20 August 2021

**23rd LD State Committeeman Report – Ted Jones**

I am on the Redistricting Committee and in the Environmental and Climate Change Caucus.

Redistricting Committee

* Initial federal census data was released 12 August. Future LDs will need to contain about 157,250 people. LDs 43 and 36 near Seattle have grown the most in the past 10 years and are now 23,000 and 18,000 people too populated respectively. LD 23,with 150,000 residents, is about 7,000 people too small. We will likely gain some territory as a result.
* Redistricting Commission: I watched one of their business meetings but without any data yet, there was little to observe. Next meeting of the Commission is 18 October. Here is the Commissions web link: [Commission Meetings | The Washington Redistricting Commission](https://www.redistricting.wa.gov/commission-meetings).
  + 9/21 Each Commissioner will release their proposed draft state Legislative District Maps
  + 9/28 Each Commissioner will release their proposed draft Congressional District Maps
  + 10/5 and 10/9 Commission will take public input on the above draft maps
* League of Women Voters WA Listening Sessions:
  + LOWV Overview. [League of Women Voters of Washington - Home (lwvwa.org)](https://www.lwvwa.org/).
  + Link to Legislative District Maps:
    - 8/12/21 LD Map Draft 4. Changes made since draft 3 include changes in Bellingham, Spokane and Clark Co.

<https://davesredistricting.org/join/a9334afb-502d-46f7-b990-4ed8075ed81f>

* + Link to Congressional Maps. After exploring many different solutions, they are currently looking at these maps as options for congressional districts.
    - **CD Draft 4B2**- Bellevue in 9th, Klickitat in 3rd, Wenatchee in 5th

<https://davesredistricting.org/join/f0361f26-d6b9-40f5-a1c8-9f960e1043e4>

* + - **CD Draft 4C**- Compact Low Income POC in 9th, 8th over mountains, 6th in Tacoma, Bellingham split E/W along Interstate 5.

<https://davesredistricting.org/join/67563284-bb71-4e92-a3e3-dc322e5dadd4>

* + - * **CD Draft 4E**- Vertical 4th & 5th, minimal boundary change except to balance and keep tribes each in one CD. Note: This map is not as well balanced.

<https://davesredistricting.org/join/23d98713-151d-4b5c-8d13-e348e1487312>

* + Key takeaways from Listening Sessions for Kitsap County **as noted by LOWV**. [Brackets are my comments]
    - *Bremerton is currently split into 3 districts. This hurts the people of color who live in Bremerton because they are put with mostly white and rural population outside Bremerton. [The proposed map splits Bremerton only between 23rd and 26th]*
    - *35th is a large and mostly rural district. Those in more urban settings [i.e., Bremerton] feel less represented.*
    - *Bremerton people who are represented by the 23rd feel overpowered by Poulsbo and Bainbridge*
    - *The peninsula is a natural boundary and is an obvious dividing line.*
    - *Bainbridge Is. is best represented by the 23rd LD*
    - *Bremerton and Port Orchard share a common inlet and there is lots of interactions*
    - *Sunnyslope, Bremerton Junction, Fernwood and Bremerton Airport have more in common with Port Orchard & Bremerton then with the 35th. Difficult to decide where the dividing line should be.*

Environmental Caucus

* Resolutions Passed on 19 August
  + Concerning Southern Orca Whales and Salmon Recovery (Lower Snake River Dam Removal). It is very similar to what the 23rd passed.
  + Funding Sustainable Mobility
  + Prevent Military Warfare Training in State Parks
* Really looking for new ECC members. They feel they are too Seattle centered today. Any PCO can be a member.
* Current webpage is in disarray.

WSDCC Virtual Quarterly Convention

* 25-26 September. I will be attending by zoom.