

Private
STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

OTHER COMMITTEE COMMITTEE ON JOINT INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSIONS

Attendance

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

Date 08/03/2021
 Time 07:06:59 PM to 10:13:09 PM
 Place Centennial
 This Meeting was called to order by
 JulieMarie Shepherd Macklin
 This Report was prepared by
 Matthu Beck

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

Hearing Items Action Taken

Expand All Items

Collapse All Items

07:08:58 PM

Chair Shepherd Macklin gave opening remarks and introduced the informational redistricting video.

07:24:36 PM

Ms. Anne Rowland, representing self, testified. She stated concern with parts of Denver being included with Arapahoe County in the state senate map and with Centennial being split into 3 state house districts.

07:28:03 PM

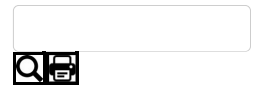
Mr. Kory Nelson, representing self, testified. He stated that Highlands Ranch should be with Douglas County and that Parker should be kept whole and provided a handout showing how schools in the area are being split (Attachment A).

07:33:16 PM

Mr. Kurt Huffman, representing self, testified. He shared information about Highlands Ranch and asked that northern Douglas County all be in the 7th congressional district.

07:38:13 PM

Mr. Stephen Collier, representing self, testified. He spoke on the aerospace industry in the area and asked for Centennial and other northern Douglas County communities to be in CD7.



07:45:34 PM

Ms. Deb Thomas-Dobersen, representing self, testified. She stated that Grand County's community of interest relates to fighting wildfires and spoke on shared interests with Larimer, Boulder, and Summit counties.

07:49:18 PM

Mr. Allen Thomas, representing self, testified. He stated that Highlands Ranch, Parker, and Lone Tree should be considered part of metro Denver. He asked for districts to be split between urban and rural areas to ensure the best representation.

07:55:16 PM

Mrs. Joan Ripepi Anderssen, representing self, testified. She spoke on concerns of Littleton Public Schools and the South Suburban Parks and Recreation being divided among state house districts and provided a handout map showing examples (Attachment B).

07:59:33 PM

Mrs. Karen Fisher, Cherry Creek School District Board of Education, representing self, testified. She stated concerns with Cherry Creek school district being split from the Littleton and Douglas County school districts.

08:08:22 PM

Ms. Renee Anderson, representing self, testified. She stated support for the preliminary Congressional District 7 and how it places the community of interest around Highlands Ranch. She stated that she's okay with Douglas County being split as long as urban areas stay together.

08:22:49 PM

Mr. Laurence Glesener, representing self, testified. He stated that it is important that Douglas County is considered a metro county moving forward.

08:25:01 PM

Ms. Kelsey Alexander, representing self, testified. She reiterated previous testimony that Parker should be kept whole as a metro community. She also stated that Jefferson County and Douglas County have similar ecosystems.

08:34:42 PM

Mr. Richard Sokol, representing self, testified. He testified that HD20 should keep Centennial and the other metro communities around it together instead of having eastern areas included.

08:43:02 PM

Dr. Michael Dobersen, representing self, testified. He stated that there is a community of interest with tourism in the area and that one congressional district isn't enough for the western slope.

08:51:12 PM

Mr. Toby Damisch, representing self, testified. He provided a handout for a suggested district and stated that Parker and the surrounding metro communities should be all grouped together in a congressional district, preferably CD6 or CD7 (Attachment C).

08:53:26 PM

Mr. David Kerber, representing self, testified. He reiterated previous testimony that HD20 and HD21 need to be redrawn to be more compact and better reflect communities of interest.

09:03:23 PM

Mr. James Hoffman, representing self, testified. He stated that a community of interest is who you share infrastructure and services with.

09:05:42 PM



Ms. Carolyn Boller, representing self, testified. She expressed concerns with the state house and state senate districts and how they cut up metro communities. She stated that whole districts should not cross county lines.

09:17:51 PM

Ms. Eliza Hamrick, representing self, testified. She asked that Adams and Denver Counties be considered for CD6 due to the diversity and communities of color once census data is received.

09:19:29 PM

Ms. Catherine Lees, representing self, testified. She stated that development boundaries are better to consider than county lines when forming state house and senate districts.

09:25:30 PM

Mrs. Kathleen Boyer, representing self, testified. She stated that Highlands Ranch should be grouped with the nearby suburbs in Arapahoe County and not the rest of Douglas County.

09:28:35 PM

State Board of Education Director, (CD6) Rebecca McClellan, representing self, testified. She spoke on how Centennial fits into the area and how different services are divided between the county and cities.

09:35:41 PM

Ms. Carrie Warren-Gully, representing self, testified. She stated that it is important that Arapahoe County is kept whole as much as possible and that counties and school districts are most affected by state legislative districts.

09:39:14 PM

Chris Davis, representing Arapahoe Young Democrats, testified. He testified that the pandemic has shown younger generations that some issues transcend borders and districts. He stated concerns with how the commissions consider communities of interest. Commissioners asked follow up questions on the Latinx community and how it should be split.

09:47:43 PM

Ms. Diana Holland, representing self, testified. She spoke on changes that can be made to the current state house and state senate districts in order to include Glendale and Holly Hills with communities that they share services with.

09:51:04 PM

Ms. Pam Cirbo, representing self, testified. She stated concerns with the parts of Denver County that have been drawn together with Arapahoe County.

09:55:23 PM

Ms. Kathy Turley, Centennial Mayor Pro Tem, representing self, testified. She spoke about the public services and policy issues shared by urban and suburban areas in the northern Douglas County area.

09:59:17 PM

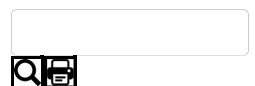
Ms. Dianne Bailey, Democratic Chair of CD4, representing self, testified. She stated that she liked CD4 in the preliminary plan and stated that she disagreed with Chris Davis' testimony regarding the Latinx community.

10:04:08 PM

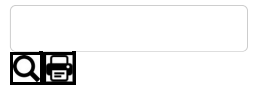
Mr. Chauncey Williams, representing self, testified. He stated concerns with the staff interpretation of the voting rights act as applied to the preliminary plan.

10:08:05 PM

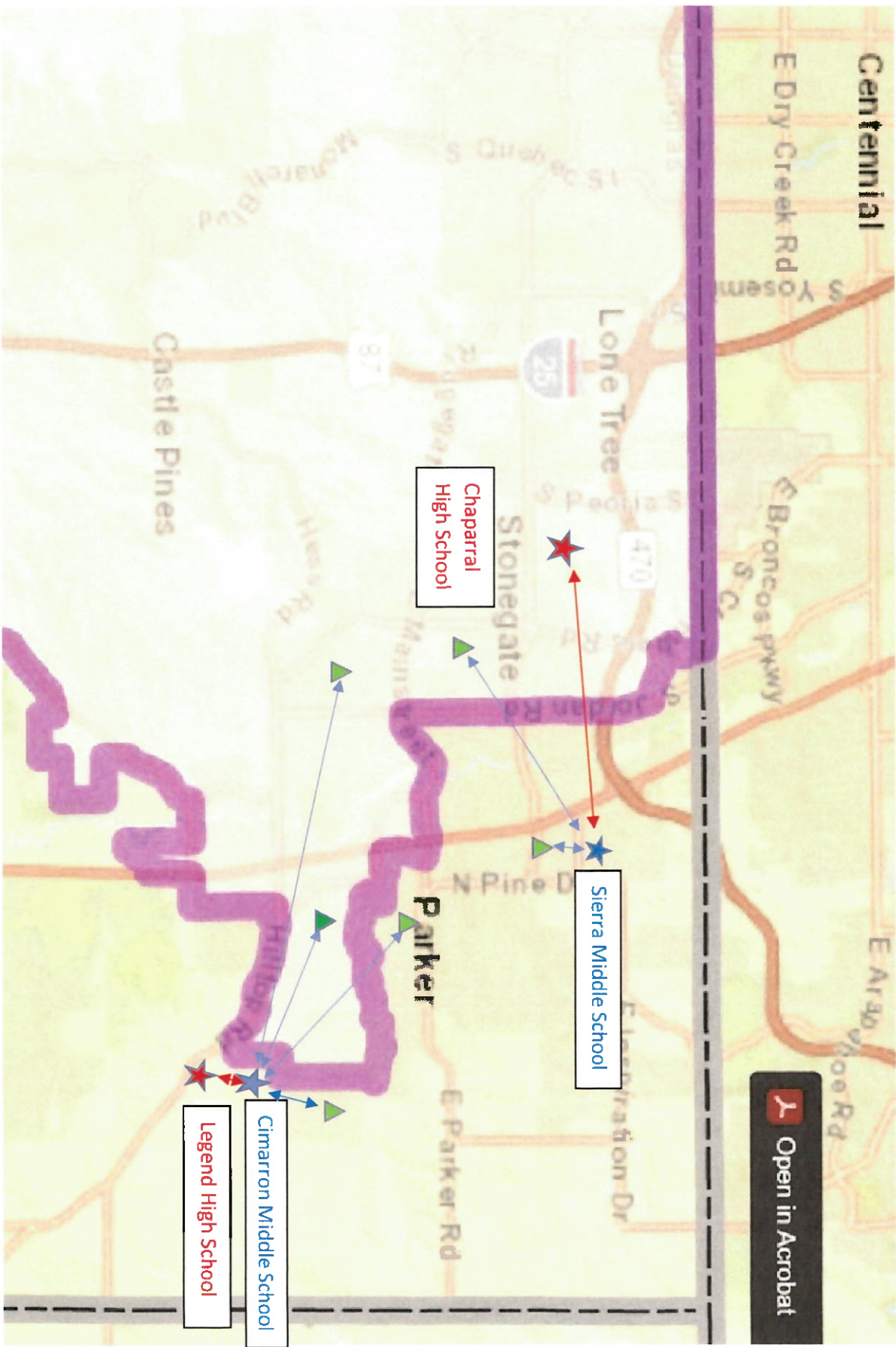
Mr. Cooper Hearne, representing self, testified. He stated that he lives in southeast Denver and can see similarities with both Denver and the Arapahoe County community.



10:13:09 PM The committee adjourned.



A



B

Date: August 3, 2021
 To: Colorado Independent Redistricting Commissions
 From: Joan Anderssen
 5917 S Eudora Street, Centennial CO 80121
Joan.anderssen@arapahoe.edu
 Re: House District Redistricting: Littleton and Centennial

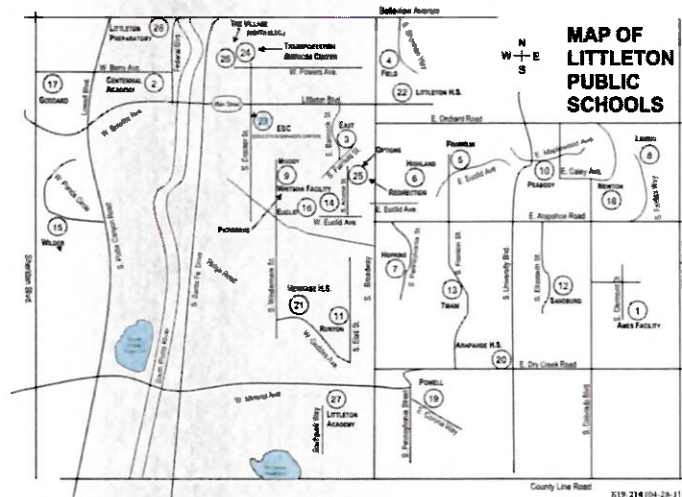
My voter information is under Joan Ripepi Anderssen. I currently live in House District 38 and Senate District 27. I moved to what was then Littleton in 1985. I moved to the area so my children could go to Littleton Public Schools. In 2001 when Centennial was formed, the address changed to Centennial.

I currently work as full-time faculty Arapahoe Community College in Littleton, Colorado, teaching Economics and Finance. I also have worked part time for South Suburban Parks and Recreation District. I have a garden and have had a garden at the Littleton Community Garden for over 20 years.

Littleton Public Schools – A Community of Interest

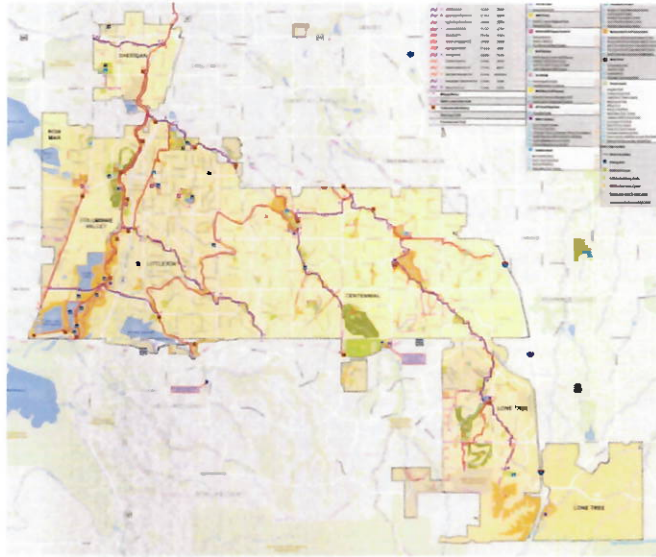
The City of Littleton and the western portion of Centennial have been bound together before the establishment of Centennial by two districts: Littleton Public Schools (LPS) and South Suburban Parks and Recreation District (SSPRD).

Littleton Public Schools serves an area roughly bounded by Sheridan Blvd. to the west, County Line Road on the South, Holly Street on the East, and Bellevue Avenue on the north:



LPS has twelve elementary schools, four middle schools, three high schools, two charter schools, and eleven preschool and alternative programs.

South Suburban Parks and Recreation District covers a larger area, starting with the LPS District, and adding the towns of Sheridan, Lone Tree, and portions of Centennial just west of I-25.

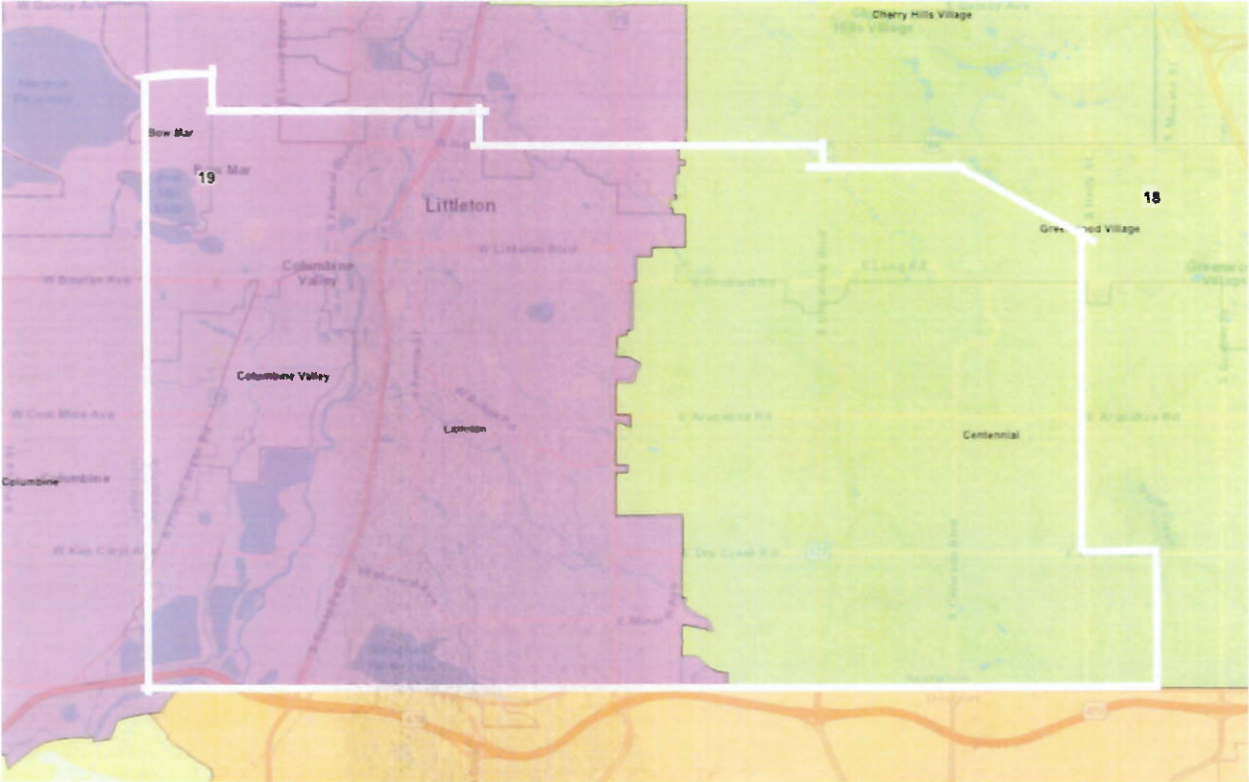


As it stands today, most of the Littleton Public School district and most of South Suburban Parks and Rec fall within the current House District 38:



Current house district lines (HD38) are shown in white. Preliminary proposed house district boundaries are shown: District 9 in purple, District 21 in yellow, and District 20 in green. The proposed districts divide LPS and SSPRD. The City of Littleton finds itself divided between proposed districts 9 and 21. Heritage High School will have students in two different house districts, HD9 and HD21. Littleton High School would have students in HD9, 20, and 21.

In the State Senate, yes, the community of interest is divided again in the new plan. To be honest, it's been divided in the current plan as well. Under the proposed senate districts, LPS would be divided between SD 18 and SD 19:



LPS outlines are rough, in white.

I urge the Independent Redistricting Commissions to unify this community of interest to the greatest extent possible. Western Centennial and Littleton have been a community before the creation of the city of Centennial. We are unified by Littleton Public Schools, by South Suburban Parks and Recreation District, and, to some extent, by Arapahoe Community College. It makes sense to have this community of interest represented by a single house district and, if possible, a single senate district.

