

F. Public Questions from the Jan. 26 Virtual Town Hall Q&A Chat

Lindsey Hajduk	I have an overall process question about if or how community council boundaries would change. Are community councils considered during this process. Will they be changed to align with assembly districts after a new map is adopted? Or will council boundaries remain the same?
Pat Redmond	Community Councils boundaries are part of the bylaws of each community council. Any changes in boundaries require a lot of discussion & research by the community council
Gretchen Stoddard	Is Girdwood on these maps? It looks like Girdwood is not pictured on many of the links I follow from the Muni page that leads to pdf files
Allie Hartman	I really like Robert's map #7! I'm a former resident of Muldoon and Airport Heights and I think the commitment to logical geographical barriers makes sense
Moderator	For questions about JBER, Ms. Kennedy sent this map https://jber.isportsman.net/files/JBER_Recreation_2019_15x25.pdf
Allie Hartman	What do the representatives of Hillside and Eagle River think of something like the "Chugach District" pictured by a number of maps?
Gretchen Stoddard	We keep hearing about the importance of direct gate access from JBER to Downtown, but that leads to splitting South Anchorage current District 6 into a district with Eagle River. How do people drawing these maps explain to us that direct gate access from JBER to Downtown leads to keeping them in 1 district. Then, that leads to Dearmoun / Hillside and Girdwood being in the same district as Chugiak. It looks like we have to decide between District 1 including JBER or Girdwood & part of Hillside being in the district with Eagle River and that is not close road connection nor respecting communities.
Anonymous	With regard to the maps proposed by Denny Wells, what proportion of JBER's population is in District 1?
Gretchen Stoddard	How was that last question worded didn't they ask Hillside reps? I think that question was asking District 6, John Weddleton and Suzanne LaFrance and Christopher Constant asked Crystal Kennedy
Lee Wheaton	FWIW - As a 70 year resident of Fairview, Map 10 most closely represents the district that i spend most of my time in for commerce, education, entertainment, and services. Thanks!
Gretchen Stoddard	Could someone explain to me how the respecting of close road boundaries in the redistricting process leads to Girdwood , Rabbit Creek and Chugiak in the same district
Mike Edgington	Another voice here against Turnagain Arm being joined with Eagle River. It is disjoint to have to drive for >1hr and through 4 of the other 5 districts to get from one community to the other.
Lizzie Newell	I'm in Independence Park. We are Abbott Loop. We shop in the Abbott Town center and are part of the Abbott Loop Community Council. This is just a comment. Not a question. But we also get together with and do some shopping in South Anchorage. My preference so far is for Map 6 because it keeps Abbott Loop pretty much intact. It has Hillside and Girdwood with south Anchorage instead of with Eagle River and it keeps Muldoon compact.

G. Written Comments on Maps at Jan. 27 Loussac Library Town Hall

- *Map 1*
 - Awful map – keeps Ft. Rich w/ ER/Chugiak. The kids from Ft. Rich go to school in ER/Chugiak – not sure how you would explain them not being in the same community together
- *Map 2*
 - This map makes sense. These communities share much in common. I have lived in Anc since 1981 and lived in 4 of the communities
- *Map 4*
 - What do Girdwood and ER/Chugiak have in common – nothing- takes 1.5 hours to drive one to the other.
- *Map 7 – Robert Hockema*
 - A fair, common sense map!
 - This map respects that Elmendorf uses the government hill gate
- *Map 8 – Alaskans for Fair Redistricting*
 - The equal numbers is very appealing. But you cut Airport Heights in two. Seems confusing
 - Constitutional deviations
- *Map 9 – Denny Wells A*
 - I do not like this map. It is showing a very long commute for Folker neighborhood - We are too far away from Muldoon

H. Written comments submitted through www.ReapportionANC.org Portal (attached as PDF)**I. Community Council and Organization Resolutions (attached as PDF)**

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12/31/2021	Map Three	Elizabeth Forsman	Map 3. I don't believe JBER should be included in downtown. I do believe the port should be.
1/11/2022	Map Five	Cheryl Lovegreen	I just looked through the map proposals for reapportionment. I may have more comments after I have studied the maps more closely, but today I am concerned about District 5, East Anchorage. In the recent state Redistricting process, East Anchorage was pasted onto Eagle River in a way that diluted the power of its diverse population. In the reapportionment, a similar thing happens in Map 3 by adding some South Anchorage residents and in Map 5 by Eagle River absorbing a section east of Muldoon Road. I hope the committee is sensitive to the integrity of our neighborhoods and "relatively integrated socioeconomic area" of each district.
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1/21/2022	Map 10 Wells B	Denmer Wells	<p>After reviewing my Map A and thinking about the shortcomings of some of the other maps, I made a second map: Denny's Map B: https://district.org/plan/103441</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Even smaller population deviation than Denny's Map A - Compact, mostly following major roads and other natural boundaries, except at the 3-way intersection of Districts 1, 4, and 5, where the boundary follows 36th to Elmore, then across 40th, and finally follows the South Fork of Chester Creek to Boniface. - District 5 includes Russian Jack, as in the current districts. - District 4 is more mid-town and less SW Anchorage. - The District 1/ District 3 boundary is at West Chester rather than the railroad.

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1/21/2022	Map One Greene	Denmer Wells	Map 1: Matching Eagle River/Chugiak and upper Hillside with Girdwood/Indian is problematic because those areas are not only discontinuous, but they are significantly culturally different with significantly different issues.
1/21/2022	Map Two	Denmer Wells	Map 2: This map, with almost surgical precision, increases the voting power of Eagle River at the expense of Muldoon by putting disparate population sizes in each district.
1/21/2022	Map Three	Denmer Wells	Map 3: As with Map 2, this map surgically increases the voting power of Eagle River at the expense of Muldoon. But it takes that disparity a step further by including lower Hillside with Muldoon. District 5 in this map is both discontinuous and merges significantly different populations.
1/21/2022	Map Four	Denmer Wells	Map 4: This map seems specifically targeted at fracturing the voting power of Muldoon. It splits the current Muldoon district into 3 sections – giving one section each to the Downtown and Eagle River districts, and then adding the significantly un-diverse U-Med area and lower hillside to the remaining skeleton of the diverse Muldoon district.
1/21/2022	Map Five	Denmer Wells	Map 5: This takes the problems of Map #4 and amps them up significantly. It is again specifically targeted at splitting the Muldoon district. This time, it gives even more of the district to Eagle River, and adds JBER to the remaining (even smaller) skeleton of Muldoon.

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1/21/2022	Unclassified	Denmer Wells	<p>Regarding all 5 proposed maps: In all 5 of the proposed reapportionment maps, my neighborhood along the north shore of Campbell Lake is included in District 6 with south Anchorage and the hillside rather than being included in District 3 with Sand Lake. This is irrational. The area South of Dimond, West of Arlene and North of Campbell Lake should be included in the same district with Sand Lake, as it is now. This area is zoned for Kincaid Elementary school, with our neighbors in Sand Lake. This area is in legislative districts (both current and pending with the new redistricting) with our neighbors in Sand Lake. In order to go from this area to South Anchorage and the rest of the district, we would literally have to transit the Sand Lake district. I understand that someone may draft a proposal with the Sand Lake/South Anchorage boundary at Dimond instead of at Campbell Lake, but that ALL FIVE of the current proposals make this change is irrational and speaks to an underlying problem in the process used to draft these maps. My neighborhood, bounded by Campbell Lake to the south and Dimond Blvd to the north should be included with Sand Lake for our Anchorage Municipal Assembly district. All 5 of these maps are gravely problematic, all in very similar ways. They ALL include the north shore of Campbell Lake with South Anchorage, they ALL advantage Eagle River or pair Eagle River with another dis-similar community in the municipality, and all but Map 1 explicitly disadvantage Muldoon. There is a pattern here. These plans should not be adopted.</p>
1/21/2022	Map 9 Wells A	Denmer Wells	<p>For your consideration, I propose the following map (made using the state redistricting board's tool). Let's call it Denny's Map A https://districtr.org/plan/101570 My proposed map has the following characteristics: - Smaller population deviation from the target than all but the original Map 1 proposal. - It follows major roadways and/or bodies of water for boundaries. No wonky carve-outs. Very compact. - Eagle River is in a district with JBER and Stuckagain Heights. JBER is rational, as it is currently in the Eagle River district, and Eagle River is a bedroom community for JBER. Stuckagain Heights is discontinuous, which is unfortunate, but the demographics and issues there are very similar to the demographics and issues in the neighborhood around the upper reaches of the South Fork of Eagle River.</p>

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1/21/2022	JBBER	Briana Sullivan	I am addressing any maps that include Military Land: Does it matter how many people are registered voters? Does it matter if population is considered Alaska Residents?
1/26/2022	Public Comment Process	Gretchen Stoddard	Please provide an email address to submit comments. I can not find an email for comments in your information. Thank you.
1/27/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Diane Shellenbaum	I live on the lower Hillside, currently in District 6. I have reviewed maps 1-10, and am strongly against any map that groups Eagle River with portions of the Hillside (maps 1 and 8 are the worst.) The issues of Eagle River are very specific and that population should be represented by Assembly members who can represent those. Hillside issues are different and I believe would be overwhelmed by Eagle River issues.

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1/27/2022	Map 8 Alaskans for Fair Redistricting	Elizabeth Ellis	Hello, I support adopting map number eight for Anchorage. Thank you.

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1/28/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Yarrow Silvers	<p>No part of Muldoon, including the North Muldoon finger, which has been disenfranchised for many years, should be paired with Eagle River. Evidence of the disenfranchisement of the North Muldoon finger can be found in their dismal voter turnout rate, which at 11.5% for the 2020 assembly election, was less than half of the turnout of the rest of Muldoon which averaged 24% turnout in that same election. Residents of the Muldoon finger are so sure that their vote doesn't count that they largely don't even bother to vote. This is an untenable situation and this gerrymander must not be allowed to continue, particularly in light of the ongoing litigation involved in the statewide Eagle River/Muldoon pairing.</p> <p>The two areas are not socio-economically integrated at all and do not share similar concerns and anyone that tries to tell you differently is attempting to maintain a previous gerrymander with no concern for the diverse East Anchorage voters whose voices have been, and would continue to be, muffled. East Anchorage is urban with high density housing, city water and sewer, lower on average incomes, a high proportion of title one schools, high racial diversity, and city maintained roads while Eagle River is largely rural, with large lots, low-density housing, well and septic, affluent households, low racial diversity and LRSA. East Anchorage residents rarely go to Eagle River, and it's doubtful that Eagle River residents do much more than drive through Muldoon on their way to town.</p> <p>This leaves you with two options in the current suite of maps being considered to fill in the Eagle River population - Elmendorf/Fort Rich and the Chugach Mountain area.</p> <p>I would look closely at the socioeconomic integration of the two areas and carefully consider factors such as similarity in income, racial diversity, housing density, rural v/s urban etc. as both are of similar distance from Eagle River, with those on Elmendorf utilizing the Government Hill gate driving 16 miles from the gate to get to Eagle River and those on the Hillside driving 21 miles from Hilltop ski area to get to Eagle River.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment, Yarrow Silvers</p>

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1/28/2022	Map Four	Darryl Parks	Within the maps, map 4 makes the most sense from a boundary standpoint. The problem lies that by including JBER in any of the districts, you do that district a disservice. Many, a large portion, of the population on JBER are not registered voters in the state of Alaska, as many service members maintain residency in their home state, even though they benefit from the services provided by the municipality. JBER residents are a transient population with most serving for 3 years, then moving on to their next assignment. Including JBER impacts the voting power of any district that includes portions of the base since many of the residents are not eligible to vote in the district where they reside.

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2/1/2022	Map 9 Wells A	Denmer Wells	<p>After the initial rounds of public feedback, I'd like to offer a revised map selection. Let's call this Denny's Neighborhood Cohesion map. I'd like to specifically offer it as a replacement for Denny's Map A, currently hosted as Map 9 on the reapportionment page. This map can be found at https://districtr.org/plan/107533 and an image of it is attached to this comment.</p> <p>The message I heard at the public hearings, and through people who have reached out since, is that keeping neighborhoods together is a high priority for the community. I heard this at last Wednesday's meeting from Assembly Member Zalatel regarding Rogers Park. I heard this from residents who spoke at Thursday's meeting about keeping Hillside together. I heard this from Assembly Member Allard at Thursday's meeting regarding maps that paired Eagle River with distant communities along Hillside or Turnagain Arm. I heard this from Stuckagain Heights residents who reached out expressing a desire to stay connected with Anchorage districts. The public comments online also are generally critical of various Anchorage-Eagle River or Anchorage-JBER pairings.</p> <p>I know that Alaskan's for Fair Redistricting has advocated an extremely low per-district deviation to achieve as much voter-parity as possible. But their map makes clear that holding rigidly to such a target results in a deep disregard for neighborhood integrity. In addition to their unusual boundary splitting neighborhoods across the north end of Russian Jack and Muldoon, their low deviation target drove a really unusual break through the middle of Bayshore, the carving off of a single block in the neighborhood around Vernon Street south of Dimond, a circuitous cut through Goldenview, drawing a line through the middle of the neighborhood south of Campbell Elementary, and they cut Airport Heights in half. I appreciate the precision with which they achieved a low deviation, but I believe their map demonstrates the unintended consequences of only focusing on one measure of equitable districts (low deviation) without considering other measures.</p> <p>Some of the other maps were less concerned with deviation, but they also missed some neighborhood cohesion elements.</p> <p>With my Neighborhood Cohesion map, I stayed with major roadways and waterways as boundaries as much as possible, as with my earlier proposal. I made the districts as compact as possible. Unlike the other maps which extend District 1 either north into JBER or south into Midtown, I paired the existing Downtown district with Turnagain and South Spenard, with the additional</p>

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2/1/2022	Map Two	Doug Robbins	<p>The standards for drawing fair Anchorage reapportionment maps should be the same as the criteria for State Districts in the Alaska constitution. Districts should be near equal population, compact, contiguous, and represent related neighborhoods. By those criteria, the best proposed map is Map 6, submitted by Anchorage Action. The districts in this map are compact, contiguous, and connect related neighborhoods. Proposed Map 2 is also good, but has a higher overall population deviation than Map 6. Map 2: Good. Districts are contiguous and compact; connecting related neighborhoods.</p>
2/1/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Doug Robbins	<p>By no means should Eagle River be connected to the Anchorage Hillside, Girdwood, or Stuckagain Heights. These neighborhoods use entirely different municipal infrastructure than Eagle River, have different problems, and cannot be represented well by a single Assembly representative. You shouldn't have to drive through other districts to get from one side to the other side of a district. Maps 1, 7, 8, 9 and 10 are bad because they connect unrelated neighborhoods to Eagle River.</p>
2/1/2022	Map One Greene	Doug Robbins	<p>Maps 1, 7, 8, 9 and 10 are bad because they connect unrelated neighborhoods to Eagle River. Map 1: Bad. Joins SE Anchorage and Girdwood to Eagle River.</p>

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2/1/2022	Map Three	Doug Robbins	Maps 3, 4 and 5 are bad because they connect unrelated neighborhoods across Bicentennial Park, or unrelated neighborhoods from north to south across east Anchorage. Map 3: Bad. District 5 extends across unpopulated Bicentennial Park, connecting unrelated neighborhoods north and south from Glenn Highway to South Anchorage.
2/1/2022	Map Four	Doug Robbins	Maps 3, 4 and 5 are bad because they connect unrelated neighborhoods across Bicentennial Park, or unrelated neighborhoods from north to south across east Anchorage. Map 4: Bad. District 5 is not contiguous or compact; it extends across Bicentennial Park, connecting unrelated neighborhoods.
2/1/2022	Map Five	Doug Robbins	Maps 3, 4 and 5 are bad because they connect unrelated neighborhoods across Bicentennial Park, or unrelated neighborhoods from north to south across east Anchorage. Map 5: Bad. District 5 is not compact; it connects JBER with a neighborhood adjacent to Dowling.
2/1/2022	Map 7 Hockema	Doug Robbins	Maps 1, 7, 8, 9 and 10 are bad because they connect unrelated neighborhoods to Eagle River. Map 7: Bad. Stuckagain Heights and the Upper Hillside are connected with Eagle River.
2/1/2022	Map 8 Alaskans for Fair Redistricting	Doug Robbins	Maps 1, 7, 8, 9 and 10 are bad because they connect unrelated neighborhoods to Eagle River. Map 8: Bad. Lower & Upper Hillside, and Stuckagain Heights are connected to Eagle River.

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2/1/2022	Map 9 Wells A	Doug Robbins	Maps 1, 7, 8, 9 and 10 are bad because they connect unrelated neighborhoods to Eagle River. Map 9: Bad. Stuckagain Heights is connected to Eagle River.
2/1/2022	Map 10 Wells B	Doug Robbins	Maps 1, 7, 8, 9 and 10 are bad because they connect unrelated neighborhoods to Eagle River. Map 10: Bad. Stuckagain Heights is connected to Eagle River.
2/1/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Nicole Branch	<p>After studying the maps presented, Maps 3 and 5 are the most reasonable reapportionment suggestions.</p> <p>1) JBER is a unique part of our community. JBER falls under a single community commander who is responsible for everything that happens on the base. Dividing JBER into more than one district, whether 1, 2, or 5, will not allow for the base commander to create a unified and cohesive base. The responsibilities of the base commander stretch into the community. The base commander should be focused on their "constituents" and not the juggling the responsibilities associated with multiple districts. Also, one needs to examine the actual number of Alaskan voters on JBER. Dividing them into multiple districts may not provide them with the best representation possible.</p> <p>2) I also disagree with dividing the Hillside into district 2 or 6. The assumption is that Hillside voters align with ER voters due to lot size among other factors. If the Upper Hillside to Girdwood is placed in District 2, I believe that those in Bird thru Girdwood will be underrepresented. Should they become part of District 2, their representation will be invisible due to the strength of ER. The Hillside should closely mimic the school boundaries set by ASD creating a unified interest. It is nonsensical to have the district 2 representative drive every district to reach both ends of their district. Logic needs to drive the reapportionment, not creating the most favorable boundaries for elections.</p>

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2/3/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Patrick Hoffmann	My concerns are limited to the general neighborhood in which we live, the Upper Hillside. We have nothing in common with Chugiak / Eagle River (CER) but elevation. Therefore I categorically reject any pairing of our neighborhood with CER. This limits my support to Denny Wells A and B, maps #9 and #10, as well as Anchorage Action map #6. Maps 2 & 4 could be tolerated, but the rest are unacceptable.
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2/3/2022	Map 10 Wells B	Patrick Hoffmann	My concerns are limited to the general neighborhood in which we live, the Upper Hillside. We have nothing in common with Chugiak / Eagle River (CER) but elevation. Therefore I categorically reject any pairing of our neighborhood with CER. This limits my support to Denny Wells A and B, maps #9 and #10
2/3/2022	Map Two	Patrick Hoffmann	Maps 2 & 4 could be tolerated, but the rest are unacceptable.
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2/3/2022	Map 6 Anchorage Action	Patrick Hoffmann	Therefore I categorically reject any pairing of our neighborhood with CER. This limits my support to Denny Wells A and B, maps #9 and #10, as well as Anchorage Action map #6.
2/3/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Catherine Larrea	After review of the proposed redistricting maps, I am strongly against any boundary changes that would lump any part of the Hillside area with Eagle River/Chugiak areas. These are completely different communities. The maps proposals I oppose are Map 1, Map 7 and Map 8. I oppose any other current or future redistricting that combine any or all of the Hillside with Eagle River.

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2/3/2022	Map 7 Hockema	Catherine Larrea	The maps proposals I appose are Map 1, Map 7 and Map 8.
2/3/2022	Map 8 Alaskans for Fair Redistricting	Catherine Larrea	The maps proposals I appose are Map 1, Map 7 and Map 8.
2/3/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Deirdre Schwartz	<p>I have reviewed the redistributing maps and want to express concern over extending District 2 into the South Anchorage Hillside beyond the military boundary as shown in Map 8 and others. Eagle River and the non-military areas of Anchorage Hillside are very different politically, demographically, and environmentally. I would not expect an elected Assembly member to be able to fairly represent such diverse interests and priorities.</p> <p>Please do not dilute representation for either community by combining these disparate areas.</p>

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2/3/2022	Map 8 Alaskans for Fair Redistricting	Deirdre Schwartz	I have reviewed the redistributing maps and want to express concern over extending District 2 into the South Anchorage Hillside beyond the military boundary as shown in Map 8 and others. Eagle River and the non-military areas of Anchorage Hillside are very different politically, demographically, and environmentally. I would not expect an elected Assembly member to be able to fairly represent such diverse interests and priorities. Please do not dilute representation for either community by combining these disparate areas.
2/3/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Cathy Foerster	The constituency and needs of the Upper Hillside are very different from those of Eagle River and Chugiak Please do not lump their representation.
2/3/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Cindy Lelake	<p>Listening to the first (virtual) muni redistricting conversation, I was struck by the fact that Independence Park, where I reside, seems to move at whim from map to map.</p> <p>The precise "character" of Independence Park, which seems to be a perennial question, also permeates state redistricting maps and efforts. In the current state redistricting plan, it joins the Lower Hillside in District 11.</p> <p>My perspective is that, as far as muni redistricting goes, the high-density housing situation of most of Independence Park makes it a poor candidate for combination with the Hillside assembly district, which for the most part consists of individual dwellings on relatively large property parcels.</p> <p>Thanks for considering my input!</p> <p>Cindy Lelake</p>

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2/3/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Stephanie Cornwell-George	<p>Leave Eagle River and Chugiak as they are. We are nothing like hillside or Girdwood. We each have our own concerns, a rep trying to speak for both would not be representative and would limit access. ERCC includes Birchwood, Peters creek, Eklutna and these areas are one of the few places left for anchorage to really grow. Eagle River already wants to separate, lumping us in with another community that has their own unique needs would only push that desire further.</p>
2/3/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Richard Emanuel	<p>To Whom It May Concern: I am writing to strongly object to Maps 1 and 8, which would put my home and neighborhood, presently in Dist 6, into Dist 2. I live in the mid-Hillside, near Huffman and Birch Roads. I know little about local issues as they affect Eagle River, which represents the heart of Dist. 2. Nor do I believe many residents of Dist. 2 know much about where I live. "Contiguous" means "being in actual contact or sharing a common boundary." My neighborhood is NOT in contact with Eagle River. That is an absurd assertion. If there is a "common boundary" here, it seems to be Chugach State Park. Are there any voters in the Park? Are there voting precincts in the Park? No, there are not. Now, I like Eagle River just fine. But the last time I was there was when I stopped at Jitters once last summer. I have friends in Eagle River who consider it a big deal to drive into "Anchorage," by which they usually mean Muldoon, or maybe the Center for the Performing Arts or the 5th Avenue Mall. They don't shop in South Anchorage, at the Dimond Center or anywhere else. They might visit the Alaska Zoo, but even so, neither the Zoo nor the Dimond Center are in Dist. 2 on either Maps 1 or Map 8. These proposals stretch the concept of "contiguous" well beyond the breaking point. Just because you can color in a section of Chugach State Park as if it were part of Dist. 2 does not establish a meaningful connection between Eagle River and my mid-Hillside neighborhood. Maps 1 and 8 are blatantly bogus reapportionment schemes, drawn for reasons I cannot fathom and without regard to reality. They are absurd. At present, I feel very well represented by the assembly persons for District 6. Please do not put me in District 2. The Hon. Jamie Allard would not well represent me or my family on the Assembly. And the representation works both ways: Believe me, Ms. Allard would not want me as a constituent. Vote NO on Map 1 and Map 8!</p>

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2/4/2022	Map Two	Kenneth Kugel	<p>I support Map 2. The new districts as drawn are compact and maintain neighborhood cohesiveness. There is minimal movement of the existing district boundaries so as to be the least disruptive to the voters.</p>
2/5/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Matt Burkholder	<p>Please keep neighborhoods whole and districts contiguous. Please leave Eagle River in Eagle River and don't drag it down into South Anchorage. Thanks.</p>

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2/6/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Julie Coulombe	I strongly object to any of the Hillside being combined with District 2. It is not contiguous. We are also our own separate community with shared interests and history. Large lots, wells and LRSA's do not wholly define a community. Eagle River has its own unique identity and issues that will overshadow the small population being proposed on the Hillside for District 2. Eagle River should be combined with JBER instead of Muldoon or the Hillside. Eagle River has a high percentage of military population living there, and is a much more obvious fit with JBER. I also urge you not to just focus on the variance, but community cohesion. It makes more sense for the Midtown District to move South and West into District 6, than to take off the Hillside to District 2.
2/6/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	charles springer	The idea of combining Eagle River and the Hillside is absurd. Now if your reason is to dilute the representation of the Hillside then it represents the best in gerrymandering.
2/6/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Julie Coulombe	The Board of HALO has passed, with unanimous vote, the attached resolution against combining any or part of the Hillside with Eagle River (District 2).
2/7/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Jodi Taylor	Maps that join South Anchorage and Eagle River are putting together two communities with separate needs. Eagle River is clearly a bedroom community of Anchorage vs South Anchorage is part of the city - wishes of residents will be too varied and poor fit. Maps that leave Eagle River with JBER, were families go to school, shop, sports have worked and make sense. Leaving South Anchorage as a group also makes sense for families that shop, children attends same schools and use the same community areas therefore have stronger overlapping concerns. Please keep South Anchorage alone, and group JBER w Eagle River.

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2/7/2022	Map Two	Paula Davis	<p>Hi Reapportionment Committee,</p> <p>Thanks so much for including the public in this very important process, since it could affect us all so much. I'd like to go on record for a preference for Map2 of the options displayed recently at the library. I had a hard time trying to figure out the districts from the movable map on line, so I really appreciated the nice visual, which I'm sure you must display from time to time.</p> <p>In a nutshell, Map 2 seems the best because it seems least disruptive and doesn't stretch out districts to include areas that do not seem related.</p> <p>Thanks for all your hard work.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Paula Davis</p>
2/7/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Cynthia Wentworth	<p>Dear Assembly members,</p> <p>I strongly oppose creating District 2 Chugiak/Eagle River to include much of the eastern Hillside. These are two areas which differ socioculturally and which have very different issues. I feel the Hillside residents would be outnumbered and misrepresented.</p>
2/8/2022	Map Five	Bryan Silva	<p>I would be willing to accept all the apportionment maps as presented except #5. However, Eagle River should not be part of the Muldoon district. These are very different neighborhoods and need to be separated for voting purposes. Let the two neighborhoods be part of more similar voting districts.</p>

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2/8/2022	Map 7 Hockema	John Yeafoli	Maps 7 & 8 propose merging parts of District 6 Hillside and District 2 Eagle River. The Hillside has unique traits and issues and I am not in favor of mixing these two districts in order to make the numbers work. There are several other map proposals that balance the numbers without breaking up the District 6 hillside area.
2/8/2022	Map 8 Alaskans for Fair Redistricting	John Yeafoli	Maps 7 & 8 propose merging parts of District 6 Hillside and District 2 Eagle River. The Hillside has unique traits and issues and I am not in favor of mixing these two districts in order to make the numbers work. There are several other map proposals that balance the numbers without breaking up the District 6 hillside area.

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2/8/2022	Map Three	Yarrow Silvers	<p>4. Muni map 3 District 5 is not compact and oddly shaped where it reaches in and grabs a section of midtown. Part of East Anchorage is unacceptably placed in an Eagle River district with which it is not socio-economically integrated. The portion of East Anchorage that is combined with Eagle River includes a large census block with median incomes of just \$21,000 per year. Much of Eagle River is over \$150,000 per year. For more on the socio-economic considerations of combining parts of East Anchorage with Eagle River please see my previous public comment.</p>
2/8/2022	Map Four	Yarrow Silvers	<p>5. Muni Map 4 This is a terrible map. I could write pages why but I think everyone knows it. It is another map that loses the second majority minority district by a large margin.</p>
2/8/2022	Map 9 Wells A	Yarrow Silvers	<p>9. Denny Wells Map A replacement map found in public comments. This map badly damages West Anchorage, placing the bulk in with downtown and creating what are essentially 2 South Anchorage Districts. One testimony I heard often with respect to statewide redistricting is that Turnagain/Spenard residents did not want to be paired with downtown.</p>

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2/8/2022	Map 6 Anchorage Action	Yarrow Silvers	<p>6. Map 6 Anchorage Action This map was created with community input and with the initial prerequisite that Anchorage not cross into Eagle River. This stipulation is not without drawbacks, the most obvious of these being that going with the status quo completely ignores that JBER is also a part of Anchorage, and that Elmendorf in particular is quite far removed from Eagle River. It is unlikely that the people residing here and utilizing the Government Hill Gate go to Eagle River on any regular basis, nor are they socio-economically integrated with District 2. JBER is urban in nature, diverse and residents have a median household income of \$61,000 annually. We tried to stretch District 1 fairly equally into districts 3, 4, and 5 so as to do the least amount of harm to communities of interest but you will find that it is impossible not to pull parts of these into District 1 with downtown doubling in size. A small section of Spenard is removed from 3, Rogers Park and Airport Heights from 4 (although we were able to keep University area in Midtown) and parts of the NW section of East Anchorage from 5. I would have liked to have kept Independence Park with its traditional district 6, but the density of population there coupled with Midtown and Downtown both being slightly underpopulated made that difficult. Nevertheless, I believe this map is the best of the options that follow the status quo with regards to District 2 and most closely keeps the districts as they have been. In tightening the deviations of this map, we inadvertently dropped district 5 slightly below a majority minority district. To fix this issue as well as tighten the deviations further, I would go back and place Basher/Stuckagain Heights in with South Anchorage.</p>

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2/8/2022	Map 7 Hockema	Yarrow Silvers	<p>7. Map 7 Robert Hockema</p> <p>In map 7 Robert addressed some of the issues that inherently arise from trying to maintain the status quo of one district while doubling the size of another into the remaining districts. Elmendorf is reunited with the Government Hill community with which it is most socioeconomically integrated while Fort Rich remains with Eagle River. This allows less impacts on districts 3, 4, and 5 but does represent a change for district 6, which has some of its Chugach Mountain areas combined with Eagle River. This is the area of Anchorage that is most socio-economically similar to Eagle River. This also allows for tighter deviations and more socioeconomic integration than there is with the status quo, which pairs diverse, urban, lower income communities on public utilities with rural, large lot, less diverse and more affluent communities largely using well and septic. This map has low deviations and two majority minority districts.</p> <p>I want to discuss one further issue with respect to the higher deviations of the status quo maps. These deviations are mostly the result of Eagle River being significantly underpopulated, which begins to move away from the one person/one vote principle. Underpopulation results in a greater strength of district 2 votes. This unequal voting power is further magnified by being paired with an area where the majority of its residents vote in their home states. JBER had a population of 12,915 as of 2019 census data. In the 2020 assembly election JBER had 515 votes cast. This in combination with the underpopulation of district 2 creates significant disparities in voting power between district 2 voters and voters in Anchorage's other 5 districts. This map addresses this issue by allowing Eagle River to be less underpopulated and by splitting JBER with another district.</p>
2/8/2022	Map 8 Alaskans for Fair Redistricting	Yarrow Silvers	<p>8. Map 8 AFR</p> <p>The AFR map appears to have also recognized and addressed some of the issues discussed above but places all of JBER in with district 1, as well as the areas outside of the JBER gates with high proportions of service members . It achieves remarkable deviations and includes two majority minority districts.</p>

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2/8/2022	Map 6 Anchorage Action	Katie Nolan	I am hesitant to endorse any map as these are not yet set in stone; however, the version submitted by Anchorage Action and the A & B versions of Denny Wells map are the only choices for the Anchorage Hillside.
2/8/2022	Map 9 Wells A	Katie Nolan	I am hesitant to endorse any map as these are not yet set in stone; however, the version submitted by Anchorage Action and the A & B versions of Denny Wells map are the only choices for the Anchorage Hillside.
2/8/2022	Map 10 Wells B	Katie Nolan	I am hesitant to endorse any map as these are not yet set in stone; however, the version submitted by Anchorage Action and the A & B versions of Denny Wells map are the only choices for the Anchorage Hillside.

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2/8/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Nicholas Mazzolini	<p>I believe that the combining of the hillside and Eagle River marginalizes the voters of these areas. For this reason, i would like to oppose this reapportionment.</p> <p>Nick Mazzolini and household</p>
2/8/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	John Kaufman	<p>This is John Kaufman of Hillside O'Malley HOCC. I have read the maps and comments. The maps and comments for maps A and B are excellent. Map 10 is also excellent.</p> <p>Above all, please observe the boundaries of the Hillside District Plan. Do not merge Eagle River with any portion of Hillside.</p> <p>Few population changes or movements exist that would justify dividing our traditional associations and boundaries into separate districts.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
2/8/2022	Map 10 Wells B	John Kaufman	<p>The maps and comments for maps A and B are excellent. Map 10 is also excellent.</p>
2/8/2022	Map 9 Wells A	John Kaufman	<p>The maps and comments for maps A and B are excellent.</p>

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2/9/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Huffman O'Malley Community Cou HOCC c/o Gretchen Stoddard	<p>The Huffman O'Malley Community Council board met on 2/8/22 and unanimously passed a resolution related to Municipal Reapportionment. The HOCC supports reapportioned districts which keep the lower and upper Hillside together forming a district with boundaries similar to the Hillside District Plan and with road access to support community functions . The signed resolution is attached and has sent by email to the municipal assembly email addresses.</p> <p>Thank you Gretchen Stoddard President, Huffman O'Malley Community Council</p>
2/9/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Katie Nolan	<p>The addition of several new potential reapportionment maps has provided a map that meets the Hillside's unique needs. The John Weddleton Map 11 meets the needs of the Anchorage Hillside, most follows the boundaries of the Hillside District Plan, and keeps our distinct neighborhoods together. I urge endorsement of this map. Thank you.</p>
2/12/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Peter Johnson	<p>I have been following the reapportionment map proposals and am very concerned about maps that join Eagle River (district 2) with parts of the Anchorage Hillside (district 6). because of the population density of Eagle River and the low density of the Hillside, those from district 6 being placed in district 2 would lose any political voice they now have. Additionally, the Anchorage Hillside is a coherent community with common interests and values. Splitting the hillside into different districts does not make sense and must not be done. Of the maps presented, I support Anchorage Action V2. I am adamantly against the Robert Hockema V2 and the Anchorage for Fair Redistricting maps. Both of those maps will result in beefing up Eagle River's political influence and decrease South Anchorage's political voice.</p>

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2/13/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Kim Mazzolini	<p>I strongly disagree with the re-apportionment concept of combining Eagle River and the hillside. The very fact that these two communities are on polar opposite sides of multiple issues and the demographics are drastically different are reason enough not to force them into the same voting district. In addition, growth in the anchorage area is in the direction of eagle river which will quickly create an imbalance. The combining of these two districts will also lead to a drastic marginalization of many of these citizens' votes and is not in the best interest of either of these districts.</p> <p>Reapportionment is not to be used as a political tool in an attempt to strengthen a liberal majority. Once again your push to control the Anchorage area voters needs to be called out. Unfortunately this constant conflict the assembly creates with the people of Anchorage is outrageous and needs to stop!</p>
2/13/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	EG Paul Mazzolini	<p>I strongly disagree with the re-apportionment concept of combining Eagle River and the hillside. The very fact that these two communities are on polar opposite sides of multiple issues and the demographics are drastically different are reason enough not to force them into the same voting district. In addition, growth in the anchorage area is in the direction of eagle river which will quickly create an imbalance. The combining of these two districts will also lead to a drastic marginalization of many of these citizens' votes and is not in the best interest of either of these districts.</p> <p>Reapportionment is not to be used as a political tool in an attempt to strengthen a liberal majority. Once again your push to control the Anchorage area voters needs to be called out. Unfortunately this constant conflict the assembly creates with the people of Anchorage is outrageous and needs to stop!</p>

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2/13/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Ann Rappoport, Co-chair	<p data-bbox="280 862 345 1822">RESOLUTION AND COMMENTS FROM THE RABBIT CREEK COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON THE 2022 ASSEMBLY REAPPORTIONMENT PROCESS</p> <p data-bbox="394 303 613 1822">At our February 10, 2022 meeting, the Rabbit Creek Community Council (RCCC) discussed draft maps currently under consideration for the required Assembly Reapportionment process. In doing so, the RCCC reminds the Assembly Reapportionment Committee that: legal requirements compel the Committee to create districts which are "compact and contiguous territory containing as nearly as practicable a relatively integrated socioeconomic area" (Municipality of Anchorage Code of Ordinance, Part I, Article IV, Section 4.01). By a vote of 26 yeas, 3 nays, and 1 abstention, RCCC approved the following resolution:</p> <p data-bbox="662 1669 686 1822">RESOLUTION</p> <p data-bbox="735 1365 760 1822">The Rabbit Creek Community Council:</p> <ul data-bbox="816 303 1271 1822" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="816 1803 841 1822">• Affirms that the re-apportionment closely follow the legal requirements to create compact, contiguous, and socioeconomically integrated districts. <li data-bbox="930 1803 954 1822">• Opposes combination of any portions of the Hillside with Eagle River. <li data-bbox="1027 1803 1052 1822">• Emphasizes that Chugach State Park does not create contiguity between the populations of the Hillside and Eagle River, as it is uninhabited. Therefore, reapportionment maps should display it as a distinct, unpopulated area. <li data-bbox="1157 303 1271 1822">• Supports continued work with maps proposed by Denny Wells and Brice Wilkins that: work to keep neighborhoods intact across Anchorage; are considerate and encompassing of other Assembly member concerns; and keep the Hillside together in one district, separate from Eagle River.

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2/13/2022	Map 10 Wells B	Ann Rappoport, Co-chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports continued work with maps proposed by Denny Wells and Brice Wilkins that: work to keep neighborhoods intact across Anchorage; are considerate and encompassing of other Assembly member concerns; and keep the Hillside together in one district, separate from Eagle River
2/13/2022	Map 9 Wells A	Ann Rappoport, Co-chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports continued work with maps proposed by Denny Wells and Brice Wilkins that: work to keep neighborhoods intact across Anchorage; are considerate and encompassing of other Assembly member concerns; and keep the Hillside together in one district, separate from Eagle River
2/13/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Ann Rappoport, Co-chair	<p>While maintaining a low population deviation between districts is of obvious importance, it is not outlined as a consideration in Section 4.01, and therefore should not be granted more importance than the criteria that are included in Municipal ordinance. Respecting neighborhood continuity is more important than pushing for the smallest deviation in size of each Assembly district and will best achieve fair representation. We do appreciate the difficulty of this effort.</p>
2/14/2022	Map 10 Wells B	Courtney Weaver	<p>As the deadline draws near for the approval of new district maps for Anchorage, I would like you all to consider approving district map 10. This map draws the boundaries of the districts at distinct and specific road systems. Anchorage residents can rely on map 10 because the boundaries are laid out along most major roadways and intersections. This map ensures all residents are equally represented on the assembly regardless of political leaning, beliefs, or creed. Please consider the approval and use of district map 10.</p>

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2/14/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Vicki Herman	I do not support combining Eagle River and the Hillside into one district.
2/14/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Nicole Branch	<p>To whom it may concern:</p> <p>I would like to place a rank order for preference of the remaining three reapportionment maps.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Weddleton map. Boundaries are clear and concise between districts. 2. Anchorage Action v2. Maintains integrity within the hillside. District 4 boundaries between Lake Otis and New Seward create some confusion in an otherwise cohesive area. 3. Hocksma v2. District 4 boundary has the same issue as the Anchorage Action map. Also, a portion of Hillside is placed in district 2. Not optimal for fair representation. <p>Thank you, Nicole Branch</p>
2/14/2022	Map 6v2 Anchorage Action	Nicole Branch	2. Anchorage Action v2. Maintains integrity within the hillside. District 4 boundaries between Lake Otis and New Seward create some confusion in an otherwise cohesive area.

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2/14/2022	Map 7v2 Hockema	Nicole Branch	3. Hocksma v2. District 4 boundary has the same issue as the Anchorage Action map. Also, a portion of Hillside is placed in district 2. Not optimal for fair representation.
2/14/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Scott Herman	I oppose combining the hillside and eagle river into one voting district.
2/14/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Irene Bortnick	As residents of the Rogers Park Community Council, our preference is for map 11 which leaves most of out community council intact. Irene and Alex Bortnick

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2/14/2022	Map 6v2 Anchorage Action	Sandra Blomfield	<p>Reapportionment Committee, I have reviewed the criteria and maps presented for consideration. I would like to endorse MAP #6.</p> <p>However, you might consider minor changes to the midtown area. Boundaries for a midtown area logically could include:</p> <p>NORTH BOUNDARY DEBAR ROAD SOUTH BOUNDARY TUDOR ROAD EAST BOUNDARY BONIFACE ROAD WEST BOUNDARY MINNESOTA</p> <p>The above boundaries offer Midtown residents their own representation and is not included with the Downtown district. Downtown district should include the port</p> <p>JBEAR should be included with Eagle River</p> <p>Strong opposition to moving the Upper Hillside to Eagle River.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration. Sandy Blomfield</p>
2/14/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Sandra Blomfield	<p>Strong opposition to moving the Upper Hillside to Eagle River.</p>

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2/14/2022	JBER	Sandra Blomfield	JBEAR should be included with Eagle River
2/15/2022	Map 10 Wells B	Nathan Andrews	I support the adoption and approval of proposed Map 10
2/15/2022	Map 12 Allard	Brad Chastain	I own four properties within the Municipality of Anchorage and fully support Map 12 offered by Assemblywoman Allard.
2/15/2022	Map 6v2 Anchorage Action	David Ferriera	I support map 6 and 7!
2/15/2022	Map 7v2 Hockema	David Ferriera	I support map 6 and 7!

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2/15/2022	Unclassified	Daisy Smith	<p>I support Map 11b for the strongest consideration. I see no cause for concern in this map. Districting lines stay mostly along natural lines and none of the current districts are carved up in some radical way. Thanks-</p>
2/16/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Rebecca Judd	<p>I'm very concerned that our rabbit creek hillside area is being considered in the same district as Eagle River. We have very little in common with people who live in ER other than some of us live in the mountains. We don't share the same services, roads, stores or schools. Their interests and ours are different and sometimes in conflict. Neither area will be represented fairly by the same individual. (I know there are several map revisions taking place, so I am not able to keep track of all of them.)</p>
2/16/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Claire Steffens	<p>I live in South Anchorage and request that the South Anchorage area be retained as a single, cohesive district, not broken into parts and pieces with other areas.</p> <p>I also request that the prevailing philosophy in re-districting returns to the values supporting what is good for our residents, not what is good for an individual Assembly member's political philosophy. Our grand children and great grand children deserve high integrity from political servants (which is what each Assembly member is - a political servant of his/her constituents). Let's get back to what is good in the long run, and makes common sense, not what is expedient at the moment. Thank you for listening.</p>
2/16/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	JOHN RILEY	<p>I oppose the combination of any portions of the Hillside with Eagle River. I want to emphasize that Chugach State Park does not create contiguity between the populations of the Hillside and Eagle River, as it is uninhabited. Therefore, reapportionment maps should display it as a distinct, unpopulated area. I support continued work with maps proposed by Denny Wells and Brice Wilkins that: work to keep neighborhoods intact across Anchorage; are considerate and encompassing of other Assembly member concerns; and keep the Hillside together in one district, separate from Eagle River.</p>

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2/16/2022	Map 10 Wells B	JOHN RILEY	I support continued work with maps proposed by Denny Wells and Brice Wilkins that: work to keep neighborhoods intact across Anchorage; are considerate and encompassing of other Assembly member concerns; and keep the Hillside together in one district, separate from Eagle River.
2/16/2022	Map 9 Wells A	JOHN RILEY	I support continued work with maps proposed by Denny Wells and Brice Wilkins that: work to keep neighborhoods intact across Anchorage; are considerate and encompassing of other Assembly member concerns; and keep the Hillside together in one district, separate from Eagle River.
2/16/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Scott Bailey	I am submitting comments on Map 11b. This map should be adopted maintaining five contiguous communities including those of Eagle River/Chugiak. These communities have different neighborhood issues, infrastructures and are under a separate Chapter of Title 21 from the rest of Anchorage. Birchwood, Peters Creek and Eklutna anchor the NE section of this Assembly District.
2/16/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Scott Bailey	I am submitting comments on Map 11b. This map should be adopted maintaining five contiguous communities including those of Eagle River/Chugiak. These communities have different neighborhood issues, infrastructures and are under a separate Chapter of Title 21 from the rest of Anchorage. Birchwood, Peters Creek and Eklutna anchor the NE section of this Assembly District.
2/17/2022	Map 6v2 Anchorage Action	Cindy Lelake	Map 6v.2 is my favorite so far, because it preserves the integrity of Independence Park as a member of Abbott Loop rather than the Hillside.

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2/17/2022	Map 6v2 Anchorage Action	Jennifer Harlos	I support Map6v2. It keeps things more continuous, stays true to historic districts, and just makes sense. Putting this section of Anchorage with Eagle River makes no sense.
2/17/2022	Map 7v2 Hockema	Marc June	<p>As a 35 year Hillside resident, I am outraged at Map 7.v.2 which puts my neighborhood in an Eagle River Assembly district. Effectively, this will mean I am unrepresentative as the Hillside has few, if any, local government issues in common with Eagle River.</p> <p>I encourage you to vote against Map 7.v.2.</p> <p>I support Assembly person Weddleton's proposed map.</p>
2/17/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Marc June	As a 35 year Hillside resident, I am outraged at Map 7.v.2 which puts my neighborhood in an Eagle River Assembly district. Effectively, this will mean I am unrepresentative as the Hillside has few, if any, local government issues in common with Eagle River.
2/17/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Jennie Bostick	<p>I do not support any map that joins South Anchorage/Hillside with Chugiak/Eagle River.</p> <p>Thank you</p>

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2/17/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Gennifer Moreau	OPPOSE redistricting Glen Alps to be part of Eagle River.
2/18/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Shannon Wileman	I have looked at the maps that are for up for consideration for reapportionment. Please do not combine Hillside with Eagle River. Those communities are not contiguous and have vastly different needs.
2/18/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Trina Lovdahl	I am opposed to linking Hillside and Eagle River together in the reapportionment maps. Thank you
2/18/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	sage cohen	I strongly support Map 11 Version 2 I strongly opposed Map 12
2/18/2022	Map 12 Allard	sage cohen	I strongly opposed Map 12

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2/18/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	James Wileman	If you're going to combine south anchorage and eagle river-which is a stupid idea, just make all assembly seats at large.
2/19/2022	Map 12 Allard	Sandy Blomfield	As you continue to refine the reapportionment maps, and after review I endorse: Map #12
2/19/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Catherine Coward	To whom it may concern, Thank you for taking public testimony regarding assembly boundaries. I have reviewed version 2 of the proposed maps and hope that you will approve Map 11, Version 2 (the John Weddleton map), as it appears to have the most clean cut and compacted districts. I live in East Anchorage, and appreciate that the my district boundaries are sensible. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

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2/20/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Catherine Giessel	<p>Dear Assembly members, I am writing in SUPPORT OF MAP 11v2. I believe it keeps well-identified neighborhoods intact, which is very important.</p> <p>A second choice is MAP 6v2. This is very much like our Assembly districts are today. It keeps the Hillside District Plan areas together and also seems to align with Community Council areas, which makes sense.</p> <p>I am OPPOSED to combining any portion of the Anchorage hillside with any portion of Eagle River.</p> <p>Thank you for your diligent work on this important issue.</p> <p>Best regards, Cathy</p> <p>Cathy Giessel, MS, RN, APRN, FAANP cgiessel@me.com 907.242.5450</p> <p>12701 Ridgewood Rd, ANC 99516</p>
2/20/2022	Map 6v2 Anchorage Action	Catherine Giessel	<p>A second choice is MAP 6v2. This is very much like our Assembly districts are today. It keeps the Hillside District Plan areas together and also seems to align with Community Council areas, which makes sense.</p>

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2/20/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Catherine Giessel	I am OPPOSED to combining any portion of the Anchorage hillside with any portion of Eagle River.
2/21/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Robert Polley	<p>To whom it may concern:</p> <p>I'm writing to voice my strong opposition to the potential redistricting which could allocate a portion of the Glen Alps neighborhood to the Eagle River district. As a resident of Glen Alps for the past 10 years, I can tell you we have zero connection to Eagle River, geographic or otherwise.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my input.</p> <p>Robert Polley</p>
2/21/2022	Map 7v2 Hockema	Michele Martin	<p>Comment on Map 7v2: Against my better judgement, I'm submitting this comment regarding the idiocy of combining the residents of Glen Alps with Eagle River. Why against my better judgement? Because the assembly is going to do what it wants to do so I'm basically wasting my time and energy on this. I have served on the Glen Alps Road Service Area (GARSA) Board of directors, since 2010, and intend to serve another 3-year term. The residents of Glen Alps have totally different issues than the residents of Eagle River. Just because the land "touches" does not mean they should be joined and put into the same pot. For those who don't live in either Eagle River or the Glen Alps area, you really don't know what you are talking about and you should leave well enough alone. You should rethink this decision; however, I know you won't.</p>
2/21/2022	Map 7v2 Hockema	Joy Boston	<p>I do not support map 7 version 2. Please do not divide Hillside community by combining it with Eagle River. Districts should be contiguous, not interrupted by other districts. Constituents should be able to drive across their home district without crossing through another district.</p> <p>Maps 6v2, 11 and 12 are acceptable.</p> <p>I prefer map 11.</p> <p>Thank you</p>

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2/21/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Joy Boston	Please do not divide Hillside community by combining it with Eagle River. Districts should be contiguous, not interrupted by other districts. Constituents should be able to drive across their home district without crossing through another district.
2/21/2022	Map 6v2 Anchorage Action	Joy Boston	Maps 6v2, 11 and 12 are acceptable.
2/21/2022	Map 12 Allard	Joy Boston	Maps 6v2, 11 and 12 are acceptable.
2/21/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Joy Boston	Maps 6v2, 11 and 12 are acceptable. I prefer map 11.
2/21/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Carolyn Gove	Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I have reviewed the proposed maps and consider Map 11, Version 2 to be the best alternative, as its boundaries are compact and follow natural divisions between neighborhoods.

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2/21/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Judy Caminer	I support Assembly Member Weddleton's map. There is no reason to include Glen Alps and areas north of Glen Alps Road in the Eagle River district. His option makes sense and keeps interests aligned with neighborhoods.
2/21/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Julie Coulombe	I'm opposed to Map 7. I will echo what many have been saying, do not combine the Hillside with Eagle River. It does not create equal representation for the people on the Hillside. I favor Map 11 v2.
2/21/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Julie Coulombe	I will echo what many have been saying, do not combine the Hillside with Eagle River. It does not create equal representation for the people on the Hillside.
2/21/2022	Map 7 Hockema	Julie Coulombe	I'm opposed to Map 7. I will echo what many have been saying, do not combine the Hillside with Eagle River. It does not create equal representation for the people on the Hillside.
2/21/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Gene White	After reviewing the proposed redistricting maps, I highly recommend map #11, revision 2. This seems to be the most compact and makes the most sense. Thank You

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2/21/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Maria Williams	I support the Weddleton map. I was born and raised in Fairview and live in South Fairview. I support this approach because it is bipartisan and aligns with geographical boundaries that reflect current Anchorage demographics
2/21/2022	JBER	Rachel Boudreau	Please see the attached resolution from the Northeast Community Council. Resolution 2022-01 Northeast Community Council (NECC) January 20, 2022 Assembly Reapportionment WHEREAS, the Northeast Community Council (NECC) is the Community Council that is the voice of the people of Northeast Anchorage and includes the following boundaries: Northeast Community Council 8 WHEREAS, according to Census data, Northeast Anchorage has one of the most ethnically and racially diverse populations in the United States; WHEREAS, according to Census data, the Northeast Community Council area has a population of 29,266; WHEREAS, The target population per district is 48,541. The total deviation in actual population to target population must be less than 10% (federal law), and ideally less than 50/0. WHEREAS, Northeast Anchorage is a distinct and socioeconomically integrated area with strong neighborhood identities very different than that of Eagle River; WHEREAS, Northeast Anchorage is home to many active-duty service members and Veterans who frequent the businesses and services provided along Muldoon Rd and near the Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson (JBER) Muldoon Rd. gate, WHEREAS, in the past, portions of Northeast Anchorage have been included within the Eagle River district that is not socioeconomically similar and have very different legislative interests; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the NECC respectfully asks the Anchorage Assembly to: 1. Protect our and maintain our ties by including the entire NECC boundaries within one Assembly District; 2. Include Bartlett High School in our District to keep it connected to the families it serves. Date: January 20, 2022 Votes for: 10 Motion Passes President: Votes Against: 0 Abstain: 1 Motion Does Not Pass Secretary: T'Shalla Baker Rachel Boudreau

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2/22/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Kathy Kuletz	<p>I am a 30 year resident of Government Hill (Downtown). I have reviewed the proposed redistricting maps and I want the assembly to know that I support Map 11 (v2, Weddleton). This map makes the most sense.</p> <p>I reiterate my strong opposition to any gerrymandered map that was previously proposed, which tried to link a portion of the downtown district to Eagle River.</p> <p>Sincerely, Kathy Kuletz</p>
2/22/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Kathy Kuletz	<p>I reiterate my strong opposition to any gerrymandered map that was previously proposed, which tried to link a portion of the downtown district to Eagle River.</p>
2/22/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Gene White	<p>After reviewing the proposed redistricting maps, I highly recommend map #11, revision 2. This seems to be the most compact and makes the most sense.</p>
2/22/2022	Map 7v2 Hockema	Joy Boston	<p>Please do not reapportion any part of the Anchorage Hillside area to Eagle River as depicted in map 7 version 2. Of the remaining maps, 6v2, 11 and 12, I prefer map 11.</p> <p>Any reapportionment should maintain district integrity; constituents should not have to cross into or through other districts to access any and all parts of their own district.</p> <p>Keep districts contiguous and do not combined Hillside with Eagle River.</p>

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2/22/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Joy Boston	Please do not reapportion any part of the Anchorage Hillside area to Eagle River as depicted in map 7 version 2. Keep districts contiguous and do not combined Hillside with Eagle River.

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2/22/2022	Map 7v2 Hockema	Joseph Connolly	<p>To all who are part of the district reapportionment process. I will keep my thoughts simple and brief about the 3 different plans that have been proposed. Specifically, Map 7v.2 should either be amended or removed from consideration for the following primary reasons:</p> <p>1) This plan would apparently use Glen Alps Road as a dividing line between District 2 and 6, and divide our neighborhood in half. Essentially, The people across the street from us would be in district 2, and those of us south of Glen Alps road would be in District 6. This creates a host of issues - the obvious being.. if, for example, we are trying to alleviate a concern in our neighborhood, we would have to contact two different assembly members and assume they would work in unison to solve our problems. 2) It also dilutes the voting power of our neighborhood considerably.3) Eagle river is a 45 minute to an hour drive, depending on where you're coming and going from.. which is extremely far away. This would be like pairing Eagle River with Big Lake, or Sutton. We are not very far geographically, but by road and community it is a long way. 4) We are very much a "South Anchorage" community and in no way do we want to be forced to participate in Eagle River meetings or with Eagle River assembly members if we want our voice heard.</p> <p>Thank you for the consideration.</p> <p>Joe Connolly -Glen Alps Resident -Glen Alps Road Service Area Board of Supervisors Chairperson</p>

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2/23/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Jan Carolyn Hardy	<p>9040 Emerald Drive Anchorage, Alaska 99502 February 23, 2022</p> <p>Honorable Members of the Anchorage Assembly,</p> <p>I am a resident of District 3 and an endorser of Map 11 v2 for the Anchorage Reapportionment of District Boundaries.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Population Deviation Summary indicates there is a fair balance of population numbers in each District without giving preference to any individual group. The Boundaries are logical divisions by major roads and thoroughfares. There is an acceptable deviation of 4.16% +/- for each Districts population count. The shapes of the Districts are compact bounded by straight lines. 2. JBER is in one District as befits a more transient population. 3. East Anchorage is whole. There is no annexation of Stuckagain Heights into the Eagle River District. Stuckagain Heights is not contiguous with Eagle River. 4. Midtown remains its own District. Midtown is distinct from Downtown and South Anchorage. 5. Eagle River and Chugiak remain in their own distinct and unique geographical area. <p>Map 11 v2 respects the integrity of Anchorage's diverse and distinct geographical areas. Neighborhoods and sections of town are not unnecessarily blended.</p>

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2/23/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	David Kohler	I support the Weddleton Map for redistricting because it appears to be the most sensible and least partisan of the options. Thank you David Kohler Anchorage

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2/23/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Tyler Watson	As a resident of East Anchorage I'm writing in support of Map 11. It's important to me that assembly districts represent actual communities in our city. The maps that pair parts of East Anchorage, Stuckagain Heights, and even Hillside with Eagle River divide communities and make the work for assembly members harder. By keeping common sense boundaries for communities constituents get better representation and assembly members can focus their work more effectively. Thanks for considering my testimony.
2/23/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Sergio ACUNA	Dear Assembly members, I appreciate the opportunity to comment on proposed Assembly district boundaries. I live in Midtown and believe the Weddleton redistricting map is the strongest in terms of compactness and logical district boundaries. Using Dimond/Abbott as southern boundary of the new Midtown district creates a clear and understandable boundary, and the Weddleton map as proposed respects Midtown neighborhoods , including where I live near Lake Otis and Campbell Creek. Thank you for work to update Assembly district boundaries.
2/23/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	James Dahl	I appreciate that there is an opportunity granted to weigh in on draft redistricting maps. My family and I reside in South Anchorage, and believe that the Weddleton proposal (Map 11) does the best job in establishing compact, logical districts with boundaries that will be clear and understandable for voters. I do not support the Allard gerrymander, which seems clearly designed to manipulate district boundaries for partisan purposes. Thank you.
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2/24/2022	Map 7v2 Hockema	Victoria Parks	I oppose Map 7v.2, which lumps the East Hillside in with Eagle River. I'm currently in District 5, and I'm happy there. I don't think the East Hillside/Stuckagain Heights area is anything like Eagle River. Eagle River has its own set of problems which should stay in Eagle River. The active Eagle River secession efforts just highlight that; why would you lump Anchorage voters in with a district that might secede? That's completely unfair to voters who don't identify at all with Eagle River, and who are, in fact, geographically, a long way away from Eagle River.
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2/24/2022	Map 7v2 Hockema	Dorothy Parks	I'm opposed to map 7v.2. I live in Stuckagain Heights and consider it part of Anchorage and not Eagle River. I feel that East Anchorage and Stuckagain Heights should not be lumped with Eagle River. Geographically we may seem close but politically we are far apart. I have read comments from people in South Anchorage and the Hillside who also do not want to be lumped with ER and I agree it is a very bad idea. Thank you.

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2/24/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Jillian Simpson	Greetings Anchorage Assembly, I live in Glen Alps in Anchorage and support either Map 11v2 (Weddleton) or Map 6v2 (Anchorage Action). Both keep our neighborhood fully intact and part of South Anchorage. I encourage you to throw away Map 6 v2 as it pairs us with Eagle River. We are not part of the Eagle River community. In fact, I haven't been to Eagle River since 2015. I have been up the Dalton Highway more frequently than I have taken the exit ramp to Eagle River. While we may have a mountain range in common, that is it. I would like to be represented by an Assembly member who is familiar with the issues and needs of my neighborhood- and preferably one who shares my values. Thank you for your consideration.
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2/24/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Alex Baker	<p>As a resident of Fairview, I am in favor of adopting Map 11. Map 11 keeps me in a district with my downtown neighbors and similar neighborhoods to the east. Map 11 draws common-sense districts for each of Anchorage's distinct geographic areas. The lines are straight and the districts are compact. I believe this map would give each district a fair opportunity to elect the representatives that fit their community and its needs. Thank you for reading my testimony.</p>
2/24/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Gabriel Hardy	<p>As a resident of the Sand Lake area, I am writing to request the Assembly implement map 11 (Weddleton). Map 11 has the most logical boundaries for my district (West Anchorage), compared to other maps that have more jagged boundaries separating West Anchorage and Midtown from South Anchorage. I recognize it is a challenge to maintain fairly equal population and have boundaries that logically follow major roadways or drainages, but Map 11 seems to do the best job compared to other maps that have been advertised for public comment.</p>
2/24/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Greg Groeneweg	<p>Sirs, I have resided in Anchorage since before statehood and have lived on the hillside (area by Hilltop Ski) since 1985. I have turned to my Assembly reps and community counsel from time to time over the years with assistance needed or that I offered. I am very concerned that I would be moved out of my district to Eagle River. That is a different area with different concerns. Please leave our hillside community intact. It is comforting to be connected with my physical neighbors. To be able to share "over-the-fence" so to speak. Please preserve our neighborhood representation. Thank you, Greg Groeneweg</p>

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2/24/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Kathy Privratsky	<p>We live in Stuckagain Heights and have for 25 yr. We do not want to be part of the Eagle River district or south district. We want to support the interests of the East side of Anchorage. We DO NOT SUPPORT map number 12. We DO SUPPORT map 11 or any map that does not have us part of Eagle River.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Kathy and Ken Privratsky</p>
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2/25/2022	Map 6 Anchorage Action	Diane Schenker	<p>I support proposed redistricting maps 6 or 11, which keep us with adjacent neighborhoods that I visit, shop in, travel through, walk through, and regularly visit.</p>

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2/25/2022	Map 12 Allard	Britton Goldberg	After reviewing the maps, map 12 seems to be the best of all the presented options. It makes sense, and has fewer strange borders that seem targeted to keep some houses in certain districts arbitrarily.
2/25/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Shannon o'neal	Thank you for the opportunity to comment on draft Assembly maps. I live in East Anchorage and believe that Map 11 does the best job keeping neighborhoods together, and has the district boundaries that will be most easily understandable for local residents. It makes sense for district lines to follow major roadways, and Map 11 keeps JBER together, which is a good thing for service members living on base. Thank you
2/25/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Greg Groeneweg	Sirs, I have resided in Anchorage since before statehood and have lived on the hillside (area by Hilltop Ski) since 1985. I have turned to my Assembly reps and community counsel from time to time over the years with assistance needed or that I offered. I am very concerned that I would be moved out of my district to Eagle River. That is a different area with different concerns. Please leave our hillside community intact. It is comforting to be connected with my physical neighbors. To be able to share "over-the-fence" so to speak. Please preserve our neighborhood representation. Thank you, Greg Groeneweg

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2/28/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Margaret Nelson	I support putting my neighborhood with the Anchorage Hillside or with Eagle River, as it does seem we have more in common with these neighborhoods. I would have liked to have seen those options. Nonetheless, I do believe the overwhelming support is for as close to the status quo as possible which it appears that is the way the assembly is leaning. However, I object to the carving out of Forrest Dunbar's house to another district. If this passes then I do believe that he should not be able to run again for assembly in a different district.
2/28/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Laura Bonner	I support Map 11 version 2 (Weddleton). It keeps me in a district with my neighbors on the Hillside and South Anchorage. It keeps Stuckagain Heights as a part of East Anchorage while respecting the common community interests of Eagle River and Chugiak. It has compact shapes and uses major roads and thoroughfares as common sense boundaries. The deviation of 4.16% is acceptable. I think it is the best and fairest map proposed.

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2/28/2022	Unclassified	Sandra Thompson	As a longtime resident of the Muldoon area, I am in favor of the adoption of Map 11. I have lived in both Fairview and Muldoon in my 50 years in Anchorage. These are culturally diverse neighborhoods, and socio-economically different from Eagle River. Map 11 draws common-sense districts. I believe this map would give each district a fair opportunity to elect representatives that fit their communities.
2/28/2022	Unclassified	Elizabeth(Lizzie) Newell	<p>I live in Independence Park(Abbott Loop CC; O'Malley/Hillside house district; HALO district 1)</p> <p>I have a strong preference for map 11 v2. It was made with community input and it's the best for keeping communities together. The problems with the other maps are as follows:</p> <p>Maps 6-7: Split Morningside Loop neighborhood(between Old and New Seward just south of Scooter) This is a dense neighborhood that probably is multiethnic and which has been underrepresented in the past. To my knowledge, these voters aren't very engaged, probably because their neighborhood has been split for years.</p> <p>Map 7: Fractions of Hillside and of Basher lumped with Eagle River. For assembly members to attend that number of community council meetings(6 in Eagle River 2 in Anchorage) is a logistical nightmare. Along with the impossibility of understanding the issues facing these 3 very different communities.</p> <p>Map 12: Splits Abbott Loop, cutting into the heart of the community council area. Map 11 does split off Independence Park, but it's along the logical boundary of Abbott, the same as the boundary between house districts 11 and 12.</p> <p>The best Map 11 v2: Keeps intact: Morningrise Loop, Abbott Loop, Hillside, and Basher.</p>

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3/1/2022	Unclassified	Jo Ann Gruber	<p>After spending time reviewing the four (4) maps, it appears to me that Map 7 is the most reasonable and fair; and it's the one that I support.</p> <p>Since Eagle River and its surrounding areas' populations are too small for a full district, they've always needed to pull population from portions of Anchorage. There are individuals who support leaving areas of Muldoon or other areas of Anchorage out of the district completely. This would be simply unfair to everyone in the Municipality since it would leave District 2 significantly underpopulated and violating the principle of one person, one vote.</p> <p>I live in Eagle River, and I believe it's extremely important to have equally populated districts to ensure that all districts have the same voting power. Leaving District 2 significantly underpopulated would give them more voting power than other districts in Anchorage.</p> <p>I understand that communities in Muldoon have felt disenfranchised by being included in the same district as Eagle River, so it's time to consider another pairing.</p> <p>I believe that Eagle River and the Hillside share much more in common than Eagle River does with any portion of Muldoon. Both communities (Eagle River & Hillside) are mainly rural with larger building lots. Both have limited road service areas and use well and septic systems. In addition, at an assembly meeting last year, I heard Mr. Weddleton and Ms. Allard discuss how similar both areas were.</p> <p>So, for the reasons stated above and the fact that it has the lowest deviation of the four maps still being considered, I support the boundaries proposed in Map 7 Version 2 submitted by Robert Hockema.</p> <p>Thank you for allowing us an opportunity to comment.</p>

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3/1/2022	Unclassified	Sandy Blomfield	<p>I have studied all twelve redistricting maps proposed to the assembly. The maps that the assembly has determined as semi-finalists need clarification and clear boundaries. It appears the redistricting process is being fast-tracked by the assembly in an effort to pass, once in a decade redistricting, for the benefit of sitting assembly members rather than for the good of our city. I studied the maps and worked within the confines of the semi-final maps which were pre-approved by the Anchorage Assembly Members who are also THE REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE! Now there is a conflict of interest if I ever seen one! Moving geographical boundaries to secure your own assembly seat rather than what is in the best interest for the City of Anchorage. I do appreciate the considerable time and energy for residents and leaders who did make logical decisions to keep neighborhood boundaries intact. Ethnicity should not be a consideration as it has no relevance within the confines of neighborhoods. People want their representatives to properly decide on issues within congruent neighborhoods and geographical boundaries which include main arterial roads, secondary roads, limited road service districts, and community councils. The Anchorage Hillside and Eagle River residents have made their voices heard regarding placing both communities in the same non-contiguous district. The voices were a resounding NO!</p> <p>Likewise, Anchorage's Downtown needs to remain independent of any other neighborhoods. Release the proposed JBER stronghold by attempting to join our military base within the density of downtown Anchorage. This action does not make sense as the needs of Downtown are far different than the unique needs of JBER Military base. Combining Eagle River and JBER is the solution and meets the population density goals.</p> <p>I strongly suggest an amendment is made to extend the entire redistricting process and do a proper job rather than push this process through prior to the April 5, 2022 Municipal election.</p> <p>Assembly members, please approach this task as the finale of your terms and please do it right! Redistrict the Municipality of Anchorage properly for the next decade, through the 2030 Census.</p>
3/1/2022	Unclassified	Chris Twiford	<p>I like 12 best. 11 is good 6 version 2 is acceptable NO WAY on #7</p>

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3/1/2022	Unclassified	Robin Brewster	After looking at the maps I am in favor of map 11. As second choice I would pick map 6. I DO NOT support Map 7 at all!! Eagle River should not be combined with Hillside. Keeping Eagle River with JBER makes the most logical sense to me.
3/1/2022	Unclassified	Michael Vechter	Hello, I would like to express my support of two reapportionment maps; Map 6 v2 (by Anchorage Action) – AO 2022-37 and Map 11 v2 (by Weddleton) – AO 2022-37(S-1). These maps consider sameness of areas, and historical placement. I do NOT support other maps that attempt to gerrymander Anchorage to a more conservative minority as a false representation of our fair city. These maps are not legal, do not consider public comments, and are an obvious ploy to entrench a minority position as a force in city politics. Thank you, Mike Vechter.

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3/1/2022	Unclassified	LuAnn Piccard	<p>I am a member of the Basher Community Council, living in Stuckagain Heights. Our BCC voted overwhelmingly (65 to 5) to keep Stuckagain Heights with District 5 and NOT to join us with District 2-Eagle River (Map 7-Hockema). Specifically, I favor Map 11 v2 (Weddleton). I feel Map 11 represents balanced and proximate representation across Anchorage. I know this reapportionment process is challenging and I appreciate the hard work of the Reapportionment Committee and everyone that has participated in this process.</p> <p>I want to be represented by people that live in Anchorage proper, not people living 45 minutes away in Eagle River. I want representatives who will show up, engage actively, and empathize with, understand and appreciate concerns within and across our adjacent East Side and South Hillside neighborhoods regarding traffic & roads, fire and safety, crime prevention, parks and recreation, and land-use.</p> <p>For example, I do not support a Mass Homeless Shelter at Elmore/Tudor, and I want local representatives who understand the negative impact this \$35M white elephant project will have on the East side of Anchorage and the community as whole. While supporters claim this project will benefit our homeless people, most informed experts agree that no-threshold mass shelters don't work. Smaller, tailored facilities that meet people where they are at, where some level of accountability can be maintained, and that are spread across a community do work. Our experience with Sullivan and Brother Francis/Beans facilities, the people served, and the resulting impacts on the surrounding neighborhoods and community resources provide factual evidence. Why would we support repeating the same doomed approach? Bronson's \$35M megashelter vanity project will increase traffic incidents/deaths along one of our busiest and most dangerous traffic corridors. It will increase crime and safety issues for 10,000's of residents living in adjacent neighborhoods, at UAA APU, and healthcare facilities, and will compromise recreational facilities and trails nearby. It will increase the already dangerous wild-fire risk on the Hillside. It will simply transfer to East Anchorage the very same issues that we've seen at Sullivan and Brother Francis/Beans' locations. So far the concerns voiced by experts and the people most impacted have been met with indifference and fallen on the deaf ears of the current D2 representatives.</p> <p>The current representatives from D2 Eagle River have demonstrated that they don't care about East Anchorage. They do not listen to or appreciate our concerns, despite significant public testimony at Assembly meetings and other forums when these issues have been discussed in depth. In fact I have never heard either of the current D2 representatives probe more deeply or try to understand those concerns. Instead, they feign a lack of awareness and fall into lock step with Mayor Bronson's agenda. They support shunting problems to East Anchorage (e.g. mass homeless shelter, Bragaw Extension, destruction of wild spaces),</p>

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3/1/2022	Unclassified	Leon Jaimes	<p>Hello, I support pairing Eagle River with Hillside in order to ensure that the district is as close as possible to 48,541 people. I oppose pairing Eagle River with Muldoon or Downtown because those are demographically different than Eagle River. The 2020 Census shows that Eagle River is 76% White, it shows that Muldoon is only 43% White. If we assume that the current Assembly Member from Eagle River accurately represents Eagle River right now, with ties to white supremacist groups like the Three Percenters, and with defensiveness of hateful symbols such as license plates that celebrate Nazi's then it would not make sense to pair an area with a large percentage of non-White people with a community who has elected a representative who is a threat to them. While this is certainly an unfortunate circumstance, and we would all hope to have an anti-racist Assembly Member for every district in our Municipality, we can not escape the racist reality in which we find ourselves.</p> <p>In conclusion, I will share some quotes from the private Save Anchorage group which Member Jamie Allard is a member of. These were in response to a story in the Alaska Watchman about the non-partisan group The Alaska Black Caucus who was organizing a march in September 2020 to commemorate the 57th anniversary of the March on Washington.</p> <p>G.O. said: "Wow. I cant believe just how many supporters of the terrorist organization there are in alaska"</p> <p>T.T. said: "So they think we have some store to loot? That won't go well for them."</p> <p>C.B. said "They better not come here at all if they know whats good for them!"</p> <p>C.P. said "lets meet them on the other side of the street.....we are not Calif. They showed up in other places and they were meet with guns, we can do the same" AND "Black lives don't matter, you are rioters not protesters"</p> <p>T.K. said "September 7th makes sense. Night has returned to Alaska. Easier to cause mayhem under the cover of darkness. BLM: Burn, Loot and Murder."</p> <p>P.W. said "Just a reminder to this BLM group. We are not Seattle or Portland. As much as our Mayor would like us to be."</p> <p>L.A. said "We are also heavily armed."</p> <p>T.K. said ""I have a dream! I dream of a country where a black man can loot Walmart and Target stores and there are no oppressive white police around to stop him!"</p> <p>C.B. said "Do you know what this headline should say, George Soros slaves are coming to Anchorage To rape and pillage and burn the city down."</p> <p>T.B. said "Don't bother coming up here because there's gonna be problems! We won't put up with their goddamn bullshit! People are going to get hurt"</p> <p>D.S. said "You're in Alaska we have lots of bears guns and vast open wilderness were people just don't go... And we got some</p>

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3/1/2022	Unclassified	Barbara Gingell-Farris	I urge you to keep Muldoon and any area in East Anchorage out of the Eagle River apportionment. Eagle River has nothing in common, socio-economically, with those of us who live in Muldoon. We don't share the same services, stores or recreational opportunities. We in Muldoon are a diverse population. And including Muldoon with Eagle River, white-washes and dilutes that diversity. Please consider adding a portion of the hillside to Eagle River. They are more similar physically and socio-economically to Eagle River.
3/1/2022	Unclassified	Julie Barrow	After carefully looking at each proposed map, I believe map 11 would be the best choice for Anchorage Residents. Map 7 is absolutely ridiculous and should be thrown out, combining Hillside and Eagle River would be a the last two I would even think about combining.
3/1/2022	Unclassified	Jeffrey Sperry	Weddleton Map 11 v2 is the best choice of all of the maps. It maintains the current districts as much as possible and is very reasonable. It is the map that should be chosen above all of the others All of the other maps should be thrown away.
3/1/2022	Unclassified	Margaret Nelson	The Basher Community Council supports maps 6 and/or 11, per the attached resolution. We appreciate your consideration of the community's position. FYI about 70 people in the community were surveyed and the vote was overwhelming that the Stuckagain Heights area served by the Basher Community Council remain within Anchorage proper.
3/1/2022	Unclassified	Margaret Tyler	Please see attached resolution from the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

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3/2/2022	Unclassified	Sandy Blomfield	Endorsement of Map #11, V3 with minor accommodations to keep neighborhoods intact
3/15/2022	Unclassified	Jonathan and Margaret Isaacs	<p>March 14, 2022</p> <p>Dear Assembly Members: Re: AO 2022-37(S-1) Assembly Redistricting of Turnagain and West High Neighborhood With regard to Ordinance No. AO 2022-37(S-1), we are contacting you to express our opposition to include the Forest Park Drive-West High neighborhood, west of Minnesota Drive and south of Westchester Lagoon, in the Downtown Assembly District as part of the redistricting process. We have lived at our current address for the past 45 years.</p> <p>Our neighborhood has had nothing in common with the Downtown District for decades. During that period, we have been actively part of the Turnagain District and neighborhood, participating in neighborhood issues related to West Northern Lights Blvd traffic, Ted Stevens International Airport, Fish Creek and Turnagain Bog Wetlands, and Safe Routes to School Committees, among many other Turnagain area issues. Our community involvement is consistently reflected in Turnagain Community Council records. The character of our neighborhood – residential single family and duplex housing stock, lot size and zoning - has more in common with the Turnagain area than the Downtown area. In talking with our friends and neighbors, few are aware of the proposed assembly district change and how it will affect our neighborhood; once informed, they are uniformly opposed.</p> <p>We sympathize with the difficulties faced by the Assembly in the redistricting process, and understand that the current proposed redistricting leaves a lot of people dissatisfied. We have nothing but respect for the Downtown Assembly members, but feel that our neighborhood interests have been and will remain best represented by our two West Anchorage Assembly members. Therefore, we request that the assembly district boundaries for our neighborhood remain part of Assembly District 3, rather than as shown in Assembly Redistricting Map 11V2. Thank you for your time and consideration.</p> <p>Respectfully Jon and Marnie Isaacs 2418 Forest Park Drive Anchorage, Alaska 99517 isaacs@gci.net</p>

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3/15/2022	Unclassified	Cami Dalton	I realize that it is complicated and messy and is never going to be perfect, but after reviewing all the maps, complaints,etc, I am in favor of the reapportionment maps devised by John Weddleton.
3/15/2022	Unclassified	Less Hultquist	I want map 11 first to be approved and/or then map. 6 but NO WAY map 7
3/16/2022	Unclassified	Shelly Dalton	My vote is map 11... Seems very commonsensical and no on map 7!!
3/16/2022	Unclassified	Brenda Bergsrud	I would like to testify in favor of Chris Constant's amendment. I believe that this amendment takes into consideration public testimony as well the concerns that the Assembly members identified in work sessions. It is responsive to public testimony that asks for Turnagain to remain whole in West Anchorage, it keeps East Anchorage whole, and puts East High in East Anchorage, and keeps Rogers Park and upper Airport Heights in Midtown. Please accept the amendment put forward by Chris and continue the process so that we can move forward with the election of our new downtown assembly member.

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3/16/2022	Unclassified	Timbi Barron	I support Christopher Constant's amendments to Map 11.
3/17/2022	Unclassified	Barry Piser	<p>I would like support the Constant Amended Map 11 v2. This amendment takes into consideration public testimony and concerns identified during community work sessions. The amendment summary does a good of job of highlighting the reasoning and positive outcome: moving three high schools back into their namesake districts.</p> <p>I am specifically opposed to the Kennedy Amended Map 11 v2. This amendment shows a lack of understanding regarding community identity in the proposed areas of change, while illegally splitting census blocks.</p> <p>Please accept the amendment put forward by Assemblyperson Christopher Constant. As a resident of District 1, please move forward as quickly as possible so that my district can achieve the equal representation that was overwhelmingly approved by Anchorage voters in 2020 with the passage of Proposition 12.</p>
3/17/2022	Unclassified	Tiffany Ma	<p>I would like support the Constant Amended Map 11 v2. As a mother of three children, I like that three high schools back into their namesake districts.</p> <p>I am specifically opposed to the Kennedy Amended Map 11 v2. As a former resident of College Village until 2020, I can see those working on this amendment do not understand some of the neighborhoods they propose splitting.</p> <p>Please approve Christopher Constant's amendment of Map 11v2. As a District 1 resident, I ask that you move quickly so that my district can have equal representation as intended by the passage of Proposition 12 in 2020.</p>

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3/18/2022	Unclassified	Sheri Whitethorn	<p>Dear Anchorage Assembly: I have heard generally good comments about the Reapportionment Map 11 V2 Constant Amendments in the various sections that are proposed for changes from that, with the exception of the proposed change to the Airport Heights area. Please do NOT accept this section of the Constant Amendment. Dividing Airport Heights in two does nothing helpful for the neighborhood or for Anchorage as a whole. Either leave this area as it currently is in Map 11 v2, without this amendment, or amend this section of the amendment's map in this area of town to make Northern Lights BLVD. the straight dividing line from West/District 3 through Midtown/4 all the way to District 3/East. This would make for clean, easy to understand and follow lines between districts. Because we are adding a new Assembly member to District 1, this reapportionment is more broad than the more usual tweaks that are done every ten years. Let's do this carefully in ways that make sense for specific areas as much as possible, while taking a broader view of what works best for Anchorage as a whole. Thank you all for your diligent work on this big project.</p>
3/18/2022	Unclassified	Gretchen Stoddard	<p>Thank you for all your work. It sounds like a lot of productive discussion in the reapportionment meeting this morning, that was adjourned at 3/18/22 by 10:50 or soon before 11 am. I am very appreciative the meeting is available online for viewing, thanks. Can we please have an update to the reapportionment timeline on the website? This is in Timeline and Participation Options. I told some people the wrong time for the reapportionment meeting today. That is not a significant problem, but I am not sure where we are going on the meetings. When I look now, 3/18 afternoon, I see a "2022-0228, Updated Reapportionment Timeline.pdf" This appears to be a press release from 2-28-22. It says there is a worksession today at 1 - 3 pm, and I think the meeting was adjourned before that time.</p> <p>Current information I see from the Muni Reapportionment website. This is a cut & paste from the Muni Reapportionment website I see now and the time of the 3/18 meeting probably changed. Not a problem, but it would be great to confirm the path forward here: - March 15: Public Hearing #3 at Regular Assembly Meeting, 6pm at Assembly Chambers at Loussac Library • March 18: Assembly Worksession on Reapportionment, 1-3pm at City Hall, Suite 155 • March 23: Special Assembly meeting re: Reapportionment and process for filling new Assembly seat, 6pm at Assembly Chambers at Loussac Library.....</p>

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3/18/2022	Unclassified	Gretchen Stoddard	<p>Dear Chair LaFrance and Assembly Members: Huffman O'Malley Community Council thanks you and the reapportionment committee for the work toward redistricting efforts. After looking at the Amendments submitted and active on 3/17, we voted to strongly support the Weddleton map 11 v2.</p> <p>HOCC has monitored and commented on the redistricting process. We have studied each proposed map, and would take this opportunity to thank you for listening to our community concerns. The Huffman O'Malley Community Council had our monthly meeting on Thursday 3/17 starting at 7 pm. We voted unanimously to support the Weddleton map 11 v2. Thank you. Gretchen Stoddard Huffman O'Malley Community Council President</p> <p>Note/ Addition on 3/18. I apologize to the community and community council members. Last night (3/17 or 3/18 am) I thought I entered comments before the apportionment committee meeting on 3/18 am. I did not successfully enter the comments correctly, and that was my operator error when using the commenting website.</p> <p>Our community council members evaluated 3 maps at our 3/17 meeting. We thought that was the total of the current maps. We evaluated (Weddleton) Map 11 v2; Kennedy S1 map 11 v2; and Constant S1 map 11 v2. I now see an addition to the website with an amended map from Zalatel Rivera S1 map 11 v2, and our council did not evaluate that map. If this is a current map to evaluate, we would appreciate a view of that map, but it seems these changes are north of our community council area and district. Thank you.</p>

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3/20/2022	Unclassified	Yarrow Silvers	<p>I am strongly opposed to the Meg/Felix amendment for a couple reasons. This amendment was turned in after the public comment period, limiting public participation. Furthermore, unless someone specifically goes to the committee page, they would have no idea that this amendment had even been introduced for consideration as it is past the agreed upon and publicized period for introduction. This is way too important of a process to have last minute amendments sprung on the public, that they are unable to fully participate in. I oppose this amendment as well as any other last minute amendments, particularly anything that may be brought up during the assembly debate process.</p> <p>In the state redistricting process, the senate pairings were brought to vote without public comment, damaging public trust by springing on the public a gerrymander that the board knew would be unacceptable to the public; the courts found that this action was a violation of section 10 and remanded the maps back to the board to be redrawn. Please do not make this same mistake in your process.</p> <p>I also oppose this map because of the finger carving apart diverse neighborhoods in East Anchorage. This has the appearance of a gerrymander. East Anchorage is tired of fingers, tired of being gerrymandered, and tired of being treated as 2nd class citizens because of our largely low income residential status.</p> <p>I am in support of Chris Constant's amendment because it ticks all the boxes for the requests by the different areas of town - upper Airport Heights and Rogers Park in Midtown, East high, Bartlett and the Muldoon corridor in East Anchorage, and West High/Forest Park in West Anchorage, while keeping districts compact and with lines that make sense. I like the way East Anchorage appears very compact with no fingers or gerrymanders. After a multitude of public and assembly input that upper Airport Heights has a distinct Midtown identity, it defies reason that it has suddenly been thrust into downtown in this last minute amendment.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration and for your hard work in this process. I continue to invite assembly members to consider Anchorage as a whole and to consider the importance of following a proper process, rather than approaching this with a Laser like focus on their own districts.</p> <p>Yarrow Silvers</p>

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3/21/2022	Unclassified	Andrew Gray	<p>I support Constant Amended Map 11 V2. I agree with the logic of restoring high schools to their namesake districts. Although the Kennedy Amended Map 11 V2 also restores high schools to their respective districts, the deviations benefit District 2 at the cost of all other districts; the Constant version benefits District 1 and 5 as well as District 2. To my mind, it is not fair to have a map that only benefits one district. Please note, I live in District 4 which actually is much closer to the goal number on the Kennedy version; so my comment is not selfish -- I still prefer the Constant version. I also believe that more than enough time has been given for consideration of the maps (almost three months with 16 different chances for the public to testify); I do not believe that additional time would make much difference at this point. I encourage the Assembly to vote yes on Constant Amended Map 11 V2.</p>
3/21/2022	Unclassified	Anna Brawley	<p>This comment is re-affirming Turnagain Community Council's priorities and position on AO 2022-37, Municipal Reapportionment, and amendments to be considered at this Wednesday's special meeting. Our original testimony is re-attached, expressing concerns with the current map under consideration (Map 11 v.2, Constant Amendment S-1) and also with Map 12, which has since been archived. Our original testimony at the March 1, 2022 meeting is attached for reference. Turnagain Community Council supports the proposed changes in the Constant amendment to restore the West High and Forest Park area of Turnagain in District 3, and opposes the increased amount of community council area removed from District 3 in the Kennedy amendment. We urge the Assembly to adopt the Constant amendment in the final map. Our reasons for supporting the Constant amendment are outlined in our original testimony, because we support keeping our community council area within the same district, and this particular area is strongly integrated with and identified as an important part of West Anchorage. Similarly, while the Kennedy amendment does not go as far as the prior Map 12 did in splitting up our district, it removes more of our council area from District 3, which conflicts with keeping our council area within one district. Again, we urge the Assembly to adopt the Constant amendment, then promptly approve that amended map as the final Reapportionment maps for Anchorage for the next decade. Thank you for the opportunity to engage in this thorough and complex process, and finding a balance that promotes fair representation in Anchorage.</p>

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3/22/2022	Unclassified	Michael Schechter	I am a West Anchorage resident and I support the Constant Amended S-1 as the best map for ensuring current communities are represented as districts. Kennedy S-1 makes the problems of the prior round of mapping worse and seems designed solely for the benefit of Eagle River rather than Anchorage as a whole.
3/23/2022	Unclassified	Irene Bortnick	As a 33 year member of the Roger's Park Community Council, I ask that you adopt AO 2022-37(S-1), Constant Amended Map 11 v2. The RPCC has been an active and engaged council for many years and it should be kept intact. In addition, keeping the high schools in the districts they are in now is important. It is time to take a vote and finalize the map. The more delays, the more amendments are proposed which leads to more delays. The public has had enough time to weigh in. The committee has had enough time to debate.

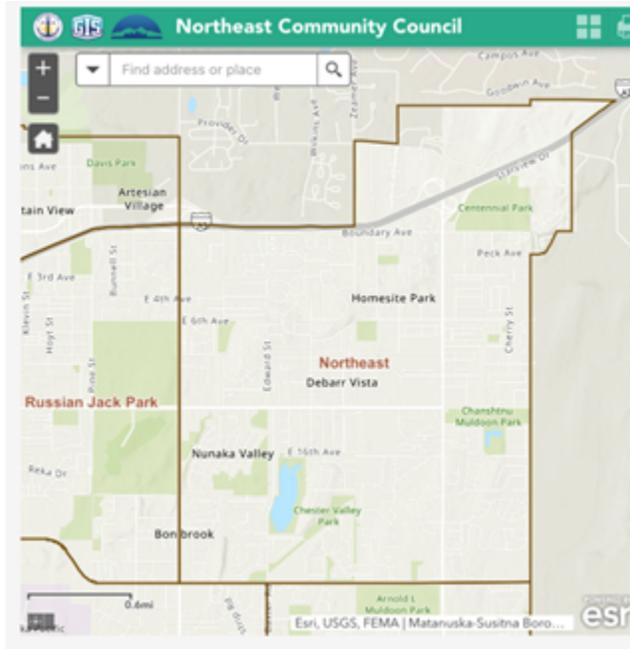
Resolution 2022-01

Northeast Community Council (NECC)

January 20, 2022

Assembly Reapportionment

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



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

WHEREAS, according to Census data, the Northeast Community Council area has a population of 29,266;

WHEREAS, The target population per district is 48,541. The total deviation in actual population to target population must be less than 10% (federal law), and ideally less than 5%.

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

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

HALO Reapportionment Resolution
Resolution to Defend the Representation of the Hillside

WHEREAS, the HOME AND LANDOWNERS ORGANIZATION is dedicated to the advancement of issues related to living in the Hillside area of the Municipality of Anchorage. We promote the Anchorage Hillside rural way of life in a community of low density so that the character of the community experience remains; and

WHEREAS, our community is bound by the Hillside District Plan and represented by five Community Councils; and

WHEREAS, our community bond relies on our shared community experience and location. Lot size, drinking water source, nor street maintenance source are not an important factor in our community definition. Our community is linked by lifestyle, shared location, and homestead history; and

WHEREAS, the Hillside has no community connection i.e., schools, churches, parks, shared stores, coffee shops, or community activities with Eagle River; and this connection between Hillside and Eagle River is only similar to any other part of the Municipality; and

WHEREAS, the population of Eagle River far outweighs the population on the Hillside proposed to move and therefore would divide our community and not represent the residents of the Hillside; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Assembly must conduct Reapportionment after declaring itself malapportioned November 23, 2021, and has six months to reapportion itself and the Anchorage Assembly's Reapportionment Committee has presented ten maps for review; and

WHEREAS, Reapportionment must consider 1) Districts must be compact, contiguous and a relatively integrated socioeconomic area, 2) The principle of equal protection and "one person, one vote" must be maintained; and

WHEREAS, five of the maps remove portions of the Hillside and joins them with District 2 (Eagle River) which would remove a compact and contiguous district, and does not maintain 'one person one vote'; and

WHEREAS HALO does not support maps that divides our community citing lot size as a division in our community. We do not support bringing all or portions of Hillside into District 2; and

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that HALO urges the Assembly to support our community identity and allow the Hillside to stay separate from Eagle River in our representation urging the support of maps that keep the Hillside in District 6.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that HALO supports maps that keep the Hillside Districts together in one assembly district. Maps presented which keep the lower and upper Hillside together represent our community and forms a compact, contiguous, and socioeconomic integrated district.

Resolved this 3rd day of February 2022 by unanimous vote

Katie Nolan
President Home and Landowners Organization

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Resolution 2022-2-3

The Birchwood Community Council resolves that the Assembly extend public testimony for 2021 district reapportionment 30 days to allow community councils to discuss the current reapportionment maps within the restraints of their bylaws.

2021-2022 board: Debbie Ossiander, Co-Chair; Matt Cruickshank, Co- Chair, Road Board rep;
Val Jokela, Secretary and Treasurer; Gretchen Wehmhoff: Secretary for Publicity, FCC rep;
Barbara Trost, Parks and Rec rep; Patty Friend, Member at large

HILLSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
1057 West Fireweed Lane, Suite 100
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February 8, 2022

To: Anchorage Assembly
Assembly Reapportionment Committee Members

RE: Reapportionment of the Anchorage Hillside neighborhood

The Hillside Community Council (HCC) Board of Directors appreciates the opportunity to provide input on the process of Municipal Reapportionment. We understand that the Draft Maps are still under consideration and revision; therefore, the HCC is not endorsing a specific map at this time. Our comments in this document are specifically intended to address any Draft Maps that divide the Anchorage Hillside by removing a portion of its residents from District 6 and reapportion them into District 2 (Eagle River).

The Hillside is a cohesive, well-established neighborhood within the city of Anchorage, with many shared connections among its residents, including but not limited to schools, programs, community outreach groups, sports and neighborhood organizations, and more.

We believe that Eagle River is its own separate and unique community within the municipality, with its own specific needs and issues. Additionally, Eagle River has no common community connections with Hillside residents.

We believe that combining an estimated 12,000 Hillside residents with the population of Eagle River will produce a disproportionate district. As a result, the reapportioned Hillside residents would be unfairly underrepresented in the new district, and their Assemblyperson would likely be someone unfamiliar with their neighborhood and community's specific needs.

In addition, representatives from the Boards of HCC, Huffman/O'Malley Community Council, Rabbit Creek Community Council and the Anchorage Home and Landowners Organization (HALO) attended a District 6 Constituents' meeting on February 5th, to discuss reapportionment. All representatives in attendance expressed support for keeping the Hillside neighborhood intact, and opposed grouping a portion of the Hillside residents with Eagle River.

The HCC Board of Directors respectfully requests that the Reapportionment Committee and Anchorage Assembly keep the Hillside's cohesive neighborhood intact, and not approve or recommend a map(s) that combines a portion of the Hillside with Eagle River.

Respectfully submitted,



Carmela Warfield, President
Hillside Community Council Board of Directors

HOCC Reapportionment Resolution
Resolution to Support the South Anchorage and Hillside Community

WHEREAS, the Huffman O'Malley Community Council (HOCC) is dedicated to the advancement of issues related to living in the South Anchorage and Hillside area of the Municipality of Anchorage. We promote the character of our shared community experience and interests; and

WHEREAS, the Hillside is a well-established, cohesive neighborhood whose residents share neighborhood road connections and many common community connections; and

WHEREAS, Hillside is one neighborhood and our community is bound by the Hillside District Plan and represented by five Community Councils; and

WHEREAS, our community bond relies on our shared community experience and location. Neither lot size, drinking water source, or street maintenance source are important factors in our community definition. Our community is linked by lifestyle, shared location, close road access, and homestead history; and

WHEREAS, the Hillside has little community connection i.e., schools, churches, parks, shared stores and coffee shops, or community activities with Eagle River; and this connection between Hillside and Eagle River is only similar to any other part of the Municipality; and

WHEREAS, the population of Eagle River far outweighs the population on the Hillside proposed to move and therefore would divide our community and not represent the residents of the Hillside; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Assembly must conduct Reapportionment after declaring itself malapportioned . That declaration was made November 23, 2021, and the deadline is to complete activity within six months to reapportion itself. We do not understand the rush to adopt maps with little time for boundary review. Anchorage Assembly's Reapportionment Committee has presented ten maps for review on February 9th, but these maps may not be the maps under consideration. This process seems rushed; and

WHEREAS, Reapportionment must consider 1) Districts must be compact, contiguous and a relatively integrated socioeconomic area, 2) The principle of equal protection and "one person, one vote" must be maintained.

WHEREAS , five of the maps remove portions of the Hillside and joins them with District 2 (Eagle River) which would remove a compact and contiguous district, does not keep common community interests together, and does not maintain 'one person one vote'; and

WHEREAS HOCC does not support maps that divide our community citing lot size as a division in our community. We do not support bringing all or portions of Hillside into District 2.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that HOCC urges the Assembly to support our community identity and allow the Hillside to stay separate from Eagle River in our representation. HOCC supports maps that keep the Hillside in District 6.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that HOCC supports reapportioned districts which keep the lower and upper Hillside together forming a district with boundaries similar to the Hillside District Plan and with road access to support community functions and a compact, contiguous, and socioeconomically integrated district.

Resolved this 9th day of February 2022

Cyber Spotted
Signature
President, Huffman
Title
O'Malley Community
Council



RABBIT CREEK COMMUNITY COUNCIL (RCCC)

A Forum for Respectful Communication & Community Relations



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RESOLUTION AND COMMENTS FROM THE RABBIT CREEK COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON THE 2022 ASSEMBLY REAPPORTIONMENT PROCESS

At our February 10, 2022 meeting, the Rabbit Creek Community Council (RCCC) discussed draft maps currently under consideration for the required Assembly Reapportionment process. In doing so, the RCCC reminds the Assembly Reapportionment Committee that: legal requirements compel the Committee to create districts which are “compact and contiguous territory containing as nearly as practicable a relatively integrated socioeconomic area” (Municipality of Anchorage Code of Ordinance, Part I, Article IV, Section 4.01). By a vote of 26 yeas, 3 nays, and 1 abstention, RCCC approved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

The Rabbit Creek Community Council:

- Affirms that the re-apportionment closely follow the legal requirements to create compact, contiguous, and socioeconomically integrated districts.
- Opposes combination of any portions of the Hillside with Eagle River.
- Emphasizes that Chugach State Park does not create contiguity between the populations of the Hillside and Eagle River, as it is uninhabited. Therefore, reapportionment maps should display it as a distinct, unpopulated area.
- Supports continued work with maps proposed by Denny Wells and Brice Wilkins that: work to keep neighborhoods intact across Anchorage; are considerate and encompassing of other Assembly member concerns; and keep the Hillside together in one district, separate from Eagle River.

JUSTIFICATION

The RCCC strongly opposes any map that would combine the Rabbit Creek and neighboring Hillside areas with Eagle River because these two distinct, separate areas are not integrated through socio-economic interactions, land use patterns, businesses, roads and traffic patterns, or schools. Additionally, these areas are neither compact nor contiguous, thus further failing to meet the requirements of Section 4.01. Travel from the Hillside to Eagle River requires traversing several intervening districts. It is inappropriate to use the large, steep, uninhabited, and in some areas or to some people inaccessible, Chugach State Park as justification to combine Eagle River and Hillside into one Assembly district.

Common issues that distinguish the Hillside from most other parts of the Anchorage Bowl include resident concerns around wildfires and high winds, on-site water and septic systems, Limited Road Service Areas, drainage, water supply and other watershed features on steep slopes. Eagle River has different watersheds, an integrated road service district, its own park district, and facilities that have little or no daily relevance to Hillside residents, including a

Community College, its own branch library, a Wal-Mart, and a central business district. The local roads, trails, and recreation areas we use throughout the Hillside are completely different from the local roads, trails, and recreation areas used by Eagle River residents; the roads we travel to schools and local shopping/businesses, as well as to destinations in Midtown and Downtown, are completely different from the roads used by Eagle River residents.

We remind the Assembly that the 2010 Hillside District Plan (HDP) defines the boundaries of the Hillside. Much thought, effort, and an iterative public process were involved throughout the development of that Assembly-approved plan. The HDP sets a strong precedent for maintaining the cohesion of the RCCC area and the larger Hillside area in one district, with no part of the Hillside combined with Eagle River.

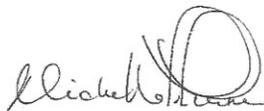
While maintaining a low population deviation between districts is of obvious importance, it is not outlined as a consideration in Section 4.01, and therefore should not be granted more importance than the criteria that are included in Municipal ordinance. Respecting neighborhood continuity is more important than pushing for the smallest deviation in size of each Assembly district and will best achieve fair representation. We do appreciate the difficulty of this effort.

CONCLUSION

In accordance with Anchorage Municipal Ordinance and the strong precedent set by the Hillside District Plan, the RCCC area and larger Hillside of south Anchorage should remain in a single Assembly district with no part of the Hillside combined with Eagle River on the northeast side of Anchorage. Moreover, RCCC recommends that the Assembly take similar care to not split up other neighborhoods throughout Anchorage, and instead, support neighborhood continuity. The Assembly's overarching goal should be to ensure fair and effective representation for all residents.



Ann Rappoport, Co-chair
Rabbit Creek Community Council



Michelle Turner, Co-chair
Rabbit Creek Community Council

Signed: February 13, 2022

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Eagle River Community Council Resolution 2022-1

WHEREAS, the Eagle River Community Council supports the extension of the Timeline for the communities to analyze and give feedback.

WHEREAS, the Eagle River Community Council supports the apportionment of the Chugiak-Eagle River-Eklutna and JBER area as included in map 6v.2. based on the criteria put forth by the Anchorage Assembly.

THEREFORE, the Eagle River Community Council resolves to support an extension of time for public input and Eagle River Community Council.

Respectfully,

Morris Pickel Jr.

President

Eagle River Community Council

Rogers Park Community Council

(Including Anchor Park, College Village, Woodside East and Rogers Park)

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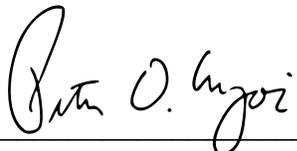
To: Anchorage Assembly
Re: Proposed Anchorage Assembly redistricting maps

Dear Anchorage Assembly Members,

The Rogers Park Community Council has just recently become aware that the Assembly may entertain a decision on the proposed Assembly redistricting maps as soon as early March of this year. Of concern is that some maps would effectively split our Rogers Park Community Council between districts. Were that to occur it would mean that four Assembly members would be present at every meeting. That would create unnecessary repetition, inefficiency, and meeting prolongation.

It is the considered opinion of the Executive Board of the Rogers Park Community Council that the current boundaries of our council be preserved. The Rogers Park Community council has been in its current configuration for many decades, and this stability is evident as our council is recognized as a respected community council voice in Anchorage. To that end, we respectfully urge the Assembly to adopt the Weddleton V2 map which will maintain the integrity of the Rogers Park Community Council.
Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



Pete Mjos, President
Rogers Park Community Council

Turnagain Community Council Board Testimony: Proposed AO 2022-37, Muni Reapportionment

This letter will be brought for the Council's ratification at our next meeting on Thursday, March 3.

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Thank you for engaging in a thoughtful process to draw new district boundaries, required for Reapportionment. We know that it is challenging to balance the interests of everyone in the Municipality to meet legal requirements and intent for fairly-apportioned districts. Tonight I'm testifying on behalf of the Turnagain Community Council Executive Board, as we have not had the opportunity to bring a resolution to the council. We intend to do so on Thursday, March 3, and will send our official written Council comments if they are approved at our meeting.

We understand the need for balance in drawing new district boundaries, but we do have concerns with some of the proposed maps put forward.

First, our overall priority is to keep our council boundary in a single Assembly district. We are one of the most active councils in the city, and represent a significant portion of the area generally referred to as West Anchorage. We appreciate having both our Assembly members regularly at meetings, who are also able to focus on our local issues. And we know with 38 councils, all 11 Assembly members (soon to be 12) are busy attending meetings throughout each month. Splitting members' time further by having to attend more community councils, and requiring us to have up to 4 Assembly members reporting back to our council, may sound like "more" representation, but is actually less effective for everyone. We highly recommend taking into account community council boundaries when drawing reapportionment lines for West Anchorage, and keeping Turnagain in one district.

Second, when looking at the specific maps and proposed districts, we have two major areas of concern, and urge the Assembly to amend the final map as follows. I am sharing written comments by map, but will summarize by saying we oppose the following in both Map 11, version 2 and Map 12:

1. Excluding portions of North Turnagain, including the West High / Romig Middle School Campus, out of our West Anchorage district, and
2. Shifting our boundaries to include significant portions of South Anchorage (Oceanview, Bayshore) that do not reflect what we and most people understand to be West Anchorage.

Map 11, Version 2: Map 11 would remove a portion of North Turnagain—West High and Romig Middle Schools, Hillcrest and Forest Park Drive, the area east of Fish Creek estuary—from District 3 to District 1. We understand the need to make District 1 bigger, but Map 11 is not create a logical boundary for our neighborhood. This would put West High, our in-person meeting place, and many families whose children go to Romig or West into a different district.

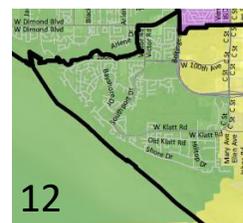
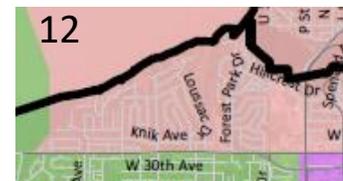
Additionally, Map 11 shifts our district significantly farther south, including multiple neighborhoods that we all think of (and, likely these residents also think of) as South Anchorage, near Bayshore and Klatt. While the area south of the Airport, Sand Lake, is logically considered West Anchorage, this extends the boundaries much further than our current district. We believe it is more appropriate to pair this area with other South Anchorage neighborhoods.

Map 12: Map 12 makes the same problematic changes noted above (removing the West High and Romig Middle School, shifting the district south), but goes further, removing the entire North neighborhood (all the way west to Earthquake Park) from our district. This effectively splits our area in half. We strongly oppose bisecting our neighborhood. There are many issues impacting our area as a whole: the Coastal Trail, to Fish Creek Estuary, to traffic on W. Northern Lights.

Map 12 also extends the "West" Anchorage district even further south than Map 11, encompassing a larger set of South neighborhoods such as Oceanview. While our district's western boundary is Cook Inlet, we have less in common with South Anchorage neighborhoods, who typically shop, recreate and identify with other South areas (such as around O'Malley and Old Seward.)

To sum up: we respectfully request that the final reapportionment maps take into account community council boundaries, and that District 3 remain truly a West Anchorage district.

Anna Brawley
President, Turnagain Community Council



**HILLSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION 2022 - 01
A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE HILLSIDE COMMUNITY, REGARDING THE 2022
MUNICIPAL REAPPORTIONMENT PROCESS**

WHEREAS, the Hillside Community Council (HCC) is a private, not-for-profit, voluntary, self-governing association composed of residents, property owners, business owners, and representatives from the Hillside Community Council neighborhood designated by the Anchorage Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Hillside is a cohesive, well-established neighborhood within the municipality of Anchorage, with many shared connections among its residents, including but not limited to schools, programs, community outreach groups, sports and neighborhood organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Assembly and Municipal Reapportionment Committee is currently considering several maps, including a map labeled Map 7, that propose to remove portions of the Hillside from District 6 South Anchorage and reapportion the residents in to District 2 Eagle River; and

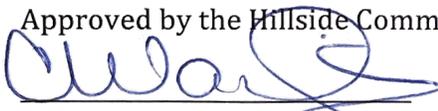
WHEREAS, the members of the Hillside Community Council believe that combining a portion of several thousand Hillside residents with the estimated population of 36,000 Eagle River residents will produce a disproportionate district that results in the reapportioned Hillside residents being unfairly underrepresented in the new district.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Hillside Community Council believes that community members in attendance who have not attended a prior HCC meeting in the preceding twelve months and thus are ineligible to vote as per the HCC bylaws, should also have their opinions on this important matter presented to the Assembly, and the eligible HCC voting members unanimously approved tallying the non-voting member votes and reporting them separately in this document.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Hillside Community Council specifically opposes Map 7, and any map that proposes to remove portions of the Hillside from District 6 South Anchorage and reapportion the residents in with the entire population of District 2 Eagle River, resulting in a disproportionate district with unfair underrepresentation for Hillside residents in the new district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Hillside Community Council members unanimously support keeping the Hillside's cohesive neighborhood intact and urges the Assembly to support a final map that ensures Hillside residents have equal and fair representation in their district.

Approved by the Hillside Community Council this 21st day of February, 2022.


Carmela Warfield, President
Hillside Community Council

Voting Member Record: Yea: 14 Nay: 0 Abstained: 0

Non-voting Hillside Resident Community Member Record: Yea: 6 Nay: 0
Abstained: 0