

SEATTLE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Zoom Meeting

Approved on September 20, 2022

Commissioners Present: Eliseo EJ Juárez, Patience Malaba, Rory O’Sullivan, Neelima Shah

Commissioners Absent: Commission Chair Greg Nickels

Commission Staff and Guests: Logan Drumond: Department of Neighborhoods, Elsa Batres-Boni: Department of Neighborhoods, Ariel Schneier: Assistant City Attorney, Mary Ullrich: Districting GIS Consultant, Dennis Higgins: Districting GIS Consultant

(Transcriber’s Note: Seattle Redistricting Commission meeting minutes are not an exact transcript and represent key points and the basis of discussion. The recording of the meeting is available upon request.)

Meeting Minutes:

I. Call to Order

- To follow the recent amendment by Governor Inslee [House Bill 1329](#), of the Open Public Meeting Act to increase the accessibility of and participation in public meetings. This meeting was held online and in a physical location at the City of Seattle L280 Boards and Commissions Room on floor L2 at 600 4th Avenue, Seattle WA, 98104.
- Commissioner Juarez stepped as chair as Commissioner Nickles was sick. The meeting had three commissioners to start the meeting.
- This meeting was open to the public and was advertised through appropriate channels. The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM once the Redistricting Commissioners had quorum.

II. Welcome & Housekeeping

- Reading of the agenda, welcome and land acknowledgement

III. Agenda Review and approval

- There were no questions or concerns from the Commissioners on today’s agenda for the 9.06.22 meeting Motioned by Commission Shah and seconded by Commissioner O'Sullivan The agenda for 9.06.22 was then passed with three yes votes from the three commissioners present.

IV. Minutes approval

- The 8.02.2022 and 8.09.2022 meeting minutes both require the following changes. The 8.02.2022 minutes will be corrected and re-sent prior to the next regular meeting for approval, and the 8.09.2022 meeting minutes were approved with the outlined changes below unanimously.

- **Minutes for 8.02.2022 (will be reviewed after corrections at the next meeting)**
 - Vote for changing Commissioner Shah's district 7 map to include Perkins Lane – This was Commissioner Nickels' proposal. Staff will review the recording and make this correction.
- **Minutes for 8.09.2022 (approved with the following change)**
 - Correct the section talking about commissioners contacted by Senator Reuven Carlyle. Commissioner Juarez and Commission Chair Greg Nickels were contacted - not Commissioner O'Sullivan.

V. Received Public Comment Acknowledgement

- Commissioners acknowledged that they have reviewed the latest submitted public comments.

VI. Conflict of Interest Disclosure

- No conflicts of interest were disclosed at this time by Redistricting Commissioners.

VII. Public Forum Dates Confirmation: September 15th from 6-8pm, October 8th from 10am-12pm Noon

- The Redistricting Commission officially set the dates for the last two citywide public forums - details are listed below:
 - **Redistricting Citywide Public Forum #2** - September 15, 2022, from 6-8pm at the L280 Boards and Commissions Room at City Hall Floor L2 or [join online](#)
 - **Redistricting Citywide Public Forum #3** - October 8, 2022, from 10am-12pm at the Bertha Knight Landes Room at City Hall 1st Floor or [join online](#)

VIII. Public Comment

- **Patrick Craft** - "Thank you very much for all your time and efforts uh for doing this I'm Patrick Craft and i am here certainly as a representative of the Magnolia chamber of commerce where i serve as senior advisor I've been president of ignoring chamber of commerce two times i also served on the Magnolia community council board of trustees i live in Magnolia of course for some over nearly 20 years and I've been a deep participant in the community in a whole variety of ways i also work as a realtor and certainly my life is real has informed life in the city as i work all of greater Seattle all different price points all different demographics it's given me a chance to work and assist families all over greater Seattle so i feel well versed in how communities have benefited from great city efforts redistricting certainly in my mind is one of those efforts so as i said thank you for all the time you have done i did provide written comments but i didn't find them so i and i listened to the last meeting so i want to come forward to this meeting to speak to you directly from my position and then that is uh the whole concept of dividing Magnolia is incoherent with what we understand the history of our community Magnolia is one Magnolia there's no way to divide it uh and respect our community um when i look at the map i appreciate you're under a great deal of pressure to analyze the census and compile data and reevaluate the numbers but there is no way in my mind in my life experience here Magnolia that dividing Magnolia in any way is respectful of a community or embraces the reality of who we are or in fact that leads us to our representation I've fought for years on different issues for advocacy for the community and a whole array of city departments and one overriding theme is how many people just don't know Magnolia I am happy to give you a tour as I've given tours personally to various politicians and city leaders and see department heads here in Magnolia if that would help inform your decision about us our holistic vision as a community we cover all demographics we're representing industry across the board Magnolia is a wonderful microcosm

of Seattle and certainly we have a grand history that should be honored and then when i looked at your own guidelines i really was struck by some of the guidelines about not dividing community having traveled the city boy there's wonderful things all over Seattle and honoring every community is so important and hearing the voice of every community is important and i would reach out to you to help you reevaluate entirely the concept of any division of Magnolia as it would not honor our community it does not show us a level of representation for us as a community and i think there is no division there is only one Magnolia thank you."

- **Ann Goos** - "Excellent we continue to advocate here in Magnolia and I am speaking on behalf of the Magnolia chamber that Magnolia must be retained as one district and we strongly advocate it should be included with Queen Anne just given our similarities we also strongly believe and continue to advocate that the commission's required to keep such well-defined communities of interest such as Magnolia and queen Anne together in our opinion um we believe it is the most important principle in district in redistricting we look forward in substantive written comments uh which i hope that we can provide um offline and deliver to you guys but I'll find that out later but we want to tell our historical and contemporary story and provide examples that describe how much we have shared concerns between Magnolia and queen Anne to drive home our point that we should be included together we also want to share data and documentation from the 2020 census bureaus public use microdata areas to drive home and share the statistics that we think will help make the point that Magnolia and queen Anne should be kept together as one district and show how it is mapped accordingly by the u.s census bureau which we consider to be one of the more objective pieces of data that are important for your decision we do thank you always for the time in the public service that you're providing on this and we also look forward to staying in a very positive realm as we continue to advocate to keep Magnolia and queen Anne together as one city council district thank you."
- **Julia Buck** - "Hello commission uh my name is Julia Buck and i live in district six in Ballard I've also attended forums and meetings by redistricting justice for Seattle which is a coalition of a variety of community organizations that tried to get as many people involved in the redistricting process as possible and in particular to uplift people of color working class people renters and other groups that have traditionally had less of a voice in the city of Seattle i'd like to encourage the commission to approve the map final draft that was shared in the august 2nd meeting um i think that the current redraw of district six includes a lot of neighborhoods that are similar to mine um you know lots of single family homes lots of restaurants and bike infrastructure and breweries and parks um i i also want to acknowledge that you know we're a group of people who in aggregate have traditionally um had an outside amount of attention paid by the city to our preferences um so as part of redistributing justice for Seattle getting to know people who aren't like me and hearing what's important to them in their neighborhoods that are rapidly changing um i think that having a downtown district of majority renters in district 7 and the current outline of community 2 too keeps people together and helps to provide that voice thank you also for making the next meeting and public forum in the evening um it really helps broaden who's able to participate and also thank you so much for the opportunity to provide comment today."
- **Lai King** - "Hi I'm Lai King i used to me and my family used to live in d2 and i just wanted to say i think for the commission to taking time out of the days to do this very important work um I'm part of the rjs registering justice for Seattle and we're just a coalition of organizations to working

to call for an open transparent and community engage redistricting process statewide and locally our coalition has been working over the past five months to lift up the voices of people of color working class people and renters and other marginalized populations in the redistricting process i support uh the commission's final draft map with very little changes but the changes that would like to happen uh name namely uh keeping the central area together in d3 by keeping d4 north of the Montlake cut keeping all of inner bay as possible in district 7 and set the d6 through d7 boundary on 28th ave west to keep Magnolia village together also move green lake and meridian in d4 and yeah um also some other key points is keeping historically redlined communities in yester terrace beacon hill and the Chinatown international district together in d2 um keeping downtown and south lake union young diversifying rancher communities together in d7 and i just wanted to say thank you for the opportunity to share today.”

- **Theresa Huey** - “Good afternoon commissioners and everyone my name is Theresa Huey i am joining again today as an interested resident in district 2. in the hillman neighborhood I've also lived in district 2 and district 3 most of my life I'm also participating as a member of the redistricting justice for Seattle coalition a coalition of organizations who are working to call for an open transparent and community engaged redistricting process statewide and locally our coalition has been working over the past six months to lift up the voices of people of color working class people winners and other marginal marginalized populations in the redistricting process our coalition applauds the commission for the draft map and for continuing to listen to the voices of historically divided communities in Seattle i believe the commission should approve the 8-2 commission final draft map with very little changes the commission should make changes to the draft map so it aligns with the redistricting justice for Seattle map proposal the rjs coalition's map centers bipod vipic and renter communities and the Seattle redistricting profit process all right um we do this by keeping historically redlined communities and yesterday you can heal and the Chinatown international district together in district 2 keeping downtown and south lake union young the first diversifying rendered communities together in district 7. the rjs coalition would also like to see the following in the in the final map keep the central area together in district 3 by keeping district 4 north of the motley cut move green lake and meridian and district 4. keep all of the inner bay as possible keep all of inner bay as possible in district 7 and set the district 6 to 7 boundary on 28th avenue west to keep mark to keep Magnolia village together i do appreciate another opportunity to share my view today and we look forward to continued engagement throughout the process thank you and have a good afternoon.”
- **Cindy Black** - “Good afternoon commissioners and staff can hear me okay we can my name is Cindy Black I'm the executive director of fixed democracy first we are a pro-democracy organization that works on ensuring fair representation across Washington including the city of Seattle we are also an active member of the redistricting justice for Seattle coalition today i would like to address some of the public comments we've been hearing regarding that the commissions and redistricting justice for Seattle's maps may violate city charter because it splits neighborhoods and crosses waterways we feel this is incorrect in order to keep every district within one percent population deviation lake union must be crossed by a north end district somewhere south of the cut additionally some neighborhoods must be split in order to keep within one percent population deviation that is the nature of the redistricting process this year simply because one neighborhood is split does not mean the map is wholly illegal we encourage members of the public to draw their own maps to fully understand the redistricting process in

Seattle and thoroughly review the city charter before threatening any legal action ultimately we recommend that the commissioners approve the August 2nd commission final draft map with minimal changes thank you for allowing me to speak today and for all your efforts on this important task of redistricting for Seattle thank you."

- **David Morang** - "Hi my name is David Morang I'm with the Magnolia community council and I do want to again I appreciate the efforts of the commissioners I'm myself as a volunteer as the part of the Seattle urban forestry commission and know it takes a lot of time and energy but um also being an architect you have to go with what the city of Seattle code says and unlike the previous caller we're not at that point where we can uh create discretion to change that code the code specifically says that district boundaries shall be drawn to produce compact and contiguous districts that are not gerrymandered to the extent practical district boundaries shall follow existing district boundaries recognize waterways and geographic boundaries and Seattle communities and neighborhoods enjoying the plan neither the commission nor the districting master shall consider the resonance of any person and in fact there has been at least four maps that have drawn that meet the criteria that the population for the largest district shall not exceed the population of the smallest district by no more than one percent so there's four maps that have been produced um that show that in addition to uh are supporting the Magnolia community council supporting the map that was prepared by commissioner Nickels as well as the map that was prepared by commissioner Patience Malaba they're both in compliance with that requirement what is being proposed by the group rjs which indicate that they have been open and transparent policy um and a coalition of groups they have not engaged the people in Magnolia for their or Ballard for that matter as far as I'm as far as we know so I think they're um we would continue to ask to keep the Magnolia community together as one district there are at least four maps plus two commissioner maps that would allow that to take place we want the mandates that for redistricting to be followed including recognizing the ship's canal and uh support the work that's been done by other commissioners that is justifiable and has engaged the community um that we that the residents here live in thank you so much for your time and effort."
- **Katie Stultz** - "Hi commission um my name is uh Katie Stultz um and I am joining as a member of the redistricting justice for Seattle coalition um I wanted to say it's great to see you all this morning um and it's just been a few short weeks um uh since we all uh had the last public forum um and so I first wanted to just say thank you to the commission staff for your work in keeping this process open and accessible and really managing the increase in public engagement since the draft maps came out um I'm looking forward to the second public forum next week and also wanted to highlight um gratitude for offering that in the evening so more folks can attend but wanted to just cover a couple of quick messages today uh before next week um the overarching message is that we really ask the commission to approve the commission's final draft map really with very little changes um overall we believe that that map fully um kept a lot of the messages that we heard throughout public comment across the city over this entire process and specifically we wanted to offer up um gratitude to the commission for really listening to the voices um of communities that have been kept out of uh representation in the city specifically lifting up keeping Yesler Terrace Beacon Hill and the Chinatown International District together in district two uh keeping district four north of the Montlake cut and keeping downtown and South Lake Union keep renter communities together in district seven I also wanted to lift up that we

know that this process will require that compromises are made across the city that is the process of redistricting um and there is going to be a communities that are going to be divided one idea that we wanted to lift up was asking the city to really create resources for communities that are going to be divided between districts for how to engage with new council members as a way to alleviate some of the strain of communities who are going to have to engage with multiple council members we know that that's a future uh challenge to deal with but wanted to lift that up as a potential solution um we also wanted to lift up that there are opportunities in ways to make the final map just a little bit better and so we do have ideas that we've submitted one specific is lifting up the concerns of really keeping the Magnolia village together the rjs map specifically has a different line of really how to make sure that um that line doesn't go directly through the Magnolia village that we would offer up um for the commission to look at as an option um i also wanted to just close is just thank you for the opportunity to share with us um and for we look forward to continue engagement throughout the process um and i thank you for the time today."

- **Janice Tavern** - "Hi can you hear me now we can hear you go for it uh my name is Janice Tavern i live in Magnolia i would like to i would like to point out that the reason that nobody signed up ahead of time is that there was no opportunity for anybody to sign up ahead of time the public comment form only had uh check boxes for the September 15th and for the uh October 8th uh meetings so that's i think that that's why nobody could um sign up ahead of time I'm getting a little bit of feedback if i sound strange so i apologize for that i would like to i would like to point out that over 60 percent of the comments that have come in since the draft map was introduced have said that kept together i would like that in the record that beforehand i don't think that anybody in Magnolia or queen Anne thought that there was a possibility that um that our district would be divided such as it is i encourage everybody to come to Seattle for a tour I'll be there with Patrick Craft for that it disturbs me that this has been approached by rjs as a zero-sum game um I don't think that it's right or fair that to either historically divided communities that there should be to solve that there should be new divided communities it's clear that we can do that that we can do districts according to the consultant maps that taxpayers paid for there were four of them they all showed Magnolia and queen Anne together last but not least I'd like to point out that um the division uh even if it's west of um west of 28th which uh would incur which would mean that we'd have to drive through another district to get to any of our infrastructure would preclude anybody from um running for office in Magnolia and winning in either district i encourage all of you including rjs to please come to Magnolia see who we are see where we live and you will understand that it doesn't make sense to divide Magnolia whether it's 28th whether it's in the village or at all we are one Magnolia thank you."
- **Jonathan Behrens** - "Hi I'm Jonathan Behrens I'm a renter in the capitol hill neighborhood I've never given public comment in Seattle before but I'm here today in support of the redistricting justice for Seattle coalition other commenters have already listed out the full rjs proposed attributes and revisions for the map so I'll just reiterate some main points first of all keeping Yesler Terrace beacon hill and the Chinatown international district together and keeping downtown and south lake union together those two items both work to center renters young people in marginalized communities in the creation of this map and i hope you'll retain them in the final version thank you

- Joanna Cullen** - "I think you can hear me we can so I want to thank you for your work and for the work on the map where the central area is kept together and d4 is north of the ship canal those are very good things mainly today I wanted because I was trying to before I came on I was trying to look at quickly at other maps and I realized that i would probably have to go through minutes or look at other meetings to see the original maps that the commissioners each drew and um maybe I'm wrong but I it seemed like it wasn't like going to be easy to find them and since so much testimony is based on yes the new draft map but also there's important information in the draft maps that the commissioners drew out I would like to see them remain I also wanted to comment that it seemed like king county is mapping service of some sort is down until the 10th so um and I have to admit that I've been a little bit behind because I had covid not as just what they consider a light case but i was fatigued but I felt like I should have been able to go directly to the website and find those resources without having to go to meeting minutes so but thank you for your work."
- Regen Hurley** - "Hi this is Regan Hurley I currently live in Magnolia, but I'm a Seattle native i have lived in the u district at the University of Washington lived in lived in queen Anne and now live in Magnolia and um first of all thank you for to all of you who've put in a lot of time on this I'm sure it's a very heavy lift and you have a lot of um sort of needs to balance um and i really do support um all the social justice issues that are being considered in this process but I'm curious why um the decision to divide Magnolia sort of supports that or why not why keeping Magnolia whole would at all harm any of the social justice goals that this commission and um process has i think that um as many have said if you came to Magnolia you really see that we are one community we're almost an island and we have what two entrances to the neighborhood we have a significantly aging Magnolia bridge that all of us in Magnolia are going to have to worry about and even just the idea of splitting it at 28 that sounds I'm not sure if that's arbitrary if there was some reason behind it but it doesn't make sense in the context of the neighborhood because it essentially puts the bridge out in a district that's different than um most of the people who live in Magnolia and if that's such a significant part of you know how we'll be able to access our neighborhood in the future um that could really be a problem and make us all feel like we had no voice in that um so i would just suggest that maybe some people just go back to the drawing board and think about is there a way to balance those social justice goals and not split up Magnolia thank you."
- Lisa Page Rammy** - "I'm a lifelong resident of Seattle I grew up on queen Anne all my life and from my married time I've now um from my 20s I've been on Magnolia in my life those two communities have always been regarded as separate communities because we each have our own little village area queen Anne has the top of queen Anne all the way down queen Anne avenue to lower queen Anne and Magnolia had Magnolia village and all the way down the bridge so I just don't think that dividing Magnolia half of Magnolia and putting it shoving it in with queen Anne makes any sense you may be going by numbers but you're not really going by the needs of the communities I totally disagree with that dividing Magnolia in half it will it will inevitably harm Magnolia to have our village cut in half and it will also create tension in the neighborhood between the west side of the hill which geographically is much more wealthy than the east side of the hill so I think that by dividing Magnolia you will create a lot of discord in the neighborhood and that's all I have to say thank you."

- **Jude Ahmed** - "Hi commissioners uh my name is Jude Ahmed I would first like to start by thanking you for the opportunity to speak today um at another public forum session i also want to thank the commissioners for their work again um in balancing a lot of the public comments that are coming in and really fine-tuning the map details um i want to start by talking a little bit about my relationship to Seattle I'm currently a capitol hill resident and a renter of district 3. um but i have visited my family in capitol hill for 15 years um this is actually the first place that my uncle who came to America was able to find a place to stay and then begin his studies um and with that I've also had a lot of relationships to areas in queen Anne in Magnolia this is where the family away from family that he built was located um and so we've been visiting Seattle even though i lived on the east side for most of my life and I've definitely watched some districts grow in density and cost as pricey apartments were packed into the area as development continued and as i reflect now on the changes that Seattle has undergone it's clear as day that investment and attention to historic neighborhoods and communities of color have only really come with gentrification and displacement the neighborhoods have not been treated equally with the well-being and representation of communities of color always being sacrificed when we talk about our social justice goals it's because we recognize that everything that's taken from communities of color compounds the challenges that they're going to face as communities that already lack political establishment that lack representation um that have to fight to be heard and have to start early and navigate systems as early as possible to have their voices included in our plans for the city of Seattle um so today as an employee of the urban league of metropolitan Seattle and a member of the redux redistricting justice for Seattle coalition i just really want to continue to advocate that Yesler Terrace in the south end of Seattle are prioritized in redistricting um this isn't me saying split up another neighborhood um this is me saying prioritize these diverse brock and brown renters these working-class communities the landowners and properties who are black and brown who are facing displacement this is just one piece to remediate the injustices that communities of color have faced with redlining weekend city weekend city representation and gentrification and thus we really want to advocate to incorporate the restricting justice for Seattle map into any changes made in the commission's draft map thank you."
- **Scott Shawcroft** - "hello can you hear me you can go for it awesome uh thank you so much as uh commissioners may remember I've been doing a lot of uh analysis of the map so thank you for posting the dave's link for the 8-2 draft I have all of this analysis available on github at github.com/10newt Seattle dash redistricting um folks should look in the public comments if they want to see links there as well um first I'd ask uh regarding public comments would it be possible to get it in a csv or an excel file instead of a pdf that will now allow for easier analysis of the public comments um also regarding those I'd i think it's important that the commissioners have access to the see the commenter comments or names as well in case there are folks that are making public uh multiple public comments such as myself um so they're aware of that um so those are the two things and then i made a comment um at the end of last week i was looking at the map and doing um what i think of as split analysis so not only how many neighborhoods within the city are split but how severely split are they meaning how many people are split away from the bulk of their neighborhood um and i have two suggested changes to the august second draft these are both population neutral and they're like swapping areas between two districts which is simpler than multiple districts all at once uh the first is a switch to join blue ridge

together and that trades that brings blue ridge into d6 and greenwood then goes into d5 again I've written up a text comment as well with links to all of that along with dave's links as well um second that uh you can trade some of Fremont for some Wallingford kind of up towards green lake between what six and four and that reduces the number of people that have been split off of their neighborhoods as well um i have started taking a stab at trying to get Magnolia whole again but it's a lot trickier one thing i did try is actually moving Fremont into district seven um so because you're trading population between six where Magnolia is and seven with Fremont um i don't think there's enough play to do to do the reverse um so uh that's my analysis I'd encourage people to find me on github and take a look at that uh split analysis i added charts now so you can actually see which census blocks are split off which i think is super helpful um thank you."

- **Nirae Petty** - "Hi everyone my name is Nirae Petty I'm a Seattle resident and i currently live in the second city council district today I'm testifying from the urban league of metropolitan Seattle and we're a member of the rjs coalition um so today I've heard a lot about history in Seattle i just wanted to share a little bit of ours so my family has actually lived in Seattle for nearly a century um and not too long ago my great-grandmother's house was one of the last houses owned by a black resident on her street in the city before it was lost to gentrification and unfortunately this is just much too common um for communities of color in Seattle um because we still do face pressures of gentrification and displacement due to environmental and economic inequities I'm sorry this is actually um really I'm really passionate about this so I'm struggling to get this out after hearing a lot of the comments earlier our neighborhoods deserve better and equitable representation for a better chance of electing someone that understands these issues firsthand and i believe that redistricting is one of the ways to fight for it so i ask if the commission supports our efforts by continuing with the draft map from the last forum with minimal changes that prioritize communities of color and working-class communities in district 2 and 3 over certain wealthy and white neighborhoods in Seattle who have already established political power in our city we hope that these communities can use their privilege to support those who do not have the same although i believe that rjs has done outreach to Magnolia we would love for the Magnolia residents testifying today to attend our rjs meetings i also invite you to come tour the communities we are supporting in district 2 and 3 and see the vibrance we bring to the city even in the midst of rapid gentrification displacement and other disparities that we face in comparison to our north Seattle counterparts we understand that this is a tough decision and we appreciate everybody that's here today testifying thank you for your time."
- **Alex Cooley** - "Confirming I can be heard absolutely go ahead wonderful thank you so much really appreciate all the work that's gone into this point as well as all the incredibly passionate satellites who are advocating for what they feel is best for their neighborhoods and for the city overall i am here as the president of the jackson place community council as well as the central area neighborhood district council I have been working consistently with the commission and applaud the commission's continued process of engagement and listening to neighborhoods I've also we have also worked with rjs and other neighborhood groups like pioneer square and such through that process we've understood many people's concerns about neighborhoods staying together and that's where we originally engaged in this process the original four maps split our neighborhoods in one fashion or another and our neighborhoods of the central area and jackson place have been historically split and marginalized we continue to advocate for our

neighborhood remaining as whole as possible understanding that some of the loss that we're already experiencing on the south end is part of the process of balancing all of the demands of these seven districts we are in support of the draft map as it is are supportive of small draft changes such as bringing a bit of more completeness to Magnolia with the Magnolia village however we are not comfortable with any changes that would affect the south end border of district 3 and district 2. that is our most concerned portion of all the maps, and we continue to advocate that the central area stay together and there's no further northern encroachment from district 2 into district 3. thank you again and incredibly grateful for this continued process.”

- **Andrew Hong** - “hi can you all hear me yes we can go ahead awesome hi my name is Andrew Hong I'm the co-coordinator of the redistricting justice for Seattle coalition and a lifelong resident of district 2 in south Seattle our coalition supports the commission's draft map and is appreciative of the commission's commitment to community input and in this process in an equitable way we hope the commission continues uh to value public input and effectively in the remainder of this process by passing the draft map which was created with a lot of community input that we appreciate with uh minor changes um if at all I want to highlight in a memo that i was also submitted to the commission that a data analysis from a Seattle resident Scott Shawcroft that we linked in the memo there that shows that the rgs map not only keeps together historically underrepresented communities in the cities particularly in the south and the central district but splits the least number of people from their neighborhoods primary district throughout the whole city um and we you know we hope the commission again values committees of interest in an equitable way but also it should be the goal of the commission to pass a map that reduces and minimizes a number of splits throughout the city and the rjs map does that and so um i just kind of echoing what we've been saying throughout this process we hope that the commission uh looks at the rjs map and tries to follow it as much as possible given that it's you know keeps communities of color together keeps renting communities together and also keeps communities and neighborhoods throughout the whole city holistically more together than any of the other maps opposed by the commission um also i wanted to respond to some public comment that has been submitted in the past around the east lake community um again the goal of our coalition is to split the least number of communists possible and in our draft map we made a we made a number of compromises on that in order to comply with city charter and federal law and one of them was split in the east lake community um but um during since last uh public forum uh we took a look at our map proposal again we tried to find a way that we could keep the east lake kenny all together and the way that our coalition sees uh how to do that the best is to move all of east lake into district three and kind of the ripple effect of that is to move parts of district seven into first hill which parts of district seven already in first hill however it would mean a split of the first hill community between districts three and seven um our coalition doesn't have a a strong stance on you know whether the split district or split east lake or first hill but we we you know we value and we hear the east lake community members and we want to um let you know that and also in our submitted memo that that is an alternative that we would be more than happy to see happen thank you.”
- **Lorna Murray** - “My name is Lorna Murray I'm a resident of district four and i just wanted to briefly state that i support the commission's current draft map as i believe it does us center the historically marginalized communities that have already been on the losing end of Seattle's history of housing and zoning laws and um i think that uh the current plan uh means that many

of the communities that are furthest away from housing justice um get to stay together i hope that um other communities are you know that cares taken to keep other communities together as well and um especially east lake and that's all i got thank you."

- **Joseph Lachman** - "I'll make it very brief um again Joseph Lachman um with redistricting justice for Seattle and asian counseling and referral service i just wanted to offer no um an apology i wasn't able to um say this earlier um you know I'm uh you know in my role here at rjs you know i i speak you know as part of the coalition and organization but i do also want to mention that I'm someone who grew up um for you know most of my life in Magnolia and i understand where a lot of folks are coming from and their concerns with the map and uh you know in my from my own personal experience i do want to say that i understand that the split along 34th is concerning and that um i actually believe that the ridiculing justice for Seattle map that we've proposed does a better job of keeping communities together and also has a more what i believe is reasonable split along 28th but just wanted to also really emphasize that you know this map was not done without consulting folks from some of these other areas of Seattle like Ballard and Magnolia and you know we'd really love to continue this discussion to make sure that communities aren't being split up but we do firmly believe that based on all the analysis we've done that the rjs map does the best job of keeping communities together but again appreciate the uh the commission's work thank you."

IX. Review of Adjustments

- Dennis Higgins from King County GIS Center went over some minor adjustments informed by a request from King County Elections to move a zero-population census block from District 2 to District 1. King County GIS Center made these adjustments with Commission approval to adjust minor details of the Redistricting draft map. All of these minor adjustments will be lumped into the final vote for the final draft of the map.

X. Draft Map Discussion

- Commissioner Neelima Shah presented an alternative to the current map draft, that is informed by public comment on the official boundary around the Magnolia village to keep it whole, this change was informed by a comment from Dave Bradlee from Dave's Redistricting App.
- Commissioner Neelima Shah also created a draft map that keeps Eastlake whole in District 3.
- District 2 and 3's boundary was also changed based on feedback from the Redistricting Justice for Seattle Coalition, using 9th and 8th as the Eastern Boundary instead of I-5 for District 7.
- Commissioner Juarez noted that he felt uncomfortable with the shape of the suggested boundary for District 6, noting that some of the jagged edges on District 6 might be an issue.
- Commissioner O'Sullivan noted that he is working on a suggested edit to the current draft map to swap out Fremont in order to keep all of Magnolia whole as a neighborhood.
- Commissioner Malaba asked the public to give specific lines that they want the Redistricting Commission to consider when drawing district line boundaries.

XI. Next regular meetings – and public forums September 20, 27, October 11

- The Redistricting Commission's next meeting will be a public forum on September 15, 2022, from 6:00pm-8:00pm at the L280 Boards and Commissions Room on Floor L2 at 600 4th Ave, Seattle WA 98104.
- There will be no regular meeting on September 13th, as this is two days before the second citywide public forum.

- The Redistricting Commission is tentatively changing their meeting date/time to move from October 11th from 12:00pm-1:30pm to October 12th from 12:00pm-1:30pm.

XII. Adjourn

- Acting Commission Chair Juarez asked if there was a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Malaba motioned for adjournment, and Commissioner O’Sullivan seconded. The motion for adjournment was approved unanimously with four yes votes.
- The next meeting after this will be a public forum on September 15, 2022, from 6:00pm-8:00pm
- Questions and comments, please send them to Elsa.Batres-Boni@Seattle.gov