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Good morning,

After careful consideration and tireless work on the part of the LAB and the Bennington Board of Civil Authority, we are making the following recommendations for our two two-member districts in Bennington 2. These maps were approved by majority at our January 31, 2022 meeting, with two recusals, due to legislative affiliation.

We tried to compromise and use the currently approved maps as a starting point. Additionally, we took into consideration the need to keep incumbents from the need to run against each other, while only making minor changes to the current subdivision lines. It is very similar to our current districts so as to cause less confusion to voters, while taking on Woodford and part of Pownal at the recommendation of the LAB. We understand the task of keeping population within the now 7.5% recommendation, and have done so. We did not include Searsburg, as that town can fit within deviation of Windham-6. Pursuant to statute, we have also considered existing political subdivisions, geography, social interaction and compact and contiguous territory.

Our descriptions of the districts are below and I also attach maps for your convenience.

Bennington 2-1: That portion of the Town of Bennington not included in Bennington 2-2.

Bennington 2-2: That portion of the Town of Bennington encompassed within a boundary beginning at the point where the boundary line of Bennington and Pownal intersect with VT RT 7; then Northerly along the Eastern side of the Centerline of VT 7 to the intersection of Monument Avenue; then Northerly along the Eastern side of the center line of Monument Avenue to the intersection of Dewey Street; then Northerly along the Eastern side of the Centerline of Dewey Street to the intersection of West Main Street; then southeasterly on the southern side of the center line of West Main Street to the intersection of North Street; then Northerly along the Eastern side of the Centerline of North Street to the intersection of Gage Street; then easterly along the southern side of the center line of Gage Street to the intersection of County Street; then easterly along the Centerline of County Street to the intersection with the Roaring Branch River; then easterly along the Centerline of the river to the intersection with VT RT 9; then easterly along the southern side of the center line of VT RT 9 to the boundary of the town of Woodford; including the town of Woodford and that section of Pownal not included in BENN-1.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions.

Respectfully,

Cassandra Barbeau Town Clerk

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