties lie.


Thank You for your time,
Theresa Phillips

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

Seward 10/12/21 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: October 26, 2021

Name: **Denise Plush**

Email or Phone Contact: 

Ms. Plush would like Seward to stay with Homer, Kodiak, or other coastal communities as they all have similar economic interest, such as fishing. The northern peninsula has different economic drivers and thus should not be grouped with Seward. Additionally, Seward should be able to elect someone who represents their interests.

Ms. Plush spoke in favor of the AFFR map.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY

Seward 10/12/21 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: October 26, 2021

Name: Griffin Plush

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Mr. Plush is a lifelong Seward resident who currently lives in the Forest Acres area. When Seward was placed in the same district as Nikiski and Sterling in 2013, Mr. Plush did not feel a connection with the district's representative and has not felt represented well. Mr. Plush noted that there are distinct differences between the northwest and east sides of the Kenai Peninsula.

Mr. Plush spoke in favor of the AFFR map as it represents his community well. Seward fits best with Homer in terms of representation. Additionally, Mr. Plush noted that whether Seward is with Homer or Nikiski, it comes down to socio-economic integration which means Homer is the best fit for Seward.

Additionally, Mr. Plush noted that he appreciates the connection of more Sugpiaq communities and continual representation of communities that maintain strong Sugpiaq traditions in the AFFR map.

From: Griffin Plush <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 11:05 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 29, 2021, 11:05 pm

First Name: **Griffin**

Last Name: **Plush**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99664**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Support Seward being districted per AFFR Map**

Public Comment: **In addition to my verbal comments during Seward's public comment session on redistricting, I just wanted to emphasize the importance of Seward being in a house district that has more similar socioeconomic connections than the status quo & current board versions of the map. I believe that the Alaskans for Fair Redistricting Map addresses this concern successfully by putting Seward (from the Wye south) in the same district as Homer. With tourism and maritime industries being the mainstay of both communities, we would have a more socioeconomically contiguous district. It's for this same reason that we should fall within the same senate district as Kodiak as well, as the AFFR map does.**

Thank you,

Griffin Plush

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 1:06 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Alaska Redistricting Board

Members of the Redistricting Board,

After examining the map options, I am ashamed and beyond upset. Why play these games in the name of politics? No one who looks at the proposed changes could justify the blatantly, thinly veiled attempt at what this redistricting is trying to do. Why would participate in something so harmful to Alaska?

It is the opinion of many and you will be hearing from us, that AFFR is the best option for Fairbanks. It follows the constitutional criteria better than the other options. AFFR's map is socioeconomically integrated, compact, contiguous, and has an acceptable deviation. The two criteria I believe to be most important are population and socioeconomic integration. They are vital to democracy. Board map version 3 is an affront to both of these democratic criteria. On board map version 3, each district has hundreds of extra people. We are underrepresented compared to other parts of the state. Why should my vote count less than someone in Kenai or Juneau? It also combines parts of Fairbanks and the surrounding communities that are not socioeconomically integrated. For example, Ester and Two Rivers are very different and should not be in the same district. My/ our recommendation is for the Alaska Redistricting Board to adopt the AFFR map for Fairbanks. Do you have the will to listen and do what's right?

Andrea Quintyne

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: October 26, 2021, 9:43 am

Name: **Jed Reagle**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99712**

Public Comment: The Redistricting Board's Map #3 is a classic case of political gerrymandering. Of all the maps offered, this one is the most offensive to residents of the Fairbanks "Community." It divides the residents into groups that are not in line with their neighbors, it overpopulates each of the five sections which decreases the one person/one vote concept that is fundamental to a healthy electorate, and it divides the community in the wrong cardinal direction. Fairbanks, and its surrounding residents, live along a RIVER. A river that flows mostly from the east toward the west as it passes alongside Fairbanks. You would think that a riverboat captain, the chairman, would know and understand that simple concept. Well maybe he DOES. And maybe that is why he is backing Map #3.

I have been a non-partisan registered voter in Alaska for the past 50 years and I object to Map #3 as a ploy from a Republican to favor his chosen political party. Everyone is free to chose a political party. But I have had enough with the partisanship divide that has infected both our State Legislature and the Congress of the United States. My choice is to remain an independent voter.

Redistricting Board Testimony

Thank you Chairman Binkley and other members of the committee for this opportunity to testify today.

My name is Grant Rebne. Sii'clu 'Yedetene Na 'kayax ts'insya'. I am from the Native Village of Cantwell.

I am a tribal member (and **Tribal Village Council member**) of the **Native Village of Cantwell**, as well as a shareholder (and **Board member**) of the **Ahtna Corporation**.

I am testifying today in support of the Doyon Coalition Map.

As I said I am from the **Native Village of Cantwell**, before that we were are Windy Creek (to the Northeast of Cantwell), many of my Grandma's siblings were born in Cantwell, my Grandma was born at Valdez Creek, and my great-grandpa Chitina. **My Great-grandpa, Dan Nicolai, the son of Chief Nicolai**, would hunt South of Chitina all the way through Cantwell and North of Windy Creek. Our family ties are with the entirety of the Ahtna Villages.

Originally, in 1971 ANCSA designated Cantwell to the Doyon Region of Villages. This would have separated us from the other Ahtna Villages, Ahtna Koht'aene, our people. Our socioeconomic, cultural, and traditional ties were and still are with the communities that make up our traditional lands. We fought then to have our community included with our families, our people and our cultural and traditional ties - and we are now asking you to consider the same.

The Coalition map is the only map that keeps our region united. None of the other proposed maps achieve this goal. **And that exclusion is NOT for population deviation - its for convenience.**

The population of Cantwell only makes up .1% of the quotient of 18,335 for each district. The allocation of Cantwell to either district isn't enough to disrupt either district's deviation. **Putting them in a different district disconnects them from us and us from (them/our people).**

Our family ties are with the entirety of the Ahtna Villages. I have with me a family tree that is 50' wide that spans 7 generations of just my relatives of Ahtna people. We have family ties all throughout our villages. Ahtna Koht'aene ts'ilaen we are the Ahtna people.

We would strongly ask that the Board support the adoption of the Doyon Coalition Map.

Tsin'aen ce'e - Thank you very much.

GRANT REBNE

From: Matthew Reckard <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 10:38 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: October 30, 2021, 10:38 am

First Name: **Matthew**

Last Name: **Reckard**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99725**

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

Public Comment: **It makes sense to have the greater Ester community within the same House district. Three proposed redistricting plans - Board v.4, Doyon, and AFFR, do this, hence I prefer them over the other three proposals which don't. Of these three, the one which creates the most coherent Senate districts is AFFR, and this is my preferred plan.**

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 5:14 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Support for Proposed AFFR Plan-Map

Redistricting Representatives:

As residents of the Fritz Creek area, affected by the proposed redistricting, we are opposed to moving us from the current District 31/5 into the Kodiak Island and Prince William Sound, District 6. We support the proposed AFFR Plan-Map.

The move would be in relative violation of State's requirements, including Constitution, for redistricting: Contiguity, Compactness and Community interest. The Fritz Creek region through to the Fox River and around the south Kachemak Bay region have many direct relations with the new District 5: social, medical, economic, political, among others. The redistricting us out of District 5 into 6 is a political move that further far-reaching consequence than insuring one parties influence over another's, while within the purview of those in power, affects issues of future annexation, Fritz Creek water/drainage, schooling, and miscellaneous other issues.

The AFFR Plan-Map is in-line with the redistricting requirements and the State Constitution and is politically non-confrontational.

Thank-you for considering our request,
Linda Lekness & Barry Reiss
Hill Ave off Greer Rd.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY

Fairbanks 10/18 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: October 25, 2021

Name: **Stuart Relay**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Public Comment: **Mr. Relay spoke in support of any map that groups Valdez with the interior as it has been districted in with the Mat-Su region historically. This makes more sense as they are more economically connected through the pipeline corridor and other economic activities along this corridor.**

Mr. Relay added that he understands the concerns that have been expressed on Board Map v.3 which would achieve the above mentioned. Mr. Relay urged the board to put Valdez with the interior district and not with that Mat-Su Borough.

Sent Electronically

RE. Stuart Relay Redistricting Testimony in Support of the AFFR Map

Dear Chair Binkley and Members of the Redistricting Board,

My name is Stuart Relay and I live in Fairbanks but I am originally from Valdez. Thank you for your service to Alaska and the Redistricting Board, the task before cannot be easy. I testified at the Fairbanks redistricting townhall event on October 18th, but here is my testimony in writing too. While I am not married to any of the maps, I am testifying in support of the Alaskans for Fair Redistricting (AFFR) map. Here is why:

- The AFFR map includes Valdez in the large interior district similar to Board Map 3.
- The AFFR map does not overpopulate the House districts in the Fairbanks North Star Borough to the same degree that Board Map 3 does.

Valdez should be in the large interior district because it has greater interconnectivity with the interior than it does with the MatSu where it is currently districted. This interconnectivity goes back well over a century as the Richardson Highway and the trail that preceded it made Valdez the main corridor to Fairbanks, especially after the goldrush and before the railroad. That important corridor continues to be responsible for a good portion of the nonperishable freight that comes up to the interior. The Trans-Alaska Pipeline also brings this region together as oil flows from the North Slope through the interior and down to Valdez. Further interconnectivity is seen by the fact that many Fairbanksans and Interior residents in general have their boats in Valdez, or use the boat launches there to put their boats in salt water in the summer for fishing or recreation. Beyond the significant economic aspects of the interconnectivity, a lot of the Valdez High School sports teams come to the interior, either the Copper River Basin or Fairbanks. When I skied and swam for Valdez High School, we often came to Fairbanks for competition and since I graduated in 2016 they have started coming to Fairbanks even more. Valdez has a lot more in common with the interior especially with the Fairbanks North Star Borough and the Copper River Basin than it does with the MatSu, and it is not unprecedented to have Valdez districted in with the interior. In the previous set of maps, Senator Bishop who lives just off University Avenue here in Fairbanks was the senator for Valdez and before that Senator Coghill from North Pole was the senator for Valdez for a time. With all of these considerations in mind, please include Valdez in the big interior district in final map you approve.

It is very important to have House districts of roughly equal population. I understand that it is not feasible to have each house district have the exact same population, but there should not be significant discrepancies between the populations of the 40 house districts. While I appreciate Board Map 3 for the fact that it includes Valdez in the large interior district, the reason I do not support that map is that it overpopulates the Fairbanks North Star Borough. The five house districts contained within the Borough in Board Map 3 might have legally compliant population deviations, but it nonetheless would underrepresent Fairbanks and the Borough in the State Legislature, this is unacceptable. The Borough lost population in the 2020 census and

having our community underrepresented in the Legislature would add to that tragedy. I see no issue with splitting up the borough to make sure that the residents therein are adequately represented. The current large interior district, House District 6, consumes much of the eastern part of the borough. This does not seem to significantly alter how the residents on either end of the borough interact, especially when considering the longstanding political ideological differences between the eastern and western parts of the Borough. Please do not overpopulate the house districts in the Fairbanks North Star Borough in the final map you approve as it would lead to our underrepresentation.

To conclude, I support the AFFR map because it puts Valdez in the large interior district, and it does not overpopulate the House districts within the Fairbanks North Star Borough to the same degree that Board Map 3 does. Thank you for your service to our great state and if any further clarification is necessary, please feel free to call or email me at the contact information below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stuart Relay". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stuart Relay

Cell: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Susanna Reutov <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 11:32 AM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 28, 2021, 11:32 am

First Name: **Susanna**

Last Name: **Reutov**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Republican**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99603**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **East End Road, District 31**

Public Comment: **Do not want to be removed from District 31!**

From: Kathleen Richmond <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 1:25 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 30, 2021, 1:24 pm

First Name: **Kathleen**

Last Name: **Richmond**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99708**

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

Public Comment: **Please have enough districts in Fairbanks and not reduce the number of seats we have already ir pack too many people into one. Please make them geographically relevant so the representative can adequately represent their district. Districts that are spread over hundred of miles have a hard time doing this.**

From: Dennis Riemersma <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2021 6:19 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Redistricting

I just wanted to say I don't want to be affiliated with the Anchorage district. We are part of the Mat Su valley and I and wife want to keep it that way. Thank you Dennis and Carolyn Riemersma.

From: Joe Riggs <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 1:18 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 25, 2021, 1:18 pm

First Name: **Joe**

Last Name: **Riggs**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

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

Public Comment: **I am in favor of the AFFER version of redistricting. Thank you**

From: Melissa Riordan <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 7:38 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 25, 2021, 7:37 pm

First Name: **Melissa**

Last Name: **Riordan**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99712**

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

Public Comment: **Doyon map Geographical looks the least manipulated. In the greater Fairbanks area. North Pole is combined with Eielson AFB, which makes sense as they are most economically related; other urban areas in Fairbanks districts are proximate and related to one another, and very rural areas are kept separate from urban areas as they have very different issues and concerns. I did not like the minority nor the majority political maps.**

From: Richard Roberts [REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:49 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Redistricting South Knik River

To redistricting South Knik River Putting it in the proposed Doyon Coalition. makes positively know since it all have nothing common with the Anchorage district positively dumb and sstupid . sorry that's the way I feel we have nothing common t0 be put in with the Anchorage or Eagle River District.

October 27, 2021

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

SENT VIA EMAIL

To Whom It May Concern

I am writing to you in support of the Redistricting Boards' proposed plan to place Haines and Skagway with North Juneau. My comments are limited to the Northern Lynn Canal aspect of this discussion, where as a long time resident I see a natural alignment with North Juneau given the closer geographical, commercial, and regional transportation linkages for Skagway and Haines, as opposed to that of downtown Juneau. I believe that the Board's Map Version #3 seems to best reflect this reality.

I thank you for your work on these challenging issues and I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,



Tyler Rose
[REDACTED]
Skagway, Alaska 99840


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

Dillingham 10/21 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: October 25, 2021

Name: **Marilyn Rosene**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Self Census 2020 Chair**

Email or Phone Contact: 

Ms. Rosene noted that there are 4 school districts in their region that have been working collaboratively on career tech education. Ms. Rosene suggested that they continue to be a part of the Bristol Bay region to continue collaboration.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY

Homer 10/13 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: October 27, 2021

Name: **David Roseveare**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Public Comment: **Mr. Roseveare spoke in favor of Board Map v.4, but has concerns about the Fritz Creek and Fox River areas as the map takes Fritz Creek away from Homer where residents shop, work, and recreate. Fritz Creek residents consider Homer their community. Looking at the map, you can move the line that splits Kenai and Soldotna to balance the two districts out to have a far less adverse on the community as it would on Fox River and Fritz Creek.**

From: Barbara Ross [REDACTED] >
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 5:08 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Redistricting

To Whom it may concern:

I am a registered voter in the Fairbanks Northstar Borough.

I urge you to NOT adopt Map #3.

I feel that North Pole should be in a separate district from Fairbanks.

Sincerely,

Barbara A Ross

[REDACTED]
Fairbanks, AK 99701

From: Deborah Rudis <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 6:21 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Redistributing comment

Hello,

I believe that the Valley, Out-the-Road and Auke Bay should be in the same voting district. This district comprises an area that is compact and contiguous. It represents a diverse economic population and has an equal population distribution. There is no sense in changing this present district to one that incorporates other communities in Southeast Alaska.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Deborah Rudis


[REDACTED]
Juneau, Alaska 99801
[REDACTED]

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY

Fairbanks 10/18 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: October 25, 2021

Name: **Randy Ruedrich**

Email or Phone Contact: 

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **AFFER**

Mr. Ruedrich noted the importance of representation in the Fairbanks North Star Borough. AFFER has revised their map to reflect a northside district that is very different from District 10 in the original proposal. They built a district that goes from the old Nenana Road offramp on the Parks Highway all the way around to the eastside of the borough in Pleasant Valley. It is south of the Alaska Railroad, south of Goldstream Creek, and goes out along major roads on the eastside to encompass 18,400 people who live the closest to Fairbanks. They tried to build a district that does not have an east or west, but has a blend, and releases about 4,000 people who are on the northside of the borough running from the far east to the far west that are more socio-economically like the people living in District 5, the rural Doyon district.

Additionally, by freeing the people who have separate representation, the Fairbanks North Star Borough would now have 61% of senate seat C rather than having 52% in this full representation case, which is a point he wants to ensure is not overlooked today.

From: Randy Ruedrich <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 12:07 PM
To: Testimony
Cc: Steve Colligan 7
Subject: My submittal to Board

The 2011 Alaska Redistricting Board created this [table](#) when the Board received the 2010 Census Data. The new 2010 Census Data was compared to 2000 Census Data using the 2002 Alaska House District Map as a template.

The first four 2002 columns in the district table are (1) 2000 Census total population, (2) 2002 district population deviation from the 2000 ideal district size of 15673, (3) the 2002 district % deviation and (4) the % Alaska Native population for each of the forty Alaska House Districts. The second set of four columns repeat this sequence for 2010 Census population using the ideal district size of 17756.

The 2002 deviations from ideal 2000 district population ranged from -4.90% to 5.06%. The 2010 population deviations for this 2002 map exploded to range from -22.02% to 46.29%. Clearly the 2011 Redistricting effort was essential for the rapidly growing state.

Let's focus on the pattern of 2002 district map deviations after the 2001 litigation. The Supreme Court instructed the 2001 Redistricting Board to reduce 9.5% deviation amongst Anchorage Municipality Districts. The Anchorage Municipality District 17 to 32 deviations range from .88% to 1.11% with two exceptions⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾. The Alaska Supreme Court commenting on an appeal of April 25, 2002 Proclamation Map recognized the Board's spectacular deviation reduction to less than ¼%.

The 2001 Alaska Redistricting Board did much more work after the March 21, 2002 Alaska Supreme Court decision. The representatives of the plaintiffs negotiated with the 2001 Redistricting Board to minimize deviations in Mat-Su Borough and Fairbanks North Star Borough districts. The MSB District 13 to 16 deviations were reduced to a range from 2.75% to 3.56%. This ¾ % span is less than the 2001 map deviations.

The 2001 Redistricting Board reduced the FNSB District 7 to 11 deviations to a range from -1.14% to 2.08%. The average deviation for these 2002 FNSB districts was ONLY 0.39%.

The 2001 Redistricting Board modified Anchorage, MSB and FNSB districts in response to the Alaska Supreme Court instruction to reduce urban district deviations. The 2001 Redistricting Board modified more than twenty-five districts to comply with the Alaska Supreme Court's March 21, 2002 Order.

The 2021 Redistricting Board v.3 Map shows FNSB District 31 to 35 deviations *ranging FROM 4.26% to 4.42%*. The AVERAGE deviation for these FNSB districts is *4.34%*. The 2021 Redistricting Board v.3 Map restricts FNSB representation to only 5 Alaska House Representatives and 2.52 Alaska State Senators.

The [AFFER 2.7.4.1](#) Matrix shows FNSB District 6 to 10 deviations ranging *FROM -0.11% to 0.72%*. The average deviation for these FNSB districts is *ONLY 0.30%*. This AFFER average deviation is 7% of the 2021 Redistricting Board v.3 Map's huge average 4.34% deviation.

The [AFFER 2.7.4.1 Map](#) provides the FNSB full representation in the Alaska State House with 5.21 districts and in the Alaska State Senate with 2.61 districts.

Furthermore [AFFER 2.7.4.1 Map](#) District 10 is a competitive FSNB district that is immediately north of the four other FNSB districts.

The remaining 3800 FSNB citizens in the more rural northern part of borough become part of AFFER House District 5. These voters, when added to the AFFER District 6 voters provide more than 60% of the voters in AFFER Senate District C, clearly provide FSNB control of a third senate district for the next decade.

I urge the 2021 Alaska Redistricting Board to adopt the AFFER 2.7.4.1 Map for the FNSB.

Notes

(1) Anchorage's District 18 including a portion of Government Hill, a slice of Muldoon and the Fire Lake precinct in CER as well as both JBER precincts had a -0.22% deviation in both the 2001 map and the 2002 map.

(2) Anchorage's District 32 was significantly rebuilt to comply with another section of the Alaska Supreme Court's March 21, 2002 Order.

This District 32 alteration significantly altered District 12 as well.

From: Larry Rundquist <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 10:01 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 25, 2021, 10:00 pm

First Name: **Larry**

Last Name: **Rundquist**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99508-3200**

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

Public Comment: **I live in Airport Heights and many neighbors work in U-Med area and thus the AFER map is most reasonable for senate seat I. But I would extend the northern boundary to include Alaska Regional and northern Airport Heights amd make adjustments in other adjoining districts. I think also that senate seat H needs adjusting as it has 3 current Reps in the northeast corner of the proposed district. Seat K makes sense as it combines part of JBER with east Anchorage residential popular with base employees.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD PUBLIC TESTIMONY FORM

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Name: VERVA RUPRIGHT

Affiliation (if any): UNDECLARED

Email or Phone: [REDACTED] Zip Code: 99654

Area/Map Title/Keywords: _____

Public Comment: NO ANCHORAGE ENCROACHMENT
INTO THE NAT SU DISTRICTS
AT ALL -

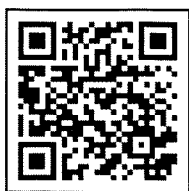
GEORGE SULLIVAN TRIED
THAT DECADES AGO

IT'S A "NO GO" !!!

IF IT HAPPENS THOSE PEOPLE IN
THE KNIK-GOOSE BAY AREA WILL HAVE
NO REPRESENTATION OR SERVICES !!!

NO !!!
GO

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Name: VERNE RUPRIGHT

Affiliation (if any): UNDECLARED

Email or Phone: [REDACTED] Zip Code: 99654

Area/Map Title/Keywords: _____

Public Comment: THIS IS ALWAYS A TOUGH
PROCESS AND THE MESSAGE OF JERRY MANUERING
IS ALWAYS ON THE WIND... I IGNORE IT - THINGS
ARE WHAT THEY ARE. THE DISTRICT 14
WASILLA IS FINE AND IT DOES NOT APPEAR
THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES - GOOD
AS WASILLA'S MAYOR 2003-2014 AND HAVING
BEEN VERY INVOLVED DURING THE 2011
PROCESS THE PROPER GROWTH OF THE MATSU
IS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST - DISENGAGING
US FROM VALDER - RICHARDSON HILLY ETC
IS A GOOD PLAN -

Verne Rupright

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From: Diane Sallee <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 9:34 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 29, 2021, 9:34 pm

First Name: **Diane**

Last Name: **Sallee**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

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

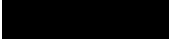
Public Comment: **I favor House map 4 because it unites communities within easily recognized areas. If House plan 4 is passed, district 15 and 16 could be paired to form the Senate district.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY

Homer 10/13 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: October 27, 2021

Name: **Mirimia Sanerov**

Email or Phone Contact: 

Public Comment: **Ms. Sanerov was born and raised on East End where there is a large Russian community on East End that will be greatly affected by redistricting and noted that there would have been a larger turnout from the Russian community if the meeting did not take place during their church services.**


Ms. Sanerov agreed with the statements made from other testifiers done today and spoke in opposition of separating Fritz Creek and the East End area and putting them into the Kodiak district.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY

Homer 10/13 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: October 27, 2021

Name: **Natasha Schade**

Email or Phone Contact: 

Ms. Schade lives in the Fritz Creek/Fox River areas and spoke in opposition of Board Map v.4 proposed District 6 and Board Map v.3 District 6 for socio-economic and logistical reasons. There are several more logical options that have been proposed, such as Doyon Coalition map's proposed District 6-C, AFFR, or AFFER's maps.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 12:00 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Redistricting Comments for Juneau and Northern Southeast

Dear Redistricting Board,

I am a 52-year resident of Juneau. I oppose the Board's adopted "V.3 Southeast" Map. This map depicts Representative Andi Story's home address inside of Rep. Sara Hannan's district. This redraw suggests blatant gerrymandering at worst, and at best, fails to reflect the demographics of the two districts.

I support the Senate Minority Proposed Southeast Map which draws boundaries for 33-Q and 34-Q that more accurately reflect communities and populations that have similar economic and social concerns in the Northern Southeast Region.

Sincerely,

Sally Schlichting
Juneau

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY

Homer 10/13 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: October 27, 2021

Name: **Paul Seaton**

Email or Phone Contact: 

Public Comment: **Mr. Seaton stated that socio-economic integrity must be sustained and for that reason, he spoke in favor of the AFFR map. This map keeps Homer, Kachemak Bay, and Seward combined.**

Mr. Seaton encouraged the board to revert back to the way the area was mapped in 2004 where Homer and Seward were grouped together. They are two communities that are at the end of the road with marine services and tourism businesses.

It is an advantage to keep all of Kachemak Bay, including Seldovia, in one socio-economically integrated unit.

From: Paul Seaton <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 8:15 PM
To: Testimony <testimony@akredistrict.org>
Subject: Redistricting 2021 testimony submission

My name is Paul Seaton. I am a 44year resident and live in Homer, Alaska.

I support the AFFR redistricting Plan and map. I reiterate my Homer public testimony for proposed District 6: that pairing Homer/Kachemak Bay area with Seward creates a more compatible district on the main issues of concern to these similar communities than the other plans that combine some of the Homer area with central peninsula areas up to Soldotna. I say this from experience having represented these areas in the State legislature for 16 years under both configurations.

I recognize that the Lower Cook Inlet/outer-coast villages are not included in this proposed district, but in my experience Nanwalek and Port Graham seemed to prefer to exercise their political expression through Alaska Native rather than State organizational structures. The AFFR proposed the Plan to affiliate these Alutiiq/Sugpiaq villages with the other culturally similar Alutiiq/Sugpiaq villages on Kodiak island and the Prince William Sound villages of Chenega and Tatitlek. This aligns with the rationale in interior village testimony to stretch boundaries to incorporate native villages of similar cultural sociological background when possible.

The other maps under consideration whether by chance or design disrupt the decisions made by voters in electing their current political leaders by creating district boundaries that combine residences of current office holders. A fair map can be constructed as demonstrated by the AFFR plan which maintains political neutrality without violating any of the Constitutional criteria for creation of a redistricting plan.

For all these reasons I urge adoption of the AFFR Plan as the base plan from which any modifications might be made

Thank you,
Paul Seaton

From: Tina Seaton <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 10:29 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: AFFR Map Testimony

I want to thank you board members and staff for all the time and effort you have put into developing a new redistricting map. I really appreciate the openness of your process and the acceptance of third party maps. I also recognize how difficult it is to fulfill all the parameters and still come up with a really fair plan.

That is why I endorse the AFFR map as I believe it is the most fair and equitable map overall.

I live near Homer and strongly believe that all of Kachemak Bay area should be in one district. I am very concerned with the maps (Board v. 3 and 4, as well as some of the third party maps) that cut out our neighbors further out East End Road in Fritz Creek and in the Old Believer Russian villages of Voznesenka, Razdolna and Kachemak Selo, and across the bay in Halibut Cove and parts of Seldovia area. It just doesn't make sense to put those areas with Kodiak, to which they have no connection. The areas across the bay have spent the last 8 years paired with Kodiak and my family connections that live there have felt very cut off. They shop in Homer, receive their healthcare in Homer - Homer is their hub.

I have lived in both Homer and Seward. They have strong socio-economic links. They both have economies of commercial fishing, marine trades, tourism and deep water sport fishing. Locals in both communities have worked hard to provide valuable community-building organizations such as a library, museum, playgrounds and parks, as well as a federally sponsored visitor center. (Seward's Sea Life Center and Homer's Islands and Ocean). Homer/Kachemak Bay is much more compatible with Seward than with Ninilchik, Kasilof or South Soldotna that we have been paired with for the past 8 years.

Thank you for your consideration.
Tina Seaton

October 29, 2021

2020 Alaska Redistricting Board

Electronically submitted: Testimony@akredistrict.org

Subject: City of Seldovia Public Comment regarding the 2020 Alaska Redistricting Board Proposals

To the 2020 Alaska Redistricting Board,

On behalf of the Seldovia City Council, I would like to offer commentary concerning the six redistricting plans before the Board.

At their October 29, 2021 special meeting, Seldovia City Council considered the six proposals and made the unanimous motion that they wish to see Seldovia's district remain the same to stay in line with Seldovia's contiguous, compact, and socio-economic integration. Furthermore, the Seldovia City Council made a motion that they are not in favor of the AFFER, AFFR, Doyon Coalition, and Senate Minority proposed plans.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Respectfully submitted,



Rachel Friedlander
City Manager

CC:

Representative Stutes

Senator Stevens

Heidi Geagel, City Clerk/Special Projects and Communications Coordinator

From: Jeffrey Short [REDACTED] >
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 11:48 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Written testimony in support of Senate Minority Redistricting Map

Dear Redistricting Board,

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the Redistricting Board's proposed redistricting map numbers 3 and 4, and even more so to the map proposed by the "Alaskans for Fair and Equitable Redistricting". All three of these proposed maps would separate me from my neighbors here in Juneau in a way that would deprive me of representation by someone who would share our collective interests.

While I find the maps proposed by the Doyon Coalition, the Alaskans for Fair Redistricting, and the Senate Minority acceptable, I prefer the map proposed by the Senate Minority.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit written testimony on this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey W. Short

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Juneau, AK 99801

AK Voter ID [REDACTED]

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY

Fairbanks 10/18 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: October 25, 2021

Name: **PJ Simon** Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Chief Chairman, Tanana Chiefs Conference**
Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Public Comment: **Mr. Simon mentioned that Tanana Chiefs Conference has villages from house Districts 40, 39, and 37. For example, house District T-40 has residents who are "super voters" and like to participate in the electoral process resulting in their voter turnout being significantly higher than other regions. Yet, these communities are not large enough to influence any issues in Juneau. This is also true for the other districts mentioned which is why it is critical to have a unified interior as reflected in Doyon's map and the Board Maps that have the villages together as well.**

Mr. Simon noted that although TCC supports rural Alaska, house districts, and the coastal communities, his people live on the river and must be represented on the river separate from the coast. A unified interior district would give them a voice, enhance their visibility, and give them a chance to have a unified impact in Juneau to have tribal voices heard.

TCC is based out of Fairbanks with 1,000 employees who are not asked about their affiliation or religion. They grew with Fairbanks regardless of political will. In supporting the Doyon Coalition map, this would benefit all of the interior. With current payroll and projects, TCC will have contributed over \$130M to the Fairbanks economy this year and next year with additional projects in place. TCC has also donated vaccines to Fairbanks residents to contribute to the global pan demic and has also delivered 800-900 inoculations to Eielson Air Force Base.

State lobbying efforts would allow TCC to advocate for education and raise GPA's and have a voice for protecting renewable resources. They also support the Ahtna region and respects their wishes to put Cantwell into the Doyon Coalition. Overall, TCC tries hard to contribute and would like their voices heard and supports the Doyon Coalition.

From: Julie Smyth <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 7:28 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 27, 2021, 7:27 pm

First Name: **Julie**

Last Name: **Smyth**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99701**

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

Public Comment: **Please do not use map 3. You need to make sure that every citizen is represented. Map 3 does not make sure that every citizen in the Fairbanks area is represented.**

From: Deedie Sorensen <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 3:17 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: October 30, 2021, 3:17 pm

First Name: **Deedie**

Last Name: **Sorensen**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99801**

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

Public Comment: **The surgical move to cut Andi Story's residence out of District 4 by gerrymandering a few residential blocks was a transparently craven partisan move. Clearly the majority of the committee who recommended this map is missing a shame gene.**

From: Rainbow Chaser [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 10:31 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Written Redistricting Testimony- Place in Record

Public Testimony
Redistricting Board
10-30-21

My name is James Squyres and I am from Rural Deltana. I am in current District 9. I have verbally testified before this board before on 8/24 and 9/17 and this testimony is integral with the other two. I was glad to see you folks come through Delta, unfortunately the black cloud of Covid was hanging over the town and two members in my household were experiencing symptoms so unfortunately we could not come in. I am grateful for this opportunity to testify before you.

When it comes to our Delta/Deltana area Version 4 and the AFFR version are superior because they both embrace elements of my previous testimony that pick up the "relatively integrated socioeconomic area" of Eielson. I know they are socioeconomically integrated because a convoy going between Eielson & Greely had an accident on the Richardson Highway around Tenderfoot the other day, which is South of the North Star Borough, stopping and backing up traffic in both directions comprised of Alaskans traveling within this area. We have missiles in the ground here in Greely and along with the F35s in Eielson this is a natural grouping.

An issue that still needs to be resolved is addressing the Constitutional requirement that "Each house district SHALL be formed of continuous and COMPACT territory" and of course the "relatively integrated socioeconomic area" requirement. I have heard testimony before this board where fine tuning is taking place in the Anchorage Districts over the issue of "relatively integrated socioeconomic area"s and I have heard testimony about the great rural "horseshoe" of Alaska being problematic as these issues are worked through.

Combining the road system of Delta/Deltana and missile defense with Holy Cross, Koyukuk, Huslia and Hughes is not a socioeconomic tie nor is it COMPACT. This redistricting board can still do much better here. Back in 2017 Reb Ferguson and I floated the Koyukuk putting in at Cold Foot and going down the entire river system to the Yukon over a number of weeks. It is a wonderful area that I expect few in the Delta/Deltana area have ever seen. Article 6, Section 6 indicates that drainage and geographic features SHALL be part of this process... HOWEVER, when we left the highway behind for the river system at Cold Foot we floated into another world which deserves a different type of representation in our legislature.

In my last testimony before this Board I pointed out that I forwarded to you folks a map that does a much better job with our area. Please take a close look at it and integrate it into your decision making. Besides combining the similar interests on the road system up to Eielson it also reaches across to Denali Borough to similar Alaskans and includes Clear Air Force Station which is operated by the 213th Space Warning Squadron of the Alaska Air National Guard. This inclusion of Clear/Anderson moves the needle on socioeconomic integration and more specifically addresses COMPACTNESS which will get you around the 18,000 you seek. It certainly utilizes the geographic feature of tying in this part of the Alaska Range. The entire Koyukuk drainage and lower Yukon are certainly integrated socioeconomically with each other and deserve to be a part of a district over there.

A couple of additional points...

I know you are directed to use the census numbers however there is certain discretion on being slightly above or below the exact divisor. Our REAA area has more PFD applications by over 200 than is shown in the census count. There are a number of reasons for this due to our spread out area and folks who instinctively have a tendency to protect their privacy. This is no reason why they should not be represented in the Alaska Legislature. I know you are bound to the Census numbers I only direct this comment to the DISCRETION component of the decision making process.

A final point is that boundary lines should be drawn through wilderness and the back of subdivisions not down streets and highways. I understand this is unavoidable to some extent. But, if you are driving down a highway and can see

campaign signs of different districts on each side of the road THAT is a potential sign that your socioeconomic integration requirement may need to be examined closer. When someone can walk across the street to visit their neighbor who is in a different district, especially if that district were crafted with integrated socioeconomic considerations vs Delta/Deltana being in the same district as Holy Cross down the Yukon that is a significant red flag that should be looked at again.

That concludes my testimony.

James Squyres, Rural Deltana

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 3:13 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Redistricting maps

Looking at the redistricting maps, I see one that is not a fair one. Board Map 3 is unacceptable. It overpopulates each Fairbanks district, making everyone's vote count less than a voter in Anchorage, Kenai or Mat-Su. Board Map 3 divides Fairbanks into North and South areas, the opposite of how Fairbanks is oriented. It also brings parts of North Pole and parts of Fairbanks together in the same districts; ignoring the need for North Pole to have its own representation.

Both the AFFR map and Board Map V.4 keep Fairbanks and North Pole separate, don't overpopulate districts, adhere to the natural alignment of Fairbanks, and will endure that our community will have appropriate representation for the next 10 years.

Please do not choose Board Map 3.

Sincerely yours,

Patricia Stark

[REDACTED]
Fairbanks, AK 99708

From: susanne stewart [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 9:02 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Redistricting

Dear Sir,

I am aware that redistricting is going on, and I have heard talk of various areas being added to the Mat-Su Valley.

This area has really grown.

Have you driven around here to see the countless new subdivisions, the endless valleys filled with apartment buildings, and you can tell from the traffic that more people live out here.

So please don't add another area to the Mat-Su Borough, we already have lots of new people to get to know and to bring in to the community.

sincerely Susanne Stewart

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

WEBSITE RESPONSE

Name: **Gretchen Stoddard**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Date: October 27, 2021, 12:31 am

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **South Anchorage and Cooper Landing Combination in 28N in Sen minority map**

Public Comment: **I live near Dearmoun and Elmore currently in District 28 and I have concerns about the Senate Minority map boundaries. I think of my neighborhood and our local small communities with boundaries divided by the New Seward Highway. I suppose it would be OK to have District 27N crossing the New Seward Highway if needed, but we consider the New Seward a neighborhood divider and this Dist 27N map does not feel like a neighborhood with natural constituent similarities. This map does look like it has distortions in my neighborhood and South Anchorage.**

If South Anchorage does need to be combined with part of the Kenai Peninsula, Nikiski seems like a better fit than Cooper Landing , Sterling, and Moose Pass as drawn in Map 28N.

I have lived in this neighborhood for several decades. To me, senate seat N in this map looks distorted into artificial and nonsimilar constituent groups in the Senate minority map.

Date: October 27, 2021, 12:02 am

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Doyon Map, Anchorage distortion and Senate Seat E spread across Anchorage**

Public Comment: **In the Doyon Maps, I live in Senate District E. I realize that Anchorage Muni Community Councils will not be represented together in the State redistricting efforts, but they do represent some similar community connections and shared concerns. Senate District E on the proposed Doyon Maps includes residents of: Rabbit Creek Community Council, Huffman/O'Malley CC, Old Seward/ Oceanview CC, Bayshore/ Klatt CC, Taku/ Campbell CC, and all the way over to include part of Sand Lake Community Council by Northwood and 68th. That is almost impressive for how many different communities that senate district cuts into pieces and combines with residents of other communities.**

Then the Doyon map adds a small number of Muni of Anchorage residents from Girdwood and Indian as they are placed in to Senate District D with a huge percentage of residents from the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

Date: October 26, 2021, 11:40 pm

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Doyon Map, South Anchorage distortion**

Public Comment: **I live in South Anchorage, near Dearmoun and Elmore. The Doyon Map may have some benefit in rural Alaska areas, but the South Anchorage groupings are not the way I view my community at all. We can do better than a spread of population change of 1083 voters between District 1 and 40.**

I currently live in District 28, near Elmore and Dearmoun, and 9E on the Doyon Map. The Doyon Map puts me in a senate district pair with 10E going up to C St and Raspberry Road. What is that Northern boundary of my proposed Senate District crossing 68th Ave near C Street, is it a railroad crossing? Is there a single Anchorage resident who thinks Senate District E boundaries make sense for the voters living in that district? Thank you.

Date: October 26, 2021, 11:22 pm

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **South Anchorage and Cooper Landing Combination in 9E AFFR**

Public Comment: **Combining South Anchorage and Cooper Landing in the AFFR map in District 9E does not seem right. I have lived near Dearmoun and Elmore for a few decades, currently in District 28. If we need to combine with parts of the Kenai, Nikiski seems a better fit than Cooper Landing for an economic and similar interest in our economic future. Does a map that combines Huffman and Lake Otis and Cooper Landing really seem like a naturally drawn house district? It seems like unnecessary distortion to me. The notches and distortion around Dearmoun and Davis seem distorted without reason. Thank you.**

From: Steve Strait <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 2:42 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 29, 2021, 2:42 pm

First Name: **Steve**

Last Name: **Strait**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Self**

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99517**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **District 32: as proposed**

Public Comment: **I support combining Eagle River's Hiland Precinct and most of Chugach Park #2 Precinct with Muldoon in the 2021 Redistricting Map.**

This Anchorage Muni district is a much more compact than combining this part of Eagle River with South Anchorage in the 2001 District 32 Map.

From: Greg Streveler <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 11:05 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: October 30, 2021, 11:05 am

First Name: **Greg**

Last Name: **Streveler**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99826**

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

Public Comment: **I'm writing from Gustavus in the Icy Strait region of SE Alaska and will confine my comments to that region, as a 50 year resident.**

The Senate Minority map best defines our regional alignments, and I therefore endorse it in concept. This map:

Links the sister towns of Hoonah and Gustavus

Includes all Icy Strait communities, as well as allied towns of Pelican and Yakutat

Includes all of Glacier Bay National Pearl

Includes almostoo all of the original Huna territory

From: Michael Tavoliero <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 7:50 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: October 28, 2021, 7:49 pm

First Name: **Michael**

Last Name: **Tavoliero**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Hiland-Eagle River attachment to Muldoon**


Public Comment: **I support the Hiland-Eagle River attachment to Muldoon district**

**ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
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Dillingham 10/21 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: October 25, 2021

Name: **Thomas Tilden**

Email or Phone Contact: 

Mr. Tilden has reviewed all the proposed maps and spoke in favor of Board Map v.3's proposed District 37 as it brings all the communities together. Mr. Tilden expressed support in bringing Goodnews Bay and Platinum becoming part of Dillingham's district and removing Kalskag or Aniak out and putting them into the Calista area.


Their health corporation board included the villages of Goodnews and Platinum, but years ago some of the residents asked to be put into the Bristol Bay Health Corporation and their request was granted.

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Summary Date: October 26, 2021

Name: **Tom Touges**

Email or Phone Contact: 

Mr. Touges noted that people in Crown Point, Primrose, and Moose Pass shop, attend school, and go to the hospital in Seward. There are some maps that do not include these communities which are in the "Y South." Seward is "Seward Highway oriented" and having a representative that represents Seward is also important. Mr. Touges is in favor of Seward being connected to Homer as opposed to being connected to Kodiak. Kodiak is 4-5 times as big as Seward which means that Seward would likely have a representative from Kodiak. Mr. Touges would rather see Seward being connected with the communities on the peninsula that you can drive to.

From: Gayle Trivette [REDACTED] >
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 4:29 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Redistricting Map for Juneau Area

I am writing to comment on the various proposed redistricting maps for my area. Personally, living in the Fred Meyer/Airport area between Downtown and the valley/Out the Road, our neighborhood has been changed at different times between being connected to Downtown or at other times connected to the Valley/Out the Road which has made sense since this area is a logical geographic and social boundary.

For the Juneau/ Lynn Canal area the maps that seem to meet the criteria of being compact, contiguous, with socio-economic integration and equal population distribution, are the Doyon, AFFR and Senate Minority Maps.

Maps that do not seem to meet the required criteria listed above, are Map 3, Map 4, and the AFFER map.

I strongly urge the Redistricting Board to adhere to the legal requirements for setting district boundaries in the Juneau area as well as the rest of Alaska.

Thank You,
Gayle Trivette
[REDACTED]
Juneau, AK 99801

Comments and Recommendations to the Redistricting Board 2021

Board Proposed v.3 Map In plan 3, FSNB is underrepresented by the overpopulating of the proposed 5 districts.

Greater than 4% excess populations do not achieve the constitutionally required population formula (dividing the state population by forty).

In this plan the City of Fairbanks is overpopulated in Districts 33 and 34. Boundaries in these districts do not conform to the City of Fairbanks boundaries.

In the City of North Pole, the city boundaries are split in half, as is the Garden Subdivision.

For these reasons I find Board Proposed Plan v 3 unacceptable.

Board Proposed Plan v.4 Map

In Map 4, District 32 breaks the southern boundary of the City of Fairbanks. District 31 breaks the western boundary diluting the population of the City of Fairbanks.

Eielson AFB has not been assigned to one of the five districts in the FNSB districts. The military is important to Fairbanks and the Interior and should be included in the FNSB.

For these reasons I find Board Proposed Plan v 4 unacceptable.

AFFR Fairbanks North Star Plan

Eielson AFB has not been assigned to one of the five districts in the FNSB districts. The military is important to Fairbanks and the Interior and should be included in the FNSB.

For these reasons I find Board Proposed AFFR Plan unacceptable.

Doyon Coalition Map FNSB Plan

This map completely ignored the requirement to have two City of Fairbanks Districts; making it unacceptable.

AFFER Fairbanks North Star Borough Plan

Based on the guidelines for integrated socio-economic areas; contiguous and compact territory; and the deviation quotient, I approve the plan designed for the FNSB. **Therefore, I approve and recommend adoption of the AFFER statewide plan.**

Barbara Tyndall

Fairbanks, Alaska 99708

From: robert vernon [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 11:33 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: gerrymandered districts

Sirs:

I feel that the only equitable district option is the AFFR proposal because it is the only map that respects the natural socio-economic connections within the Kenai Peninsula

- Homer and Seward belong in the same district, because unique in the region their economies are centered on fishing and tourism in Kachemak and Resurrection Bays
- Kenai and Nikiski belong in the same district, because Kenai is the economic hub for the Kenai Spur Highway communities
- Soldotna, Kasilof, Ninilchik, and Clam Gulch belong in the same district because Soldotna is the economic hub for the south Sterling Highway communities.

AFFR is the only map that keeps all the communities of Kachemak Bay in the same district

- Seldovia and Halibut Cove have strong socio-economic ties to Homer with water taxi services allowing for daily commutes between these communities
- Both board options put Fritz Creek, the Russian Old Believer villages, Seldovia and Halibut Cove in a different district from Homer.

Please see that gerrymandered district proposals don't hobble free and fair elections.

truly,

Gordy Vernon

[REDACTED]
Homer AK 99603

From: Susan Vogt <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 10:58 AM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 25, 2021, 10:58 am

First Name: **Susan**

Last Name: **Vogt**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99712**

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

Public Comment: **Frankly not fond of many of the version, but a definite NO to the redistricting board version 3.**

From: Raymond Walker <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 7:16 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 25, 2021, 7:16 pm

First Name: **Raymond**

Last Name: **Walker**

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

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99603**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **District 31**

Public Comment: **I attended the public meeting at Homer, but did not voice any opinion. Now, I would like to voice my opinion in favor of keeping District 31 just as it stands. We should work to keep the peninsula as one unit dividdd into three districts as a whole and not fragment it or piecemeal it into unequal divisions just to appease a few numbers. It is wrong to fracture a collective culture for numbers.**

From: Robert Wall <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 2:13 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Kenai Peninsula Borough

Greetings from Sterling Precinct #190, D29. After going over all the maps with the residents of #190, I would like to report that we still align with the "Mary Jackson" letter sent to you dated 10/11/21 that perfectly describes the best path forward is to leave the KPB intact as 3 distinct, contiguous, socio-economic neighborhoods of ~19600 citizens, and not separate neighborhoods, road service areas, Assembly representations, school affiliations just to achieve a number closer to the 18,335. If you are within plus or minus 10% you have met the Feds criteria. The only maps that are palatable are 3 or 4, all of the others are non starters for this area.

Thank you again. Your team is doing a good job, and we all notice that and appreciate it.

Robert K Wall
Sterling
Precinct 190
D29

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 7:38 PM
To: Testimony <testimony@akredistrict.org>
Subject: redistricting

Dear Board,
To the State of Alaska Redistricting Board:

My name is Mary Watson and I appreciate being given this opportunity to weigh in on the question of redistricting. I have been a Juneau resident, business owner and voter for nearly 60 years. My voting district is in the Juneau Airport - 31-410. I am submitting my written comments concerning the six maps being considered for redistricting.

It is crucial that district maps adhere to the constitutional criteria ensuring equal representation in the legislature; consideration should include compactness with districts made up of localized zones not having “irregular” shapes; communities represented by a district should be socioeconomically integrated - ergo “connected and related” and there should be contiguity to the districts drawn - i.e. a singular space and not separate “chunks” if you will.

OPPOSE:

For all of the above points referenced, **the following FOUR maps do not adhere to the constitutional criteria and I strongly oppose them:**

AFFER, Board Maps 3 & 4 and DOYON Coalition Map (which is “OK” except that the overall population deviation for the state is NOT well balanced).

IN FAVOR OF:

The TWO remaining maps: **AFFR** seems like it adheres to the constitutional criteria; **Senate Minority Map** has the least population deviation and keeps lines drawn similarly to what they are now.

I believe it’s vital to take into consideration population AND socio economic integration so that communities represented by a district are connected and related - taking into consideration things like schools and school districts, transportation links, recreation areas, shopping and retail, etc.

Thank you for the opportunity for me to state my view.

Sincerely,

Mary Watson

From: Kathleen L Wedemeyer <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 6:47 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 29, 2021, 6:46 pm

First Name: **Kathleen L**

Last Name: **Wedemeyer**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99508**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **low deviation, socioeconomics especially for natives**

Public Comment: **Thank you for your work on this board! Please support the revised senate minority map as it is based on 1 person, 1 vote; respects native group socioeconomic groups; and keeps deviation at a minimum except where required to keep boroughs in tact.**

From: Jeffrey Short <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 11:52 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Written Testimony in Support of Senate Minority Redistricting Map

Dear Redistricting Board,

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the Redistricting Board's proposed redistricting map numbers 3 and 4, and even more so to the map proposed by the "Alaskans for Fair and Equitable Redistricting". All three of these proposed maps would separate me from my neighbors here in Juneau in a way that would deprive me of representation by someone who would share our collective interests.

While I find the maps proposed by the Doyon Coalition, the Alaskans for Fair Redistricting, and the Senate Minority acceptable, I prefer the map proposed by the Senate Minority.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit written testimony on this matter.

Sincerely,

Wendy J. Whelan

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Juneau, AK 99801

AK Voter ID [REDACTED]

From: Vernell Whitney [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 7:24 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Redistricting Opinion

My name is Vernell Whitney. Our family has lived in the Matsu Borough since 2015. Our family moved from Moses Lake (the potato capital of America) in Washington State to start a small business and have a hobby farm, as well. We feel right at home here.

During your redistricting I agree with your keeping our Borough together. Map 3 is the one that I support. We don't need to add the city Valdez to our growing community in Matsu Borough. I do not support any maps that combine them into our precincts. They are more of a sea side/fishing community.

This is my opinion.

Vernell Whitney

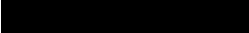
Sent from my iPhone

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: October 24, 2021, 8:01 pm

Name: **Sharon Whytal**

Email Address: 

Comments: **Dear Redistricting Board,**

Thank you for gathering public input on this important subject. It is an important time for ensuring equal representation across our regions, to build consensus in many subject arenas that seem to be quite contentious, given our budget issues. In my opinion, and from listening to my clients in the Kenai villages where I work, there has been ongoing gerrymandering over some time for special interest groups, decreasing the voting power of natural clusters that exist; we want everyone's representation, don't we?

I tried to attend the meeting in Homer, but alas it was not a covid-safe event, being very packed in and no mask requirement - tragic, given our current healthcare status, as a nurse I would say. It leaves us on our own to research if we care, so I contacted people more in the know than I to gather information on the factors that offer either opportunities or limitation, and also to understand the history and evolution of our area's districting. It's a complicated thing, is what I learned. That said, clearly our districts need to cluster common interests, economic bases and transportation/hub realities if we are to have everyone's voice count - the goal of democracy. These are the strong points that stand out to me, and that I hope you will consider.

AFFR is the only map that respects the natural socio-economic connections within the Kenai Peninsula

Homer and Seward belong in the same district, because unique in the region their economies are centered on fishing and tourism in Kachemak and Resurrection Bays

Kenai and Nikiski belong in the same district, because Kenai is the economic hub for the Kenai Spur Highway communities

Soldotna and Kasilof belong in the same district because Soldotna is the economic hub for their communities, but I am not sure about Ninilchik and Clam Gulch, south Sterling Highway communities that are in the South Peninsula Hospital and S Peninsula Behavioral Health and Sprout service areas; historically, people in those areas use both Soldotna and Homer, so I would hope you take their input on this.

AFFR is the only map that respects the cultural connections between Alaska Native villages across the Gulf Coast region - with this exception:

The Alutiiq/Sugpiaq villages of Port Graham and Nanwalek belong in the same district as the Alutiiq/Sugpiaq villages of Chenega, Tatitlek, and on Kodiak Island - but they use Homer as a service hub, and as a service provider there I hear them say they want representation to be with Homer, even though Homer is Alutiiq. They do not communicate or use businesses and transportation with Kodiak at all.

The Dena'ina village of Tyonek belongs in the same district as the the Dena'ina villages around Lake Iliamna

AFFR is the only map that keeps all the communities of Kachemak Bay in the same district

Seldovia and Halibut Cove have strong socio-economic ties to Homer with water taxi services allowing for daily commutes between these communities

Both board options put Seldovia and Halibut Cove in a different district from Homer.

Thank you again for taking public input on this difficult but essential process, an opportunity for restoring democracy by giving voice to all.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Whytal, Homer, AK [REDACTED]

From: Robert Wicwillow [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 8:47 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Over populated zones in V3

To Whom it may concern:

I have lived in the Fairbanks area my whole life. I went to school at Badger Rd Elementary, before it changed it's name. I went to North Pole High and graduated in the class of 96. I then went to UAF to get a degree in Geography. I pay close attention to the rezoning every ten years. The sad fact is, zoning can drastically under-represent or over-represent a group of people to ensure representation.

In V3, I've noticed exactly that activity. It has overcrowded several areas and merged areas that have no business being merged. For example, Fairbanks and North Pole are two distinct towns with separate values, and yet, in this map, part of North Pole has been merged with Fairbanks. I'm sure North Pole would Love that. (They, most certainly, will not love it. They would hate it.)

Please consider using the AFFR map or Board Map V.4. They keep Fairbanks and North Pole separate, don't overpopulate districts, adhere to the natural alignment of Fairbanks, and will ensure that our community will have appropriate representation for the next 10 years.

Thank you for your consideration.

Rob Wicwillow
[REDACTED]

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING VERBAL TESTIMONY SUMMARY

Fairbanks 10/18 Verbal Testimony

Summary Date: October 25, 2021

Name: Lake Williams

Email or Phone Contact: 

Mr. Williams spoke in opposition of the AFFR map and Board Map v.3 which underrepresents Fairbanks and overrepresents Anchorage. Mr. Williams spoke in favor of Board Map v.4 and the AFFR map.

Mr. Williams grew up in Chena Hot Springs and now lives off of Farmers' Loop which was grouped with North Pole in the last redistricting cycle. Mr. Williams has never felt like he belonged in this senate district, and he believes North Pole is large enough to have its own district.

Fairbanks values one person, one vote and they do not mind breaking Fairbanks Borough up especially Moose Creek and Eielson AFB. Mr. Williams also spoke in favor of the district being oriented east to west, rather than north to south.

Chairman John Binkley, Board Members: Bahnke, Borromeo, Marcum, and Simpson. Congratulations on your appointments and thank you for serving on this prestigious board. Your commitment of time and study is admirable. I served on the 1990 board under the Hickel / Coghill administration all the way through the State Supreme Courts Ruling on that Reapportionment and don't wish any of you to have to testify to defend the Governors signature on the plan you recommend. So here is my testimony hoping to help you with your decision.

I was born in Fairbanks and raised in Nenana. I have also lived in Bethel and Anchorage and am fairly familiar with the States social, economic and cultural mix. Having said this I must conclude that I am not an expert and don't claim to be one by education, profession; or, title – just 76 years of OJT 😊.

My current job is CEO of the Interior Regional Housing Authority based in Fairbanks with responsibility for operating several housing programs for 31 Interior Alaska Tribal Communities; and, housing programs funded thru Doyon, Limited for Fairbanks, North Pole, Tok, Lake Minchumina, Medfra and Canyon Village. In North Pole alone we have 47 homes in the Mendone Subdivision; and, will build 13 to 23 more over the next several years. The existing homes house at least 80 school age children plus their adult parents. The outmigration from our Interior Villages and from around Alaska to our Urban centers in Fairbanks and Anchorage and Mat-Su has been astronomical in the past 10 to 40 years. Balancing these geographic changes is a tremendous challenge I know this board can fairly accomplish.

To the Chairs question of “which map do I support and why”? I offer:

I am in strong support of the choices in the map submitted by Doyon, TCC, FNA, Sealaska, and Ahtna. It is sufficiently socially integrated and meets very closely the main population criteria to pass legal challenges. I think it is by far a balanced political and population achievement. I recommend this board strongly review what works so that all new house districts meet, as close as possible, the 18,335 population of the House districts as mandated to stave off court challenges to your recommended plan.

It has been an interesting process watching this Board and various third parties prioritize the different Constitutional requirements as they pertain to individual communities. You have done great work in allowing many maps in your / our review and attempt to constitute a fair result. That is a lot of work!

Clearly it is not possible for every Alaskan Community to get exactly what they want in their existing political subdivisions and boundary structures even though you do want to consider these criteria.

Every board looks at and guesses at current politicians needs for election or re-election as this is only human nature; but is certainly not supposed to be, and is not an allowed criterion for your consideration in rendering your new population-based map. Tough job in our small State where everyone knows everyone; or used to!

There has been a lot of written and oral testimony given on two areas of particular concern regarding the way that the Fairbanks North Star Borough and Fairbanks is divided in each of the maps.

Specific to Fairbanks:

Board version 3 without revision:

- the overpopulation of each district in the Fairbanks North Star Borough is unacceptable - particularly when coupled with the underpopulation of each district in the MatSu. This map silences 4000 Fairbanksans and wouldn't fare well in court challenges.
- Pairing the Interior village district with the excess Fairbanks population has been upheld by the courts and has been effective in preserving Fairbanks as a hub for our rural communities.
- Any one that has been out to the freight and cargo ramps at the airport; and the barge landing in Nenana and on the Yukon River, knows that the business from our rural areas is integrally related to the economics and prosperity of our Fairbanks community.
- The Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation states on its website: Fairbanks strives to be the economic, recreational and cultural hub of Interior and Northern Alaska. Situated at the confluence of the Chena and Tanana Rivers, the city has long served as a conduit for commerce; trade, transportation, and natural resource development being its underpinning.
- The economic headquarters of most Interior Village for-profit and non-profit organizations are based in Fairbanks providing a vast monetary and jobs bank for Fairbanks and the FNSB.

Some other maps beside your #3 digress further from fairness: (AFFR and AFFER)

- Using the area outside of the city limits in South Fairbanks to attach neighborhoods from the West side of town to neighborhoods in the Badger area or even further East like Salcha and Harding Lake tortures any map with these unsuited configurations.
- While it is important to have two districts that represent the City of Fairbanks, it is not likely the court intended to throw neighborhoods like Lakeview Terrance and Badger under the bus - particularly given the unique nature of both of these sub communities and their mixed populations.

Thank you for taking testimony that I sincerely hope will be reflected in your upcoming decisions. I strongly encourage you to give a hard look at how you handle Fairbanks so that a true representative government is maintained. Accepting my recommendation or modifying your #3 map can accomplish the same outcome I believe. God bless you for all you do to make Alaska a great place to live and be represented fairly.

Orie Williams

[REDACTED]
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

And:

[REDACTED]
Anchorage, Alaska 99515

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 11:51 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: My preference

After reviewing the proposed election districts, I believe that the Senate Minority Proposed Plan is the best allocation of population and representation.

Sheri Williams
[REDACTED]
Juneau, AK 99801

From: Felisa Wilson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 11:55 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: JBER Testimony

I previously testified wice in person at your redistricting board meetings. I live on JBER on the Elmendorf side near Government Hill gate. I have been stationed at JBER since 2015 and recently retired from the US Air Force with 24 years, 4 months and 19 days of active military service. I lived in Eagle River for 3 years from 2015 to 2018 and rarely came to Anchorage, as I shopped,, went to church and frequented restaurants solely in Eagle River. Once moving to JBER in 2018 and living in Air Force officer housing on the Elmendorf side, I frequented establishments in the community around the gate closest to me, including switching my church to the Government Hill neighborhood.

I have looked at the maps presented by the AK Redistricting Board and feel that versions 3 and 4 do not take into account the complexity of the JBER diaspora. Our housing is divided by rank and we participate with and identify with the communities surrounding the base access gates that we live closest to. The Redistricting Board has lumped JBER as a monolithic entity, however, in reality JBER is a diverse and complex community of active duty service mbers, retired service members and Department of Defense contractors who more practically frequent communities near their gate. I believe that the map presented by Alaskans For Fair Redistricting (AFFR) is the most representative of how our base population interacts with the communities that surround us. It is my desire that the AK Redistricting Board reject their versions 3 and 4 and adopt the map of AFFR as it is most representative of our JBER community and reflects the most Majority-Minority districts in the state of Alaska.

Sincerely,
Major Felisa Wilson, USAF, MC (Retired)

From: Patricia Wilson-Cone <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 7:15 PM
To: Testimony
Subject: Redistrict

Please copy and paste into an email to AK Redistricting Board at testimony@akredistrict.org.

I am a retired Army Lieutenant Colonel and I live on JBER. I have looked at the maps presented by the AK Redistricting Board and feel that versions 3 and 4 do not take into account the complexity of the JBER diaspora. Our housing is divided by rank and we participate with and identify with the communities surrounding the base access gates that we live closest to. The Redistricting Board has lumped JBER as a monolithic entity, however, in reality JBER is a diverse and complex community of active duty service members, retired service members and Department of Defense contractors. I believe that the map presented by Alaskans For Fair Redistricting (AFFR) is the most representative of how our base population interacts with the communities that surround us. It is my desire that the AK Redistricting Board reject their versions 3 and 4 and adopt the map of AFFR as it is most representative of our JBER community and **best reflects the diversity present in East Anchorage and the overall state of Alaska.**

Sincerely,
LTC Patricia Wilson-Cone, USA, CH (Retired)

Sent from my iPhone

From: Doug Woodby <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 10:45 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Comments on redistricting

To the Alaska Redistricting Board:

I am in support of redistricting that results in the minimum deviation from an even proportion of population between districts. The goal should be to give equal voting power to all Alaskans.

For that reason, I am opposed to the Board plans V3 and V4.

Instead, I support the plans labeled as Doyon, AFFR, and Senate Democrats. Those plans have much smaller deviations from the goal of 18,335 persons per district.

Lastly, from my perspective in Juneau, I oppose the AFFER plan because of the way that it spits the Mendenhall Valley, violating socio-economic homogeneity considerations.

And to be clear, I strongly oppose Board V3 because of the obviously deliberate effort to carve out the current residence on Cross Street of an incumbent legislator, Andrea Story, to put her in future election competition with the other local incumbent in the State House.

Thank you,
Doug Woodby
Juneau

From: Camden Yehle <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 1:23 PM
To: TJ Presley; Jessica Tonseth; Testimony
Subject: ++ Map Comment Response

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

Date: October 26, 2021, 1:22 pm

First Name: **Camden**

Last Name: **Yehle**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99623**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Comment on Meadow Lakes**

Public Comment: **Hi - I'd like to submit a comment about Meadow Lakes. I would like for Meadow Lakes to be all in one district like is shown on the AFFER plan (Meadow Lakes combined with Houston, Willow, and Talkeetna) or the Board proposed plan version 4 (Meadow Lakes combined with Wasilla). Thanks for taking comments and putting together the interactive maps.**

From: Emily Youcha <automated@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 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: October 30, 2021, 12:37 pm

First Name: **Emily**

Last Name: **Youcha**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [REDACTED]

Your ZIP Code: **99712**

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

Public Comment: **I would like to see fair representation in the Fairbanks area. Several maps are putting too many people into too few of districts. Also, I live in the Farmer's Loop area and don't understand why I am in the same district as North Pole, a very different demographic. A better district for my area would be grouping all of the areas feeding Farmer's Loop, and perhaps Goldstream Road into one district, probably similar to the redistricting shown in the Senate Minority proposal.**

From: Martin Zeller [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:32 AM
To: Testimony
Subject: Redistricting

I am writing to submit my testimony regarding the redistricting proposals for the lower Kenai Peninsula.

I support and request adoption of the AFFR map.

The Alaskans for Fair Redistricting map is the best fit for the communities socio-economic interests currently and future wise. As a resident of the Fritz Creek area for the past 50 years, I experience Homer and its surrounding communities as being linked by a vibrant commercial and sport fishing, marine trades and tourism economy.

The communities within the AFFR map are like the spokes of a wheel with Homer as the hub. They are all further linked actually and figuratively by being at the 'end of the road'. The AFFR map appears to be the fairest and most realistic representation of these communities' historic, current and future economic, geographic and social reality.

Thank you for your attention to this testimony.

Martin Zeller
[REDACTED]