

III. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

From: Mary Smart
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For: February 23, 2022 Reapportionment Meeting

This is the first time I have followed Hawaii's Reapportionment process closely. I began thinking that the provisions of the Hawaii Constitution on Reapportionment would be followed and that input from Hawaii voters would not only be considered but also integrated into the draft plans. I was wrong.

I was impressed with the community input and all the effort put into drawing maps that met Constitutional criteria better than the maps developed by the Commission's Technical Committee. Since no explanation was given for some of the Technical Committee's convoluted district lines, it can be perceived that incumbent residences played a significant role in drawing district lines, which would be a violation of Hawaii's Constitution that mandates not to advantage a person or political faction.

Another disappointment was the extraction process that actually extracted permanent residents who live on military bases and permanent residents who happen to be married to military members who claim a domicile outside of Hawaii. No other state extracts numbers from the census to conduct reapportionment. Therefore, those numbers extracted are people who end up without representation anywhere. They are completely disenfranchised by Hawaii's process. In fact, Hawaii extracts them whether it can be confirmed that they participated in the census or not, whether they reported a Hawaii address or not. This extraction also negatively affects all the permanent residents who live on the military bases, in neighborhoods near military bases and the Representative from that district. In some cases the military numbers called for more extractions than lived in the census tract. The extraction process is not precise and must be corrected before the next reapportionment cycle. House Bill SB3254 is currently being processed in the Legislature to correct these problems and needs to pass. The Senate Ways and Means Committee is hearing it on Thursday February 24, 2022 at 10 am.

The commission heard over and over that communities wanted the redistricting plans to keep their communities intact, contiguous, and compact per the Hawaii Constitution. In some instances the Commission listened. I was disappointed that the requests of Mililani residents fell on deaf ears thus far. In my testimony I provided multiple maps showing Mililani Town, Mililani Mauka, and Waipio Acres as a community of interest. I recently found Board of Water Supply maps that show Mililani Town, Mililani Mauka and Waipio Acres are linked together. Mililani Mauka should not have been split in two during the 2nd iteration of maps. Mililani Town should be intact. Waipio Acres residents should be aligned with Mililani (Town or Mauka as needed). Kipapa Gulch is a natural boundary between Mililani neighborhoods and Waipahu.

If the Commission does not modify the current maps to unite these central Oahu communities, the next Reapportionment Commission should consider all the testimony from the 2021/2022 process before issuing any revised maps. The 2022 objectionable maps must not become a precedent that has permanence.

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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Oral Testimony Request
Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 2:08:06 PM

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify in person.
I have included my written testimony below please accept this as my written testimonial submission.

Aloha Commisioner Mugiishi and all Reapportionment Commissioners,

First of All Mahalo again for restoring the Makapu'u Boundary for our House District #51 Waimānalo

Looking back on my old testimony throughout the entire process

I feel that the Most Important Suggestions i can offer is...

1. Seriously Considering the Valid and Concerned Voices of the People has to be the most important as they will be the only ones who will be affected by any and all changes.
2. Political Influence needs to be excluded Period.
3. When the Largest Majority, sometimes 98 out of 100 opposes something it seems to be unreasonable to have All but 1 Commissioner Ignore the Opposition.
4. If more than 1 simple community member can come up with Reasonable and Even way more Supported Maps than those Maps should not be ignored.
5. On a Positive note...The Testimonial process was i felt, very Community Testifier friendly and the Added Saturday meetings were a big plus for more community Involvement
6. As a Kanaka Maoli Mana Wahine i appreciated Commissioner Robin Kennedy and her courage to Stand For What Was Pono.

Again Mahalo nui for all your time and effort and for the opportunity to be a part of this process. Mahalo for the knowledge that I took away from this.

Me ke Aloha nui,

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On Wed, Feb 23, 2022, 7:59 AM OE.Elections.Reapportionment

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Aloha,

Confirming your request to provide oral testimony at the Reapportionment Commission meeting on Wednesday, February 23 at 1:00pm. Your name will be added to the list of testifiers. For your convenience, meeting information provided below.

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Thank you,

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Aloha,

Please add me to the oral testimonial list for the Wednesday 02/23/2022 meeting at 1:00pm

Mahalo nui,

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