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From: Peter Romans <promans802@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 21, 2022 9:56 PM
To: Redistricting2022
Subject: [External] Fwd: Redistricting follow-up

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Judyc <Judyc@vtelwireless.com>
Subject: **Re: Redistricting follow-up**
Date: February 18, 2022 at 8:48:34 PM EST
To: Tim Nisbet <yellowbarn@vtlink.net>
Cc: Stew Arnold <stewarnold@hotmail.com>, Peter Romans <promans802@gmail.com>, Katherine Sims <KSims@leg.state.vt.us>, Andrea Hussey <ahussey@leg.state.vt.us>, Tracy Collier <tcollier@greensborovt.org>, Dave Kelly <dkelley@greensborovt.org>, Matt McAllister <mmcallister@greensborovt.org>, Gary Circosta <gcircosta@greensborovt.org>, mayagratia@gmail.com, Mike Metcalf <mmetcalf@myfairpoint.net>, Kim Greaves <townclerk@greensborovt.org>

I agree with Stew and Tim. After a chat with Katherine Sims in January, I sent in my opinion that Glover would be a more appropriate match for Greensboro than Irasburg, which orients more toward Barton/Orleans and the Newport area—and some others must have had the same thought, as that change was made. I am sorry that this puts Katherine Sims and Vicki Strong in competition for one seat, as I feel we were well represented by the two of them. However, I definitely support the minority alternative map given our choices.

Judy

On Feb 18, 2022, at 1:52 PM, Tim Nisbet <yellowbarn@vtlink.net> wrote:

Barring returning to the "one town / one representative" model of yore, I feel the proposed four town proposal is the best current district for Greensboro.

In addition, there is no reason we cannot speak with Representatives or Senators from neighboring districts on an individual basis to present and receive a more regional view of issues.

Tim

Sent from my iPad

On Feb 18, 2022, at 9:33 AM, Stew Arnold <stewarnold@hotmail.com> wrote:

I am in favor of the draft map called the “minority alternate map” showing the new single member district to be Greensboro, Craftsbury, Albany, and Glover. The other map in consideration is one approved by the LAB, showing the new district as Greensboro, Craftsbury, Albany, Irasburg. From a Greensboro perspective, I feel Greensboro share more in common with Glover than Irasburg.

Our current 2 member representation is a cross county district hence Orleans/Caledonia covering the towns of Albany, Barton, Craftsbury, Glover, Greensboro, Sheffield, and Wheelock. Seeing the Wheelock BCA perspective it makes sense for Wheelock (and Sheffield) to align with towns in Caledonia county. I am curious as to Barton, Glover, and Irasburg’s perspectives to their desires in the two proposed new districts.

I have sent my opinion to Katherine Sims and will forward it on to the Legislative committee.

Stew

On Feb 18, 2022, at 8:03 AM, Peter Romans
<promans802@gmail.com> wrote:

I’m forwarding this to the BCA members for comment. Because of the short notice, I don’t think organizing a meeting is feasible. I’m suggesting that BCA members respond to this email and we’ll send opinions to the legislative committee. I think that would be more influential than individual responses, but do as you please.

The new proposed district, comprised of four towns would be represented by one member in the House. I think the Wheelock BCA makes a compelling case (attached below) for redistricting. We have much more in common with the proposed district towns than some of the current towns. Responding to constituents in four towns would likely be more effective with a smaller population. Yes, we are currently represented by two reps, but they do not divide the constituency in half. Each member is beholden to the aggregate.

Thanks,

Peter

Begin forwarded message:

From: Katherine Sims
<KSims@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: Redistricting follow-up
Date: February 17, 2022 at 4:19:11 PM
EST
To: Peter Romans
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Hi Peter -

Great to talk today.

Here's more info:

- The draft map for your district is here: <https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2022/WorkGroups/House%20Government%20Operations/2022%20Redistricting/Maps/Statewide%20Maps/Essex%20Orleans%20Counties/Essex%20Orleans/W~Essex%20Orleans%20Counties~Essex%20Orleans,%20New-ORL-5%20Map~2-10-2022.pdf>
- It would be really helpful for the committee to hear from your BCA about whether you support this map and why or if you don't think it makes sense, why and any alternative suggestions.
- You can submit feedback on the proposed map to Redistricting2022@leg.state.vt.us. Please also cc' the House Government Operations Committee chair, Sarah Copeland-Hanzas at scopelandhanzas@leg.state.vt.us.
- Attached is a feedback letter from the Wheelock BCA in case that's helpful to see a sample.

The committee chair has asked that
all feedback be submitted
by Tuesday, February 22nd at the
latest.

Best, ks

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