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STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING



OTHER COMMITTEE COMMITTEE ON JOINT INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSIONS

Attendance

Aislinn Kottwitz	E
Amber McReynolds	X
Blanca Uzeta	X
O'Leary Constance	X
Hass Danny Moore	X
Elizabeth Wilkes	X
Gary Horvath	X
Heather Barry	X
Hunter Barnett	X
Jason Kelly	X
John Buckley	X
Jolie Brawner	X
JulieMarie Shepherd	X
Macklin Kevin Fletcher	X
Lori Schell	X
Martha Coleman	X
Moussa Diawara	E
Paula Espinoza	X
Robin Schepper	X
Samuel Greenidge	X
Simon Tafoya	X
William Leone	E
Carlos Perez	X
Carly Hare	X

Date 08/14/2021  
 Time 12:05:43 PM to 04:36:11 PM  
 Place Greeley  
 This Meeting was called to order by  
 Danny Moore  
 This Report was prepared by  
 Zach Beaudoin

X = Present, E = Excused, A = Absent, \* = Present after roll call

Hearing Items      Action Taken

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Chair Moore gave an introduction and the Joint Commission started the introductory video for the public.

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Mr. Troy Mellon, representing self, testified. Mr. Mellon testified that his community is currently in a single congressional, house, and senate district, but the preliminary maps they are being asked to be in multiple districts, which is challenging to them.

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Commissioner Scott James, representing Weld Board of County Commissioners, testified. Commissioner James testified that Weld County is unique and therefore they should be aligned with more rural counties.

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Hector Porras, representing self, testified. Mr. Porras testified that he is against Commerce City being in CD4 with the Eastern Plains due to the issues that Commerce City faces. He would like all of Commerce City to be in CD8.

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Ms. Jeri Shepherd, representing Weld County Democratic Party, testified. Ms. Shepherd testified that she supports the CLLARO maps with updates. She also wants to keep HD50 as close to the same as possible.

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Ms. Carly Koppes, Weld County Clerk and Recorder, testified. Ms. Koppes testified that the preliminary maps make a great deal of "phantom precincts" in Weld County and they create issues for elections and ballots.

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Tom Van Lone, representing self, testified. Mr. Van Lone testified that he is happy that CD8 is on the north side of Denver and would like to keep the small towns together with the presumption they will become much bigger. He would like attention to be paid to growth counties rather than mature counties.

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Linæ Warden, representing self, testified. Ms. Warden testified that populations are dropping in rural areas for urban areas. She said that Larimer County should be with Boulder County and group like communities should be grouped together..

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Stacy Suniga, representing Latino Coalition of Weld County, testified. Ms. Suniga testified that her group would like districts that give opportunity for the Latino community and do not divide up the community.

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Mrs. Rhonda Solis, representing self, testified. Mrs. Solis testified that the workers who are often immigrants are often left out of the conversation. She noted that Greeley has many refugees and Latinos who are overlooked and want representation in the maps.

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Kathleen Ensz, representing self, testified. Ms. Ensz testified that the preliminary maps' HD64 should be reconsidered and offered ways to make a better district.

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Ms. Dale Karlin, representing self, testified. Ms. Karlin testified that her concerns are the environment and the issues relating to fossil fuels and other resource issues.

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Cathy Shull, representing Pro 15, testified. Ms. Shull testified that many of the places losing population and gaining population are in the Eastern Plains, so they would like the maps to reflect that.

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Robert Casey, representing self, testified. Mr. Casey testified that the University of Northern Colorado campus should be in a single district.

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Emperatriz Lugo, representing self, testified. Ms. Lugo testified that members of the Latino community work in industries that produce and cultivate many of the products that are produced in the area. She would like to the Latino community to have more representation.

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Mrs. Diane Trujillo, representing self, testified. Mrs. Trujillo testified that she would like to eliminate the slicing and dicing of Weld County in multiple congressional and legislative districts.

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Mr. Wayne Trujillo, representing self, testified. Mr. Trujillo testified that he would like districts to represent the oil and gas industries and Latinos.

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Kristin Stephens, representing self, testified. Ms. Stephens testified that Larimer County likes their current congressional district and the communities of Boulder and Fort Collins that they are grouped with.

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Ms. Patricia Bruner, representing self, testified. Ms. Bruner testified that her community is highly diverse and she would like communities of interest and diversity to be maintained.

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Mrs. Tannis Bator, representing self, testified. Mrs. Bator testified that the University of Northern Colorado should not be separated in the maps. She continued that communities of interest should also be considered in the districts.

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Mrs. Beverly Wallace, representing self, testified. Mrs. Wallace testified that Greeley is rapidly growing and that they share a lot in common with Larimer County, which they would like to be considered in the maps.

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Tommy Butler, representing self, testified. Mr. Butler testified that preliminary HD64 cuts communities of interests, and the congressional districts do not account for the growth of Greeley and often districts them with the Eastern Plains.

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Mr. Bill Jerke, representing self, testified. Mr. Jerke testified that Weld County is a community of interest and would like to see the communities and watersheds districted together.

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Mrs. Adrienne Sandoval, representing Town of Platteville, testified. She stated that Platteville would like to be districted with Weld due to their size and asked for changes to CD8.

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Mr. Hunter Rivera, representing self, testified. Mr. Rivera testified that Weld County went from four house districts to nine with only a handful of residents from Weld County in some of them. He asked to have Weld legislative districts revisited.

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Ms. Elizabet Garcia, representing self, testified. Ms. Garcia testified that Greeley's growth should put them in CD8 to represent the communities of interest. She believes that the communities of interest need strong federal representation.

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Kreg Vollmer, representing Weld County Farm Bureau, testified. Mr. Vollmer testified that he likes CD4 but would like CD8 revisited. He would like to have two separate representatives to represent distinct types of agriculture.

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Dr. Sandy Magnuson, representing self, testified. Dr. Magnuson testified on current HD50 and how her current community is split up in the proposed HD64 and loses their representation.

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Ms. Patricia Califana, representing self, testified. Ms. Califana testified that Greeley would like to be districted together without being broken up.

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Mr. Richard Werner, representing self, testified. Mr. Werner testified that he wants commissioners to look at the current census numbers as they are with consideration for growth and keeping Weld County whole.

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Ms. Chandra Wilkins, representing self, testified. Ms. Wilkins testified that she is upset with the Congressional Commission's decision to keep prisoners districted at their correctional facility.

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Mr. Ryan Gonzalez, representing self, testified. Mr. Gonzalez testified that he would like to remove Douglas County from CD4 and would like Weld County to be districted together.

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Weld County Commissioner Lori Saine, representing self, testified. Commissioner Saine testified that Boulder County and Weld County have different interests and should be districted separately.

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Ms. Ann laPlante, representing self, testified. Ms. laPlante testified that she would like HD50 to be revisited and would like Weld County to be districted together instead of putting Douglas County and Boulder County with Weld in separate districts.

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Ms. Barbara Whinery, representing self, testified. Ms. Whinery testified that Greeley is a Front Range community due to its population growth and interests.

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Mrs. Evelyn King, representing self, testified. Mrs. King testified that she would like to put Weld and Larimer Counties together in a single congressional district and then add Greeley and other urban areas to a Front Range district.

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Mrs DeAndrea Arndt, representing self, testified. Mrs. Arndt testified that Boulder and Weld Counties have had a contentious relationship whereas Larimer and Weld Counties have shared interests.

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Steven Kanten, representing self, testified. Mr. Kanten testified that the map is a good beginning, but he wants to keep the districts simple and reflect the communities better. He discussed how he believes this could be accomplished.

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Ms. Therese Gilbert, representing self, testified. Ms. Gilbert would like to keep old Greeley districted together because it has a tight knit community.

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Commissioner Steve Moreno, representing Weld Board of County Commissioners, testified. Mr. Moreno testified that Weld County should be districted together with other rural and like interests.

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Misty Plowright, representing self, testified. Ms. Plowright testified in opposition to keeping prisoners districted where they are incarcerated.

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Ms Gloria-K Belden, representing self, testified. Ms. Belden testified that she agrees with most speakers and wants to be grouped with her neighbors.

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Kurt Hillman representing self, testified. Mr. Hillman testified that that he would like communities of interest in Weld County grouped together.

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Jim Riesberg, representing self, testified. Mr. Reisberg testified that Greeley and Evans should be districted together as a like community.

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Mitzi Maran, representing self, testified. Ms. Maran testified that Greeley is very urban and isn't connected to the rural areas. She would like to add Greeley a Front Range district and keep Weld County with rural areas.

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Erik Cornell, representing self, testified. Mr. Cornell testified that Evans has expanded and stated that he would like to preserve the current HD50 as much as possible.

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Michelle Mead, representing self, testified. Ms. Mead testified that the Carbon Valley is a single community of interest and proposed districts split this community.

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Loretta Scott, representing self, testified. Ms. Scott testified that commissioners should pay attention to land and resource planning due to population growth and the developing changes.

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Tom Norton, representing self, testified. Mr. Norton testified that CD8 and the Carbon Valley should be in CD8. He continued to say that he would like agriculture and communities of interest grouped together.

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The committee adjourned.

