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STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING



OTHER COMMITTEE COMMITTEE ON JOINT INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSIONS

Attendance

Aislinn Kottwitz	X
Amber McReynolds	X
Blanca Uzeta	E
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 Samuel	X
Greenidge Simon Tafoya	X
William Leone	X
Carlos Perez	X
Carly Hare	X

Date 08/10/2021
 Time 07:04:05 PM to 10:57:08 PM
 Place Longmont
 This Meeting was called to order by Carly Hare
 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 Greenidge gave an introduction to the public hearing. The commission then played the introductory video and began the hearing.

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Marshall Dawson, representing self, testified. Mr. Dawson testified that Boulder County should be able to have two senate districts and would like to see that reflected. For the house districts, he would like Boulder County to be more represented in the maps.

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Terri Goon, representing self, testified. Ms. Goon testified that she would like Boulder County divided into two senate districts with their population. She testified about using the I-25 corridor as a dividing line and grouping communities of interest together better.

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Bob Bergstrom, representing self, testified. Mr. Bergstrom testified that he'd like advanced manufacturing as a community of interest in CD2. He would like Broomfield to be considered a community of interest.

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Mike Foote, representing self, testified. Mr. Foote testified that he believes that Weld and Boulder Counties have different interests and he doesn't believe they should be districted together in the legislature.

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Mr. Mark Milliman, representing self, testified. Mr. Milliman testified that the CD2 should take back Boulder County and should give Gilpin back to CD3.

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Cathy Jarrett, representing self, testified. Ms. Jarrett testified that she'd like 2 congressional districts with the continental divide separating the east and west of the state. She also asked for Boulder County to be redistricted with more representation.

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Theresa Watson, representing self, testified. Ms. Watson asked for two separate house districts with one for Eastern Boulder County.

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Virginia Gebhart, representing self, testified. Ms. Gebhart testified that she is concerned that her East Boulder house district is chopped up and doesn't represent the people.

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Mr. Michael Belmont, representing Our Health, Our Future, Our Longmont, testified. Mr. Belmont testified that the proposed HD36 separates him and his community from their city and groups different communities of interest.

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Timothy Barnes, representing self, testified. Mr. Barnes testified about the issues that he believes are important to East Boulder County such as housing and local industries.

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Mr. Kevin Sipple, representing self, testified. He discussed service needs and neglected communities. He made recommendations about towns up in the canyons of Boulder County.

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Mr. Charles King, representing self, testified. He discussed communities of interest and transportation issues in Broomfield.

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Ms. Kim Hoff, representing self, testified. Ms. Hoff discussed borders in Longmont including with regard to utilities and sustainability. She also discussed the rapid population growth in Longmont.

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Ms. Beth Utton, representing self, testified. She discussed environment, public health, and transportation. She asked that Boulder County be in CD2 completely.

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Jonathan Singer, representing self, testified. Mr. Singer testified that putting Longmont into a Weld County district is contradictory to their interests.

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Amy Weinstein, representing self, testified. Ms. Weinstein reiterated the request about East Boulder and discussed reasons she wants the house districts changed in the area.

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Mrs. Mitzi Nicoletti, representing self, testified. Mrs. Nicoletti offered suggestions for marking legislative districts and asked to keep Boulder County separate from Weld County.

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Mrs. Marilyn Hughes, representing self, testified. Mrs. Hughes testified that putting parts of Weld County with Boulder County loses the focus on the communities of interest.

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Mr. Stan Gelb, representing self, testified. Mr. Gelb requested that Longmont be kept fully with Boulder County due to location and interests.

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Ms. Elena Klaver, representing self, testified. Ms. Klaver testified about the difficulty for Latinx populations to get representation and offered suggestions for better representing them.

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Ms. Peggy Reed, representing self, testified. Ms. Reed testified that Broomfield is a small place and risks being lost and in SD23 she believes the representation has been diluted.

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Ms. Marty Neilson, representing self, testified. Ms. Neilson testified that Raymond, Riverside, and Allenspark have like interests and should be grouped together as mountain communities.

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Mr. Geoff Dolman, representing self, testified. Mr. Dolman testified that the residents of Longmont have no voice in CD4 and should be grouped with the rest of Boulder County.

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Mrs. Patricia Davis, representing self, testified. Mrs. Davis yielded her time and will submit comment.

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Mrs. Ingrid Moore, representing self, testified. She stated that Longmont residents do not share the same interests as those in Weld County and that the proposed districts will prevent them from working on common projects.

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Lafayette Mayor Jamie Harkins, representing self, testified. Mayor Harkins testified that the divergence along the Weld and Boulder County border is strong. She went on to explain ways that the counties are different and offered suggestions.

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JD Mangat, representing self, testified. Mr. Mangat testified that Lafayette is split into two senate districts. He testified that the issue is the same in the house districts.

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Jon Nicholas, representing self, testified. Mr. Nicholas submitted testimony (Attachment A) and discussed his view that Larimer and Weld Counties better together and discussed his maps.

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Mr. Mike Cortes, representing CLLARO (Colorado Latino Leadership Advocacy and Research Organization), testified. Mr. Cortes testified that CLLARO submitted maps for the state senate and state house and discussed their reasoning for their districts.

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Stanley Matsunaka, representing self, testified. Mr. Matsunaka expressed support for the Hispanic Chamber map for CD8 along I-25 that creates a district of minority interests.

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Mrs. Joanna Clark, representing self, testified. Mrs. Clark testified that the districts should ignore antiquated county lines and focus more on minority voices.

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Dr. Andrew Therriault, representing The National Democratic Redistricting Committee, testified. Dr. Therriault testified on competitiveness and proposed his criteria different from what is being discussed by the committee.

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Ms. Sonia Marquez, representing Boulder County Democrats Outreach and Inclusion Team, testified. Ms. Marquez testified that she supports the maps submitted by CLLARO and about how critical it is to protect the representation of the Latinx community.

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Josy Martinez, representing Northern Colorado Immigrants United, testified. Ms. Martinez testified that with the new redistricting it's time for Latinx individuals to get better representation and a chance for a Latinx representative.

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Mr. Andrew Benham, representing self, testified. Mr. Benham asked to keep Boulder and Ft. Collins in the same CD. He proceeded to explain why he believes they should be grouped.

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Ms. Caitlin Trent, representing Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition & CIRC Action Fund, testified. Ms. Trent testified that Latinx individuals who aren't citizens should be included in communities of interests as should those who aren't enfranchised.

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Mr. Angel Sanchez, representing Boulder County Democrats Outreach and Inclusion Team, testified. Mr. Sanchez testified that Latinx individuals face and carry issues that aren't experienced by others and they would like districts as drawn by CLLARO for better representation.

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Commissioner Marta Loachamin, representing Boulder County, testified. Commissioner Loachamin testified that Longmont is the second biggest city in the county of Boulder and would like to ensure that they are united with Boulder as shown in the CLLARO map.

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Mr. Thomas Windham, representing NAACP Boulder County, testified. Mr. Windham testified that communities do their best when they have agency and are heard by their representatives. He continued to testify on the importance of representing communities of interest in the districts and maps.

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Monica Colbert Burton, representing self, testified. Ms. Burton testified that local school districts are not constrained by congressional districts and discussed many issues why she believes this is the case.

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Alex Apodaca Cobell, representing CLLARO, testified. Mr. Apodaca Cobell discussed the maps submitted by the group and why they drew them as such.

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Edwina Salaz, representing self, testified. Ms. Salaz testified that the preliminary maps dismiss the cultural boundaries of Longmont and Boulder County. She would like more care to be given to cultural, Latinx, and environmental issues in Longmont and for it to be districted with Boulder rather than Weld County.

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Katherine Riley, representing the Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights, testified. Ms. Riley testified that there is an intersectionality between health and injustice in the Latinx community. She continued to give examples and further explain why her organization supports CLLARO's maps.

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