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To: Rep. Sarah Copeland Hanzas
CC: Vermont House Committee on Government Operations
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Rep. Michael McCarthy

From: Anna Bourdon, Town Clerk
Re: 2022 Redistricting Plan

Date: February 3, 2022

Rep. Copeland Hanzas,

Please find the attached materials from the Town of St. Albans Board of Civil Authority which met for the second time over the past few months to discuss new boundaries for legislative districts in our community.

In the fall of 2021, our Board unanimously supported three single-member districts for St. Albans Town and City combined. At the time – all of our sitting legislators endorsed the concept. Fast forward – Our BCA met on February 2, 2022, to discuss the LAB Minority/Alternative Map, and it was soundly rejected by our BCA, with all opposed and none in favor. Our BCA also motioned to reaffirm their support for the LAB Majority Map, which passed unanimously. Our meeting minutes are attached for your record.

The concern was raised that the combined communities have more population than three representatives could represent. However, we did research internally and found that the combined population of St. Albans is 13,865, dividing that by 4,287 per legislative district, which is 2.23 Representatives. If the populations were evenly split, it would create three districts with a deviation of about 7.8%. When redistricting was done in 2012, over twenty districts had the same or more significant deviations and believe this would fit well within the practice and customs of legislative districts.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

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February 2, 2022

RE: 2022 Redistricting Plan
Board of Civil Authority Meeting

Chair Gerald Morong called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm on February 2, 2022.

All board members were supplied with informational letter and maps prior to the meeting.

Bryan DesLauriers concern looking at the multi districts, felt that it was not good for St Albans as a community.

Corey Parent explained redistricting in more detail to the members, further explains that the new map was presented by the Democrats as they have the majority.

All members of the board were in favor of the first map that was presented to St. Albans Town. The board knows that St. Albans Town is the largest (population) within the County and the previous map guarantees 1 representative per community and splits 1 representative. The board further feels that being the largest town in Franklin County that the representation is being stolen from the town with the second set of maps that were presented to the board.

Roger Luneau commented that Dean Davis always spoke about communities and how the communities have to hold onto their identities. He feels this map is lethal to the Town of St. Albans.

1st Vote : Brendan Deso made a motion to reject the second set of maps presented to the Town. Bryan DesLauriers seconds the motion. All Board Members voted in the affirmative to reject.

2nd Vote : Brendan Deso made a motion to accept the first set of maps that were presented to St. Albans Town. Jack Brigham seconds the motion. All Board members voted in the affirmative to accept the first set of maps presented to the Town of St. Albans.

No further business was conducted and Chair Gerald Morong adjourned the meeting at 5:30pm.

Attendance:

Sally Lindberg
Cathy Montagne
Stanley Dukas
Diane Lareau
Jack Brigham

Roger Luneau
Gerald Morong
Joseph Montcalm
Bryan DesLauriers

Jonathan Giroux
Anna Bourdon
Jack McCarthy
Brendan Deso

Senator Corey Parent
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Representative Mike McCarthy