



MARK MUGIISHI, M.D.
CHAIR

**STATE OF HAWAII
REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION**

NOTICE OF REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION MEETING

Date: January 22, 2022
Time: 2:00 P.M.
Place: via Video Conference or Telephone*

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A G E N D A

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum
- III. Public Testimony

Individuals may submit testimony in advance of the meeting via email to reapportionment@hawaii.gov or by mail addressed to the 2021 Reapportionment Commission, c/o Scott Nago, Secretary, 802 Lehua Avenue, Pearl City, Hawaii 96782. Individuals interested in signing up to provide oral testimony at the meeting may submit their name, email, and phone number to reapportionment@hawaii.gov. Individuals may provide oral testimony at the

meeting via the above-listed video conferencing link or by calling the above-listed telephone number.

Testimony presented during the meeting will be limited to three minutes each.

- IV. Consideration of Public Testimony Regarding Modified Final Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Plans Recommended by the Technical Committee Permitted Interaction Group
- V. Reports by the Apportionment Advisory Councils
- VI. Adjournment

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III. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

From: [Sarah Haussermann](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public testimony for Jan 22, 2022, 2:00 pm Reapportionment Commission meeting
Date: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 4:47:36 PM

Esteemed Commissioners,

I thank you all for your service to our community, and for considering my opinion regarding Hawaii County. Now that we have an extra seat in Hawaii County, I very much like that the commission proposes giving the extra seat to the overburdened west side. But I do not like either of the proposed maps (Puna proposal or reapportionment proposal) because both seem to split my town, Kailua-Kona. Kailua-Kona should not be split.

Splitting the town of Kailua-Kona will dilute its voice in government and make it impossible for the town to get its extremely urgent resource needs met. Our Kailua-Kona roads and highways are clogged. Our Kailua-Kona beach parks and their waters are clogged to the point locals like me, who live walking distance from them (Kahalu'u, Magics), can't use them. Our Kailua-Kona natural and cultural resources are being stripped and denigrated from overuse and lack of protective-rule enforcement. We don't have enough grassy parks to play in here in town. These aren't partisan issues. They are everyone's issues in town, no matter their affiliation. We need these problems solved. They aren't being solved, as is. And we surely won't get them solved in future if our town is split up.

As proposed, my part of Kailua-Kona, Keauhou (the southern part of town), will be grouped with the rural folks to the south of me. Those folks' needs from government are completely different from mine. Anyone elected to represent some rural folks and some town folks will find it hard to know what to advocate for -- their loyalty and attention will be divided -- which serves neither the rural folks nor the town folks well. And I'm a town folk who won't be well served. I don't like that at all.

Before I close, I'd also like to emphasize why I believe the extra seat should be on the west side of the Big Island, not the east. The west side collects the lion's share of the tourists who come to this island, and its infrastructure carries a far greater burden than the east side as a result. And the west side has grown immensely. Its urgent needs, as a result of the tourist burden and growth, are going unmet, as is. We on the west side need stronger representation in our government to get our urgent west-side needs

addressed.

Thank you,

Sarah Lisa Haussermann
Kailua-Kona

From: [JULIA MCC](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] PLEASE SUPPORT BOYEA COMMUNITY PLAN
Date: Thursday, January 20, 2022 10:03:30 AM

Good Morning -

I ask you to support the more fair divisions, as stated in the Community Boyea Plan, vs the “not” community involved push.

Please do this in good consciousness, of the future of Hawaii, and it’s people.

Be Healthy & Blessings of Aloha

Julia McCormick

From: mak221@aol.com
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony: Strongly in favor of Boyea Community Map/Plan
Date: Thursday, January 20, 2022 11:14:07 AM

You all know it's right. Now please do it. Don't let the "Old-boys and girls network" take over.

Mahalo,

Mark Koppel
Umauma

January 20, 2022

Hawaii Reapportionment Commission

Aloha Commissioners,

I would like to advocate on behalf of the Boyer Community Plan for the creation of the 8 House districts on Hawaii Island. A recent article in our local papers referred to the Boyer Community Plan and your first draft as a competition as to whether the new House seat would go to East or West Hawaii. That is not how I picture the difference between the two plans. I see it as a difference between urban and rural representation. The committee draft splits Kailua Kona into two separate House districts and Hilo residents into 3 House districts. The Boyer Community Plan leaves all of Kailua Kona in one district and creates 2 urban districts in Hilo. This plan creates 5 rural districts and 3 urban districts. The commissions first draft creates 5 districts with urban interest and 3 that are purely rural. If we as an island are ever going to get serious about food sustainability more votes need to be held by our agricultural areas.

The other major problem as I see it with the commission's draft plan is the fact that it doesn't follow the constitutional mandate to place the two House districts within a Senate district if a ratio of 2 to 1 exist. With 4 Senate districts and 8 House districts this is clearly the case on our island. By placing two House districts within a Senate district as the Boyer Community Plan does there is less discrepancy between the number of voters in each House district than in the commission's draft plan. The only reason that I can possibly see why you would not follow the simple process of splitting Senate districts into two House districts is to give more political power to one constituency or another. That is gerrymandering pure and simple. Do the right thing and split the Senate districts into 2 House districts. Of course you are free to redraw the dividing lines within the Senate districts to best fit your data.

Thank you for your consideration.

Phil Barnes
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Hilo, HI 96720

greenhi3@yahoo.com

From: [Bruce Saderup](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re apportion
Date: Thursday, January 20, 2022 11:59:20 AM

I a Puna resident the Boyea plan is the best plan because it meets all State Constitution criteria plus it was community prepared

Sent from my iPad

From: [Renee Rabb](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] support of Boyea community plan for Big Island house districts
Date: Thursday, January 20, 2022 12:18:11 PM

Aloha,

I live in District 4, Precinct 1, on Big Island and I have reviewed all the proposed maps for the house districts here. It seems clear that the Boyea community plan is the superior plan. It has the lowest standard deviation at 3.79. Additionally, it places two house districts in each Senate district which is the most sensible approach.

Although I live in Puna, my concern is not which side of our island "gets" an extra seat. My concern is fairness and proper representation. The Boyea community plan exhibits this. The other plans fall short.

Renee Rabb
PO Box 915
Keaau, HI 96749

From: [ANDREW SALENGER](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony from Neighborhood Board 5
Date: Thursday, January 20, 2022 12:43:42 PM

Aloha Chair and Commissioners,

The Diamond Head / Kapahulu / St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 5 considered the updated maps from the 2021 Reapportionment Commission and those of Mr. Bill Hicks after the updated extraction data led to the reduction of an additional House seat on Oahu, and the Diamond Head / Kapahulu / St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 5 supports the efforts and vision of Bill Hicks regarding the 2021 Reapportionment Commission, and endorses the redistricting maps that he has created.

Thank you for your efforts thus far, and I appreciate you considering our testimony.

**Mahalo,
Andrew, Chair of NB5**

From: [Geoff Shaw](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hawaii County
Date: Thursday, January 20, 2022 12:51:05 PM

Please support the Boryea plan to help give the residents of east Hawaii the representation they deserve.

From: [Janice Glennie](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please support our Big Island community made map (Boyea Plan)
Date: Thursday, January 20, 2022 12:53:23 PM
Importance: High

Aloha,

I strongly support the Boyea redistricting map. It more deeply reflects the population of our island and promises fairer mapping by keeping districts compact rather than sprawling and spiderweb-like, representative districts will match senatorial districts, and districts won't be imbalanced by unfair socioeconomic factors — all critical to a successful, fair mapping process.

For these and other reasons, I ask that you please use your integrity to support the Boyea mapping plan.

Mahalo and sincerely,

Janice Palma-Glennie
P.O. Box 4849
Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i 96745

From: [Paradise Farms](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hawaiian Paradise Park or HPP should Have its own Council person and House Rep . HPP will House at least 20 thousand people or more at Build out and we are 3/4s there now . The people do not want to belong to Hilo . We are Country/ Ag . We wi...
Date: Thursday, January 20, 2022 1:04:33 PM

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Dane Silva](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Cc: [Ariel Murphy](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] support
Date: Thursday, January 20, 2022 1:08:03 PM

I support the Boyea community plan.

Dane Silva
HPP resident/owner

From: [Kealaonaonaonapua](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep Keaukaha and Panaewa in the same House district
Date: Thursday, January 20, 2022 1:16:55 PM

Aloha mai.I am Keala Donna Leong. I live in Keaukaha on Hawaiian Homeland. Keaukaha and Panaewa should remain in the same House district. If there was no interference by the state and federal government to expand Hilo airport there would be no division of Keaukaha into a Panaewa development. Socially, economically, and to some extent politically these two districts have commonality. Please do not separate these two districts and their Ohana ties.

Sent from my iPhoneo

January 20, 2022

Aloha Reapportionment Commission Chair Mugiishi and Members,

I am Lisa Bishop, a resident of Oahu. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify today.

Mahalo to the Oahu Advisory Council (OAC) for forwarding our concerns and testimony from the 14 and 18 January 2022 OAC meetings.

I am very grateful that the Technical Committee chose to reinstate Makapu'u Point as a natural geographic boundary between HD 51 and HD 18 (old HD 17) as they redrew maps with the revised, final extraction numbers. Further, please do not divide Papakolea into two House Districts, for it will negatively impact the voice and influence of this important community for at least the next 10 years.

On the Senate side, I continue to be disappointed that the new Oahu Senate plan does not recognize Makapu'u Point as a natural geographic boundary, and does not align entire House Districts into Senate Districts as directed by the Hawaii State Constitution. The Constitution calls for representative districts to be wholly included within one senate district if practicable. With 17 Oahu Senate Districts and 34 Oahu House Districts, it is both required and practicable to achieve this mandate.

Bull Hicks has forwarded Senate maps for Oahu that do exactly that, yet the Technical Committee Members continue to cling to their draft that does not meet this requirement of the State Constitution. Explanation for this so far have included "the process is complicated; despite other proposed maps, this is the best way to do it; my Senator says it's OK to have several House Districts in his/her Senate District; there are different interpretations of the State Constitution; it's a judgement call - we don't have to apply all of the requirements of the State Constitution; it's too difficult for residents to understand..."

Bill Hicks has done it. His maps abide by all of the requirements of the State Constitution. Why is the Technical Committee's Oahu Senate plan that does not meet Hawaii's Constitutional requirements better than the Hicks Plan?

Oahu Residents are smart enough to go to work every day; pay State and Federal income taxes; volunteer at their children's schools and other good causes; and write and present written and oral testimony before Neighborhood Boards, City Councils, the Hawaii State Legislature, and the US Congress. We deserve a straight answer from the Technical Committee on this subject.

I therefore respectfully urge you respect our a-political testimony requesting two simple things:

- 1) Respect Makapu'u Point as a natural boundary for Oahu Senate Districts as has been done for House Districts; and
- 2) Abide by the Hawaii State Constitution and HRS and assign only two House Districts to each Senate District.

Mahalo,
Lisa Bishop
Oahu resident, homeowner, taxpayer and voter

From: [Brenda Wong](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please extend senate boundary to Makapu'u point
Date: Thursday, January 20, 2022 1:56:18 PM

Aloha,

Thank you for your work in boundaries for the house districts. please extend the senate boundaries to Makapu'u point. This has not been changed for 20 years and it affects the waimanalo community greatly. Please match the borders for the house. Thank you for your work.

Aloha,
Brenda wong
808.478.6933

From: [sharon kershner](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Thursday, January 20, 2022 2:05:12 PM

Aloha

As a resident and voter in Waimanalo I would like to Mahalo you for hearing our concerns and redrawing the line of the 51th house district to Makapu'u point boundary While we are in this space of respecting each other's needs, I would appreciate that we correct the misalignment of the past 20 years and return to the Makapu'u point boundary line for our Senate district 25.

Mahalo for your respect and concern for the voices and needs of Waimanalo.

Sharon Kershner & Ohana
Huli St
Waimanalo

Sent from my iPad

From: [Moanike'ala Sitch](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reapportionment
Date: Thursday, January 20, 2022 2:05:27 PM

Aloha Reapportionment Commission,

Mahalo NUI to the House for hearing the concerns of the various communities on O'ahu & of Waimānalo in particular. We are encouraged by the House's decision to move the boundaries for Waimānalo (district 51) to Makapu'u and we urge the senate also to do the same for Waimānalo. Please also change the the boundary lines for the district to be at Makapu'u point irregardless of how long it has been otherwise. It's time for change that will be beneficial for the communities given their aloha, nohona & kuleana.

Mahalo NUI a ke AKUA pū,

Moanike'ala Nanod-Sitch

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Moanike"ala Sitch](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reapportionment
Date: Thursday, January 20, 2022 2:11:56 PM

Aloha Reapportionment Commission,

We are thankful and encouraged at the change decided by the House for Waimānalo to have Makapu'u as the boundary line. We ask the Senate to please consider the same and to change the boundary lines for Waimānalo mapping to be Makapu'u point. Mahalo for hearing the hearts of the people of Waimānalo as they also consider what's best for future generations of their community.

Me ke aloha,

Keoki Nanod-Sitch

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kapu Pa](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request to orally testify Testimony from Kapohuolahaina Pa Moniz
Date: Thursday, January 20, 2022 2:22:29 PM

Here is my testimony.

Mahalo for hearing our concerns, and redrawing the line of the 51th house district to Makapu'u point boundary. Please return to the Makapu'u point boundary line for our Senate district 25 to be with the Ko'olau District.

Mahalo for doing your job respectfully including the voice of the people requests.

Kapohuolahaina Pa Moniz
Waimanalo

From: [Louisa Keawe](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reapportion Commissioner
Date: Thursday, January 20, 2022 3:46:22 PM

Aloha

My name is Louisa Keawe, I am a voter on the Island of Oahu and a resident at Waimanalo, Hawaii 96795

To: Reapportion Commissioners

Aloha

Chair, and

Technical committees,

This is my testimony,

Thank you House District 51 for keeping the boundary at Makapuu point.

Thank you Senate District 25 if you will also consider this boundary at Makapuu point.

I believe the residents of Hawaii Kai & the residents of Waimanalo will be able to move forward because It's so important to keep balances in all aspects of life.

Thank you all very much for your time and consideration and listening to my concerns.

Mahalo's

From: Patty Goodwin <pattygoodwin@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2022 6:31 PM
To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] comment

**SAMPLE TESTIMONY FOR PUNA
RESIDENTS TO EMAIL TO
reapportionment@hawaii.gov**

We/I have been dismayed by the fact that Keaau and Puna subdivisions like Orchidland, Hawaiian Acres, Fern Acres, Fern Forest, etc have been combined with Hilo into one House district for the last ten years. The residents of Puna have not been getting the representation that they deserve.

The 2020 census showed that the Keaau-Mountain View area grew by 20.3% from 2010 to 2020. That area now has a resident population of 41,210. It is our understanding that the target resident population for each house district is 24,999.. This area nearly qualified for two House seats, why is the Commission combining it with Hilo?

Based on the 2020 census the Puna district, which includes Keaau-Mountain View and Pahoa-Kalapana, has a total of 51,704 residents. There should be no question regarding the fact that Puna warrants two House seats. The Boyea-Community Plan provides for this. The HRC plan does not. Please adopt the Boyea-Community Plan.

My sentiments exactly,
Patricia Goodwin, Puna, Hawaii

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20 January 2022

Dr. Mark Mugiishi, Chair
Reapportionment Commission
% Mr. Scott Nago, Chief Election Officer
Office of Elections
802 Lehua Avenue
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Subject: Opposition to Proposed Reapportionment Plan & Support for Alternative Plan

Aloha Chair Mugiishi, and Reapportionment Commissioners,

As a member of the Neighborhood Board No. 10 Makiki / Lower Punchbowl / Tantalus and a resident of the Makiki district, I have reviewed the 2022 House and Senate redistricting plans that were adopted by the Commission and presented during a recent neighborhood board meeting.

I would like to first off commend and thank the commission for such an arduous task in searching for alternative solutions to provide the residents of the State of Hawai'i with a proposed redistricting plan but correspond with you today to personally oppose the current projected redistricting plan in respects to the diving the Papakōlea Native Hawaiian Homestead community into two separate districts and others like them. The current recommended plan negatively impacts the Native Hawaiian Homestead community by directly diving this communities' voice on legislative issues instead of keeping communities whole.

I am like many others questioning this commissions thought process with the proposed plans that seemingly is viewed to favor incumbent legislators while silencing and potentially dividing communities based on race or economic status. Though this may not be the case the commission intended to portray, the lines were drawn in a manner that states otherwise and once again deeply concerns registered voters / residences with respect to House and Senate districts. The importance of having a voice in a democratic process is one that should not be divided or silenced but by dividing groups and drawing lines will only further bring distention in our civic process.

In the limited scope of time, I respectfully ask this Commission to keep in mind it's duty and modify legislative reapportionment plans to keep and consider the constituency as a whole and not based on race or economic status. Keeping communities intact such as the Papakōlea Native Hawaiian Homestead community will allow a collaborative opportunity to share in a common voice. Equally, this is an opportunity to do what is right for the people and not for the benefit of others.

In closing, I understand the responsibility you all hold and thank you for your time and attention in this matter. Shall you have any additional questions, I may be reached at (808) 292 – 6402 or by email at janel.fujinaka.janelfujinaka.com.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janel Fujinaka', written in a cursive style.

Ms. Janel Fujinaka, Resident
Neighborhood Board District 10
Makiki / Lower Punchbowl / Tantalus

TESTIMONY OF
LARRY S VERAY
TO THE STATE REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION
**OPPOSITION TO REVISED FINAL DISTRICT MAPS FOR SENATE
DISTRICTS RELATED TO PEARL CITY**

January 21, 2022

Aloha, Chair Mugiishi and Reapportionment Commissioners. I am Larry Veray, Chair for the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21. First of all, I want to apologize for the negative direct comments I made in my last testimony to this commission on January 11th hearing. My comments were made out of personal frustration because I felt your commission was not hearing our board concerns and there appeared to be no concern from your Technical Committee to help resolve our board concerns. It would have really been nice for a member of the Technical Committee to call me and we work out a compromise.

We still have four Senate Districts cutting up Pearl City per your Technical Committee redistricting plan. We still can't figure out why your Technical Committee's changed border lines of Mililani D-17 and reached all the way down South to the H1/H2 merge. There is zero population in the area that was expanded to South of Waiawa Prison Road. A simple fix, have the Southern Mililani District stop at Waiawa Prison Road. District 19 Waipahu could absorb the area North of the H1/H2 merge North to Waiawa Prison Road with no impact to numbers.

The other issue was with Senate District 15 far reaching into Pearl City using the Kamehameha Hwy as a border line separating District 15 and 16. It would have been much better using the historic Pearl Harbor Bike Trail and then work out the numbers between District 15 and District 16.

Finally, we respect the Commission and Technical Committee members for the long hours during the week, evenings and weekends trying to get all the numbers to work for the past months of redistricting revisions. We as the Pearl City Neighborhood Board request your help to keep Pearl City limited to two Senate districts. We agree with your House district plan for Pearl City. This is my fourth and last testimony. Mahalo!

Very respectfully,
Larry S. Veray

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From: [laura.acasio](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In support of the Boyea v2- Community Plan
Date: Friday, January 21, 2022 12:56:50 AM

Aloha e Chair Mugiishi, Commissioners, and Office of Elections Staff,

I am writing to you in my personal capacity as a resident of Hilo. First, let me take a moment to acknowledge and appreciate all of the considerably challenging work you have undertaken through this reapportionment and redistricting process. I send you a big mahalo for taking the time to analyze the conflicting data from the military and being steadfast in finding the most accurate solution to move forward with the extraction numbers.

After reviewing the Technical Committee's proposed maps and the submissions from the public I am the most in support of the Boyea v2- Community Plan for the House. There are a number of criteria that this plan appears to do a better job of satisfying. Specifically keeping similar socio-economic communities together, and following the Senate boundary lines while evenly dividing the House districts within them. I also appreciate that it keeps much more of Hilo and Kona town areas in their own single, compact districts as opposed to the Technical Committee's map that divides our two economic centers across districts. I am asking that the Technical Committee hear the requests of the public they are tasked with serving and adopt the Boyea v2-Community Plan as their final map for Hawai'i Island State House.

Mahalo,
Laura Acasio



MĀNOA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 7

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January 5, 2022

Dr. Mark Mugiishi, Chair
Reapportionment Commission
% Mr. Scott Nago, Chief Election Officer
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**Subject: Joint Mānoa Neighborhood Board No. 7 and Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus
Neighborhood Board No. 10
Opposition to Proposed Reapportionment Plan and Support for Alternative Plan**

Aloha Chair Mugiishi, and Reapportionment Commissioners,

The Mānoa Neighborhood Board No. 7 and Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 each reviewed the 2021 House and Senate redistricting plans that were adopted by the Commission.

Two of our Neighborhood Boards had unanimously adopted Resolutions opposed to the previously proposed reapportionment plan. These Boards simultaneously supported an alternative plan that would respect both Makapu'u Point as a natural boundary between Windward O'ahu and East Honolulu and Ka'ena Point between the North Shore and Leeward O'ahu. The proposed redistricting plan mixes Windward O'ahu and East Honolulu communities within House District 51, thereby diluting the voice of the Enchanted Lake community as well as the Hawai'i Kai Portlock community, and negatively impacts the Native Hawaiian voice by squeezing the Waimānalo area between two dissimilar communities and replacing Enchanted Lake with Portlock which has a lower Hawaiian percentage.

Proposed House District 51 is not compact, in its original form it was barely contiguous, and unnecessarily divides the Hawai'i Kai and Enchanted Lake communities. The same rationale also applies to Senate District 25 (Windward O'ahu) and Senate District 9 (East Honolulu) where Senate District 25 unnecessarily mixes Windward O'ahu and East Honolulu communities.

An alternative redistricting plan (known as the "Hicks Plan") that uses both Makapu'u Point and Ka'ena Point as natural boundaries for House and Senate districts demonstrates that it is possible to keep more communities intact, reduce the population deviation between districts, and in particular, not mix Windward Oahu and East Honolulu communities within a legislative district. On December 18, 2021 the Reapportionment Commission posted a final proposed plan that changed the boundaries of 30 of the 35 O'ahu House districts. These maps are time stamped as being last modified at 10:38 on December 17, 2021, meaning they were finalized before the O'ahu Advisory Council, which is chartered by the Hawai'i Constitution to serve in an advisory capacity to the Reapportionment Commission, had conducted a quorum meeting and provided its recommendations which include using Makapu'u Point as a boundary. The significant Hawai'i Kai, Waimānalo, and Kailua issues with the Reapportionment Commission's original plan approved on October 28, 2021 for public review were made even worse with the final plan! Hawai'i Kai is split even more. Please look at the following maps and ask which is better?

Mahalo nui loa for considering the Boards' testimony. Should you have any questions, please contact the Board Chairs by email.

Sincerely,

DYLAN P. ARMSTRONG
CHAIR, MĀNOA
NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 7

IAN ROSS
CHAIR, MAKIKI/LOWER PUNCHBOWL/
TANTALUS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 10

Addendum:

At the 1/20/2022 Regular Meeting of the Neighborhood Meeting of the Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10, the Board unanimously voted to oppose any division of the Hawaiian Homestead Communities of Papakōlea, Kewalo, and Kalāwahine between districts by the Reapportionment Commission.

From: Mary Smart
Mililani Town resident
For: January 21, 2022 Meeting

Regarding the Military Extraction:

- Hawaii's military extraction procedure is flawed and unacceptable. It disenfranchises a large number of legal Hawaii military members who are not represented in their home state and now, not represented in Hawaii – their permanent residence for their tour of duty. They are not tourist/vacationers. They live, work, use the schools, roads, and businesses. Their home state doesn't include them in their numbers and neither does Hawaii. They are disenfranchised.
- Hawaii's procedure is as outdated as the 1960's. Spouses and dependents are not the "chattel" of the active duty person. They are independent of the military member and may be just as much a legal resident of Hawaii as anyone else whose job brings them to Hawaii. The dependent's legal residency hasn't been validated yet they were extracted anyway. That is wrong.
- The military are unfairly discriminated against like no other career field. Many businesses send their personnel to remote locations for a varied number of years but they don't get extracted for representation.
- There continues to be the false assumption that military members and their "dependents" don't pay taxes. There is no way to avoid property taxes if you own a home (and many do) and pay GET on most purchases. Many dependents are registered to vote in Hawaii and perform jury duty yet this is not recognized by the current process.
- As one Commissioner stated about the Wahiawa representative, there are so many schools in one district because there are thousands of residents (labeled non-permanent) that use the facilities but aren't counted for representation.
- This grave injustice to military members and their communities need to be corrected before the next reapportionment process.

Regarding the Technical Committee's Maps:

- Most testifiers have asked to keep their communities in tact and you have satisfied the requirements of many of them.
- The maps are unacceptable for the areas around Mililani Town and Mililani Mauka. It is undeniable that the January 6, 2022 maps were formed to protect specific incumbents – not keep communities of interest together nor to keep communities compact.
- The extending of districts to multiple towns makes it difficult for members of the district to build synergy around an issue. Different towns have different problems.
- My original testimony stated that the alignment of Mililani Town with disparate communities weaken the Mililani Town resident voices. The January 6, 2022 maps still have Mililani Town interests diluted with Mililani Mauka, Koa Ridge,

Waipio Gentry, and Waikele. That isn't an improvement, especially when it disrupted the cohesion of other communities (Mililani Mauka and Waikele).

Keep Communities of Interest Together in Compact Clusters:

- Communities of interest are clearly delineated in the Census communities for which they report data, Neighborhood Board, and School districts. The Technical Committee has ignored these indicators of a community of interest in the case of Mililani Town and Mililani Mauka.
- Waipio Acres residents use Mililani schools therefore they should be included as a community of interest with Mililani Town or Mililani Mauka.
- Since Koa Ridge didn't have any completed homes in 2020 there is no recorded population for that community. However, it is a planned community that was on the drawing board for at least 20 years, the Commissioners should have a good idea of the future population. There are supposed to be 3,500 residences and currently 300 families have already moved into their Koa Ridge homes. Since negative deviations are possible, especially in light of this growing population, use Koa Ridge to augment either Mililani Mauka or Mililani Town. If that were done, Waikele and Waipio Gentry would have an opportunity to be kept intact.
- Incumbents may believe they have no problem representing many diverse communities in their district, however, as a constituent, I find that elected officials who have to represent the interests of many communities are unable to focus on each community to the extent residents would prefer. Often they are most familiar with and focused on the issues of the town in which they live.
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Don't Gerrymander Communities:

- The Hawaii Constitution, Article IV 2 makes it clear that districts are not to be formed based on the residence of current incumbents.
- People who have been active in helping candidates know where they live and it is just too obvious that this criterion has influenced the drawing of district lines in the Mililani/Waipio Gentry area. During the next 10 years those incumbents may choose not to run, may run for different offices etc. and then the rationale for those districts falls apart. The guideline specifies that districts should not be formed to give advantage to a person or political faction. Incumbents already have name recognition therefore, regardless of the district lines, they already have an advantage over a new candidate.

Re-Do the House and Senate Maps:

- Maps submitted by the public for Oahu and the Big Island prove it is possible to develop maps that keep communities of interest intact, including Mililani Town, Mililani Mauka, and Waipio Acres.
- The Concept of combining 2 districts to form a Senate District makes a lot of sense when there are twice as many House Districts as Senate Districts.

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for the Hawaii Redistricting Commission (HRC) public hearing, Friday, January 20, 2022

Aloha honorable commissioners and members of the technical staff. In yesterday's hearing, the provisions of Article IV, Section 6 of the Hawaii State Constitution were read. Also during yesterday's hearing I heard someone remark that those Constitutional provisions are subject to interpretation.

Interpreting the law is nothing unusual. It happens all the time And a tool often used to interpret the law is to discern the intent of the law. Why was the law made? What was its intended purpose?

It doesn't take a rocket scientist. The intent of Article IV, Section 6, section 7 is evidently connected to our Constitution's very preamble a part of which I want to cite:

"We reserve the right to control our destiny, to nurture the integrity of our people and culture, and to preserve the quality of life that we desire. We reaffirm our belief in a government of the people, by the people and for the people."

Questions:

1. In merging a chunk of rural agricultural zoned Puna with urban, mostly residential and commercially zoned Hilo, is the Commission's technical committee not only violates not only Article IV, Section 6, number 7 but also the very Preamble that is the spirit/mana'o of our Constitution, especially now that Upper Puna has a population of 41,000 that nearly doubles the 25,000 population target for a district? In other words, its population justifies being its own voting district distinct from Hilo. .

2 In merging a chunk of rural Puna and its potholed roads with urban Hilo and its asphalted roads and other city amenities, are the residents of say, Hawaiian Acres up in Mountainview able to exercise their collective right to control their own collective destiny as a homogenous community?

If I may point out, the population aggregate of that chunk of Puna I referred to is

I've taken the liberty of establishing the correlation between and among Article IV, the Preamble and the HRC and the Boyea Community Plans visually, as follows: **MAHALO and ALOHA!**

WHAT IS THE INTENT OF THE LAW?

HOUSE REDISTRICTING - HRC (STATE) vs. BOYEA
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COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION 6, #7 AND THE

PROVISION OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION	HRC PLAN	BOYEA PLAN
Article IV, Section 6, No. 7: "Where practicable, submergence of an area in a larger district, wherein substantially different socioeconomic interests predominate, shall be avoided."	X	✓
Preamble to the Constitution (excerpt): We reserve the right to control our destiny, to nurture the integrity of our people and culture, and to preserve the quality of life that we desire	X	

In merging a chunk of rural agricultural zoned Puna with urban, mostly residential and commercial zoned Hilo, is the HRC merely perpetuating not a continuing violation of not only Article IV, Section 6, number 7 but also the very Preamble that is the spirit/mana'o of our Constitution, especially since that Puna chunk's population of 41,000 nearly doubles the population target of 25,000 for a single district?
Isn't it time to stop these Constitutional violations and make a wrong right?

Aloha and Namaste!

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"Look for the light! Study the light in everybody you come across. Notice it in total strangers. Notice it in people you love. Notice it even in people you think you don't like. Every time you're in contact with

anyone, look for the light. Open yourself up to the resonance and notice the change that happens within you." - Karen Walsfrond (writer-photoessayist, engineer and lawyer)

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We testify in favor of Ralph Boyea puna legislative plan for reapportionment .
Large puna community of Hawaiian acres and Puna were not counted in the census .
During every single meeting hours were spent on Kona and Hilo .

Having been forced into a hilo district over 20;years , Puna deserves a district
Mahalo
Patrice Macdonald
Michele Macdonald
Luana Raytheon,
Margery Wilcox

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Our testimony. Plus add to the fact the census was not done in Hawaiian acres except 2 roads out of 20 square miles and 80 miles roads were not counted at all. Hawaiian acres is the sole divided subdivision. Hilo we are NOT Denied our vote 20 years.
Aloha
AL-OSHUA
All landowners of HAWAIIAN ACRES

SAMPLE TESTIMONY FOR PUNA RESIDENTS TO EMAIL TO reapportionment@hawaii.gov

We/I have been dismayed by the fact that Keaau and Puna subdivisions like Orchidland, Hawaiian Acres, Fern Acres, Fern Forest, etc have been combined with Hilo into one House district for the last ten years. The residents of Puna have not been getting the representation that they deserve.

The 2020 census showed that the Keaau-Mountain View area grew by 20.3% from 2010 to 2020. That area now has a resident population of 41,210. It is our understanding that the target resident population for each house district is 24,999.. This area nearly qualified for two House seats, why is the Commission combining it with Hilo?

Based on the 2020 census the Puna district, which includes Keaau-Mountain View and Paho-Kalapana, has a total of 51,704 residents. There should be no question regarding the fact that Puna warrants two House seats. The Boyea-Community Plan provides for this. The HRC plan does not. Please adopt the Boyea-Community Plan.

From: richard@bidleman.net
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I have the unique experience of living in both Pahoa and Waimea. I currently live in Honokaa.

On the Boyea map, part of District 1 has been moved into Waimea, the area where I once lived. The constituency in that area is more like the rest of District 1 and Honokaa. It consists of small homes and working class blue collar workers. Real Estate in this area is more affordable with numerous rental homes.

With regard to the Puna district it consists of a lot of people who commute to work as evidenced by the amount of traffic on 130 headed toward Hilo and Volcano in the morning. It is the fastest growing district in all of Hawaii (*not just Hawaii Island*). In Hawaii Paradise Park alone there are over fifty thousand buildable lots at prices a lot many working class as well as retirees can afford. The number of new homes under construction exceeds any other district on the island. More than any other district it is the one deserving of the additional House seat.

I will provide oral testimony to the meeting as well.

Thank you

Richard Bidleman
Honokaa