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As a ten year resident of Girdwood, our home and Eagle River should not be paired.

The resort community balances seasonal changes to foster an outdoor recreation economy. Eagle River does not.

We have our own land use code to reflect our climate and our values. Eagle River does not.

As a service area, we have ad hoc advisory committees and a local public process for new developments. Eagle River does not.

We act as the gateway to the Kenai Peninsula, the Chugach State and National Forests and host passenger train stations in Girdwood and Portage. Eagle River does not.

We have 1500+ fulltime year residents with the majority being low wage service industry personnel. Eagle River does not.

Do not pair us. It is not tenable nor reflective of our community.

Christina Hendrickson

Date: April 8, 2022, 9:40 pm

First Name: Kari

Last Name: MacDonald

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99516

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): 2022 option 3B

Public Comment: In evaluating the consideration of remapping I firmly support 3B. This allows a solid mix of diversity and political affiliation to represent Alaska while maintaining the voice of our precious military. I support 3B and I hope you will support this as well.

**Thanks** 

Kari

Date: April 9, 2022, 12:39 am

First Name: Tim

Last Name: Silvers

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99504

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Support of Map option 2, Map 3b is inexcusable** 

Public Comment: I have been following the redistricting process from the beginning. I strongly support the proposed map Option 2 to redraw Anchorage Senate districts in compliance with the supreme court order to adhere to the law of our state constitution. Option 2 very efficiently pairs similar socio-economic districts in an equitable and logical manner.

Allow me to add some background to my decision. At first I was optimistic that Alaska has a supposedly "independent" commission to draw redistricting maps after census. I soon learned that part of the board is not independent at all, rather it was clearly attempting to skew the pairings to gerrymander in support the Republican party. I used to vote almost exclusively Republican, but lately find myself doing so much less often. Why? Precisely because of these dishonest underhanded tactics to grasp at control, rather than putting forward a platform that appeals to the majority of people. I would be ashamed to call myself "conservative" these days as those conservatives I respected in my youth have vanished and been replaced by something unrecognizable.

The supreme court rightly declared the previous map an egregious gerrymander, diluting the voice of East Anchorage and giving Eagle River representation beyond its numbers. There can be no other reason for some board members to continue to push for "gerrymander redux" in the form of map 3b, other than they have imp licit orders to deliver a result favorable to Republicans. People in Eagle River don't want this pairing. South Anchorage doesn't want it. The rest of Anchorage doesn't want illogical pairings spanning across the city and in the case of units 22 and 9 across a mountain range. That people in Eagle River or South Anchorage would feel properly represented by a Senator from the other unit is absurd on it's face.

Please do the right thing and quickly move to adopt Map Option 2. Restore faith that the redistricting board respects our constitution and believes that one person, one vote principles still rule our land. Restore my faith that conservatives can once again put honestly above political gain. Thank you, Tim Silvers

Date: April 9, 2022, 9:27 pm

First Name: Doug

Last Name: McBride

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Senate District K Pairing

Public Comment: I am a resident of District 22, support Option 2 and vehemently oppose Option 3B.

Prior to submitting this testimony, I reviewed all written testimony from the Recent April 7-8 packet to learn if there was any testimony in favor of Option 3B that would sway me. There is not a single point made or any evidence offered in any written testimony in support of Option 3B. Conversely, every written testimony in support of Option 2 provides some rationale for that position. The most compelling include: Districts 22 and 9 are not meaningfully or realistically adjacent; and Districts 22 and 24 comprise the actual and recognized community of Eagle River-Chugiak which are meaningfully and realistically adjacent.

In the absence of any provided rationale for Option 3B and the overwhelming rationale provided for Option 2, I strongly urge you to choose Option 2. To do otherwise (Option 3B) leaves this decision open to the same criticism of gerrymandering rendered by the recent Alaska Supreme Court ruling.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

ate: April 10, 2022, 8:40 am

First Name: Jasmine

Last Name: Boyle

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99567

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 2 and 3

Public Comment: I support Map 2 which keeps communities together who have similarities and who are communities in name, location and activity - Eagle River with Eagle River, Muldoon with Muldoon and so on. The board needs to listen to the people who have overwhelmingly said repeatedly that communities do not want to be separated. Map 3 is not acceptable.

Date: April 10, 2022, 8:42 am

First Name: Wade

Last Name: Boyle

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99567

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

Public Comment: The idea of pairing across a mountain range does not make sense.

Keep communities together. I support Map 2.

Date: April 10, 2022, 9:49 am

First Name: Jon

Last Name: Grace

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99516

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3B not appropriate

Public Comment: As a resident of South Anchorage I strongly and unequivocally support map 2 which keeps my contiguous community intact and does not use an uninhabited mountain range to pair my community with the unrelated 30+ minute distant south Eagle River community. I understand that redistricting may not always follow common sense boundaries in order to follow constitutional law of even division of the population but map 2 adheres to this rule with more logical boundaries and is clearly the superior option that will allow me to be more appropriately represented by my state representative. Thank you for your consideration.

Date: April 10, 2022, 10:04 am

First Name: Jeff

Last Name: Allen

Group Affiliation, if applicable: Basher Community (Stuckagain Heights)

Email or Phone Contact:

et:

Your ZIP Code: 99507

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): None

Public Comment: I support map 3-B

Date: April 10, 2022, 10:05 am

First Name: Idamarie

Last Name: Piccard

Group Affiliation, if applicable: Personal; Anchorage resident for 46 years

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99508

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

Public Comment: Please support map 2 which keeps Downtown with Downtown, Eagle River with Eagle River, Muldoon with Muldoon, and South Anchorage with South Anchorage. Map 3b breaks communities apart for no good reason and should not be done when there are better options. Map 2 is a better option.

Date: April 10, 2022, 10:22 am

First Name: Julie

Last Name: Saddoris

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:



Your ZIP Code: 99507

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Support Map 2

Public Comment: I support Map 2 over 3B in the redistricting because it keeps communities together. I don't see how adding part of south Anchorage to Eagle River makes any sense, other than they are both Republican leaning (which seems like gerrymandering). These communities are separated by mountains and miles apart. Map 2 keeps communities together, which is more sensible than splitting them.

Date: April 10, 2022, 10:57 am

First Name: Kathleen

Last Name: Worthley

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:



Your ZIP Code: 99504

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

Public Comment: I support map 2 which keeps the communities of Downtown with Downtown, Eagle River with Eagle River, Muldoon with Muldoon, and South Anchorage with South Anchorage. Map 3b should not be considered as it breaks communities apart for no good reason and makes pairings over an uninhabited mountain range, which should not be done when there are better options. Map 2 is a better option.

Date: April 10, 2022, 12:38 pm

First Name: Katie

Last Name: McBride

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99577

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

Public Comment: It makes no sense to group Eagle River with south Anchorage and Girdwood. To suggest that Eagle River is connected to Girdwood via Crow Pass is a stretch to say the least. Please adopt Map 2 of the redistricting maps.

Date: April 10, 2022, 1:38 pm

First Name: Amelinda

Last Name: Grace

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:



Your ZIP Code: 99516

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 2 is the best

Public Comment: While I am relatively new to Anchorage I have lived on both the west and south parts of town and seen how different they are. I have visited Eagle River and considered moving there before moving to South Anchorage and can firmly state my opposition to map 3B which inexplicably links these two distinct communities together. Please make the only reasonable decision and adopt map 2 which keeps my community together, appropriately represented, and distinct from Eagle River. If I had wanted to move there I wouldn't have moved 40 minutes away in the other direction!

Date: April 10, 2022, 1:51 pm

First Name: Diane

Last Name: Schenker

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99507

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Support Map 2

Public Comment: I live in Stuckagain Heights and shop, visit, recreate, and drive in adjacent districts, including East and South Anchorage. I do not drive to, shop, visit, or do anything else in Eagle River, ever. I consider Eagle River to be "out of town". To choose to put my neighborhood in a district with Eagle River, an area from which we are physically separated, which we can only get to by driving through other adjacent districts and traveling by highway, appears to be blatant gerrymandering for purposes the courts have already rejected. By comparison, I can and do walk to the South Anchorage district on the beautiful Chugach forest trails that join our neighborhoods; I also drive to, shop at, dine in and visit businesses in South Anchorage every week. My political interests would be better served by a Senator representing us and South (or East, although from what I see, that is not an option) Anchorage than us and Eagle River.

Date: April 10, 2022, 3:10 pm

First Name: Christina

Last Name: Neal

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:



Your ZIP Code: 99504

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

Public Comment: Dear Board: Regarding senate pairings, please adopt map 2 which keeps Anchorage Downtown with Anchorage Downtown, Eagle River with Eagle River, Muldoon with Muldoon, and South Anchorage with South Anchorage. This approach follows the constitutional intent of representation, keeps established communities intact, and does not attempt to dilute voter type.

Map 3b is a blatant gerrymander. It breaks communities apart and makes inexplicable pairings over an uninhabited mountain range.

Date: April 10, 2022, 3:52 pm

First Name: Irene

Last Name: Bortnick

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99508

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Support for Map 2

Public Comment: Map 2 which keeps the communities of Downtown with Downtown, Eagle River with Eagle River, Muldoon with Muldoon, and South Anchorage with South Anchorage has my endorsement. Map 3b breaks up communities and pairs communities that are not geographically contiguous. Please accept Map 2. Please settle this issue soon, it has gone on for too long.

Date: April 10, 2022, 7:49 pm

First Name: Amy

Last Name: McFarlane

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99516

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Map 3B makes no sense at all; adopt Map 2

Public Comment: Option 3B makes no sense at all. The communities of South Anchorage and Eagle River are not "contiguous" in the sense of a shared neighborhood. South Anchorage and Eagle River may share an essentially roadless boundary in the Chugach mountains, but that does not mean the interests of the constituents in the two areas are aligned. Eagle River is a separate community, with many residents pushing for Eagle Exit. It should not be paired with South Anchorage. I strongly urge the Redistricting Board to adopt Map 2, instead of Map 3B.

Date: April 10, 2022, 8:32 pm

First Name: Brittany

Last Name: Petry

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99508

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

Public Comment: I support Map 2; communities should be kept together: Downtown with Downtown, Eagle River with Eagle River, Muldoon with Muldoon, and South Anchorage with South Anchorage. Why have a map (3B) that breaks communities apart for no good reason, making totally illogical pairings over geography that naturally separates them. Breaking communities up would erode public trust and demoralize their citizens. Please, let common sense and fairness prevail.

Thank you

Sun 4/10/2022 10:06 PM

**Reapportion Board Members:** 

I have reviewed the two current maps that are under consideration, and find many compelling reasons to support Map 2 and to oppose Map 3B.

Map 2 has logical pairings and makes sense with strong rationales behind each pairing. It keeps Downtown Anchorage paired with Downtown, it keeps Muldoon paired with Muldoon, it keeps South Anchorage paired with South Anchorage, and it keeps the Eagle River/Chugiak/Birchwood areas together with the other parts of the Eagle River area. It makes overall sense with the pairings of communities of interest. It also leaves intact four of the eight pairings from the previous submitted map, just correcting the court-declared illegal gerrymandered areas with re-pairing of the other four.

This is all contrasted with the pairings in Map 3B, which are pairings that cannot legitimately make the same claims. These pairings split up the Eagle River/Chugiak/Birchwood area for absolutely no good reason, split downtown Anchorage and then make for a strange pairing of Eagle River with South Anchorage. Then, it pairs JBER with the Chugiak/Eagle River area which makes little to no sense as JBER interacts with the areas where their gates are, which are NOT into Chugiak or Eagle River.

The gerrymandering that was identified by the courts in the previously submitted Senate pairings map is still present in Map 3B. Map 3B does not correct and eliminate the partisan gerrymandering, it just replaces the prior gerrymandered map with a different gerrymandered map.

Please do the right thing and keep communities of interest together and eliminate gerrymandering by adopting Map 2; it is fair and rational and is likely to meet legal muster to be acceptable to the courts.

Thank you, **Sheri Whitethorn** Anchorage, AK

Date: April 10, 2022, 10:16 pm

First Name: Dolores

Last Name: Collins

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Redistricting - Support for **Option 2 & Opposition to Option 3B** 

Public Comment: Good evening.

I have been part of the Eagle River community for 47 years, and I am writing in support of Option 2. In my opinion, it contains the most logical and fair pairings for all people who live in the Municipality. I do NOT support Option 3B.

Date: April 10, 2022, 11:44 pm

First Name: **Ashley** 

Last Name: Kobylinski

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99515

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

Public Comment: I support map 3B

# Penny Goodstein <

Mon 4/11/2022 12:47 AM

I sent the message below on April 9.

What I did not do was reference the appropriate map that I think you should use. I SUPPORT MAP 2. It keeps the communities together.

Please do NOT CONSIDER MAP 3b! It breaks apart these communities. It is designed as a political tool to keep specific representatives in power, not as a tool to make voting equal and fair.

Map 2 is the fair and equitable map.

#### **Penny Goodstein**

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Penny Goodstein <

To: testimony@akredistrict.org <testimony@akredistrict.org>

Sent: Saturday, April 9, 2022, 01:43:51 PM AKDT

Subject: the new redistricting plans

I am writing about the redistricting decisions. I am appalled that once again, Eagle River has one plan to split it.

It seems that this is political to increase representation for Eagle River at the expense of other areas.

Eagle River is a unit. Muldoon is a unit. The Hillside is a unit. Please keep Downtown together, Hillside together, and Eagle River together. Do not separate these units.

JBEAR is no more similar to Eagle River than to downtown. Many at JBEAR are not Alaskan residents; they retain their home residency and vote there. Other JBEAR military live throughout our communities and these, if they become Alaskan residents, are represented by their home district elected officials. Putting JBEAR with an Eagle River district makes as much sense and with downtown.

Penny Goodstein

Date: April 11, 2022, 9:27 am

First Name: Eden

Last Name: Romeo

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 10549

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

Public Comment: Dear Redistricting Board,

I am writing to you today to urge you to adopt the Senate pairings proposed by Redistricting Board member Melanie Bahnke instead of coming up with new pairings. These pairings, proposed by Melanie Bahnke, have been presented and considered on the record and were informed by public input and testimony. These pairings do not change districts' underlying deviation and uphold the one person, one vote principle. In addition, they are the common-sense geographic and socioeconomic pairings (keeping Muldoon w/ Muldoon, West Anc. w/ West Anc, Eagle River w/ Eagle River, etc.).

It is crucial that the voices of the Muldoon area are not watered down, and that each district receives fair and just representation. I also ask that you do this in a timely manner, as it is in the public interest to swiftly adopt a map with final senate pairings so that voters can familiarize themselves with their new districts, precincts, and voting locations, on top of a new election system (RCV) and an unprecedented special election.

Thank you for your time. Please vote to approve the pairings put forth by Redistricting Board member Melanie Bahnke.

Sincerely,

Eden

Date: April 11, 2022, 9:42 am

First Name: Joe

Last Name: Banta

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99516

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Support for Current Map 2

Public Comment: Dear Redistricting Board: I now support map number two which keeps the communities of Downtown with Downtown, Eagle River with Eagle River, Muldoon with Muldoon, and South Anchorage with South Anchorage. As a south Anchorage resident, it's important to keep us together. Map 3b should not be considered as it breaks communities apart for no good reason and makes pairings over an uninhabited mountain range, which should not be done when there are better options. Map 2 is a better option. If you use map 3b, we will once again see the process in court which is a waste of money. Thank you. Sincerely, Joe Banta

Date: April 11, 2022, 1:23 pm

First Name: Susan

Last Name: Fischetti

Group Affiliation, if applicable: N/A

Email or Phone Contact: N/A

Your ZIP Code: Eagle River

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): 4/7/2022 ARB Meeting Verbal Public Testimony

Public Comment: Susan testified in support of a Chugach Mountain district as outlined in the Option 3-B Map for the following reasons:

- 1) Districts 22 and 9 are the two large districts with several acres of parks and mountains; there are no other districts like this.
- 2) Upper Hillside and Eagle River have previously been combined as a Senate pairing and it is still logical to pair them.
- 3) Anchorage has become more urbanized. Eagle River and Hillside residents chose a suburban lifestyle surrounded by mountains and wildlife rather than the city.
- 4) Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson (JBER) districts should remain intact and this map achieves that.

Susan agrees that there is public confusion with the Anchorage Assembly redistricting process where several community members testified to keep the Assembly districts separate. Now, the public is struggling with the changes being presented by the board and this may impact their willingness to call in.

Date: April 11, 2022, 4:52 pm

First Name: Karen

Last Name: Williams

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: 99504

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

Public Comment: Map 2 should be the map chosen by the board. This map is truly nonpartisan, unlike map 3b. Map 2 keeps the communities of Downtown with Downtown, Eagle River with Eagle River, Muldoon with Muldoon, and South Anchorage with South Anchorage.. Please DO NOT consider map 3b because it breaks communities apart for truly no apparent reason. 3B is clearly a partisan map attempting to strengthen one political party. This map, if passed, will once again be litigated. We do not have the time nor the resources to waste. Please do the right thing and pass Map 2!

Date: April 11, 2022, 7:06 pm

First Name: Annika

Last Name: Wolner

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact:

Your ZIP Code: PO Box 1218

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

Anchorage and Eagle River

Public Comment: I support Option 2 and oppose Option 3B because Girdwood is politically and culturally different from Eagle River, and the pairing would not be beneficial for the Girdwood community. Option 3B would only be beneficial for Eagle River, and not giving Girdwood a voice at all.

Constant, Christopher

Sun 4/10/2022 9:28 PM

Anchorage Downtowm Partnership passed a resolution about keeping the downtown connected. Please weigh this public testimony.

Christopher Constant Anchorage Municipal Assembly, District 1 ADP RESOLUTION 2021-3



#### ANCHORAGE DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP, LTD.

A resolution of the Anchorage Downtown Partnership, Ltd. (ADP) Board of Directors expressing concern regarding the House District pairing between House District 23 (North Downtown) and House District 24 (Eagle River) for Senate District L.

**Whereas**, the United States Constitution empowers Congress to carry out the census every 10 years to count every person living in the United States and use that count to determine representation in Congress;

**Whereas**, the Alaska Constitution sets new boundaries for the Alaska house districts and senate districts after the decennial census of the United States:

**Whereas,** the Downtown Improvement District is currently represented by one House District and one Senate District;

**Whereas**, the final 2021 redistricting maps divide the Downtown Improvement District into two separate House seats;

**Whereas**, House District 17 includes the south side of 4th Avenue and stretches to Fireweed Lane;

**Whereas,** House District 23 includes the north side of 4th Avenue, Ship Creek, Government Hill and Joint Base Elmendorf and Richardson (JBER), and parts of Mountain View;

Whereas, House District 23 is paired with House District 24 to form Senate District L;

Whereas, House District 23 includes parts of the Central Business District, Downtown Improvement District, Port of Alaska and Alaska Railroad, JBER, and a commercial district of Mountain View;

**Whereas,** House District 24 includes Eagle River, which is predominately rural and residential:

**Whereas**, Downtown Anchorage has unique and specific issues as the urban core of our community is separate from rural and residential areas;

 NOW, THEREFORE, RECOGNIZING THAT DOWNTOWN ANCHORAGE IS UNIQUE WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE AND THE STATE OF ALASKA AS A STRONG URBAN CORE AND SHOULD HAVE COMPACT AND COHESIVE REPRESENTATION AS SUCH THE ANCHORAGE DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP, LTD, BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESOLVES:

**SECTION 1:** ADP will work to find ways to advocate for compact and cohesive maps to best reflect the interest of downtown.

1 2 3 4	PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Downtown Partnership, Ltd. Board of Directors this 18th day of November 2021.	
•	SIGNED:	ATTEST:
	Docusigned by:  Gretchen W. Fauske	Docusigned by: Lail Fairbairn 7703698878E5496
	Board President  Gretchen W. Fauske	Board Secretary Laile Fairbairn