

## SEATTLE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

### SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 31, 2022

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Zoom Meeting

Approved on November 8, 2022

**Commissioners Present:** Eliseo EJ Juárez, Commission Chair Patience Malaba, Greg Nickels, Rory O’Sullivan, Neelima Shah

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**Commissioners Absent:**

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

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(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 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Seattle WA, 98104.
- 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 10.31.22 meeting. Commissioner Nickels motioned for a vote to approve the agenda, with a second by Commissioner O’Sullivan. The 10.31.22 agenda was then passed unanimously with five yes votes.

##### IV. Minutes approval

- The 10.25.2022 were up for approval at today’s meeting. The 10.25.2022 minutes were motioned for approval by Commissioner O’Sullivan and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Shah. The 10.25.2022 minutes were then passed unanimously with five yes votes.

##### V. Received Public Comment Acknowledgement

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

#### **VI. Conflict of Interest Disclosure**

- Redistricting Commissioners noted that they did not have any potential conflicts of interest to disclose.

#### **VII. Brief Overview of Maps in Discussion**

- GIS Consultant Mary Ullrich gave the Redistricting Commission an overview of the amendments that were up for discussion at today's meeting, including where there are similarities and differences in boundaries between each proposed amendment.

#### **VIII. Public Comment**

- **Joe Gruber** - "Thank you Commissioners good afternoon I appreciate this opportunity to comment my name is Joe Gruber and I serve as executive director of the University District Food Bank as you will hear from many of my other colleagues today and as you've probably heard and read in the written comments earlier um I want to urge you to keep the University District together and to not support a redistricting map that divides the U District recognize your work is complicated and lines need to be drawn but preserving the whole of the U District from I-5 East to 25th Avenue Northeast from Ravenna Park and Boulevard South to Portage Bay is necessary and consistent with your rules to follow existing District boundaries all recognized waterways and Geographic boundaries and preserve Seattle communities and neighborhoods as an urban center the U District has experienced significant population growth in recent years and is expected to maintain that preserving a unified representation for that is essential and prudent the U District is a diverse renter head Community a council District map should not dilute this and delete representation do you the UW community and the U District neighborhood at large work collaboratively to build a positive future for our shared neighborhood the council District map should not divide the shared work and dilute representation we appreciate the difficult work you have ahead of you but urge you to not divide the University District in any of your final redistricting Maps thank you."
- **Timothy Billing** - "Hello my name is Timothy billing and I have the amazing opportunity to serve as the president of asuw representing the over 44,000 diverse student voices here at UW as many of you are aware from personal experiences University communities are unique as a majority of people living near the university are young and looking anxiously towards the future we find Community amongst one another to tackle major issues in order for our voice to turn into actions to benefit our community we have to work through UW Administration local council members State offices and federal regulations and more by dividing the UW campus from U District you are removing the community as one of the few majority by Park neighborhoods in North Seattle you'd be adding another institutional barrier against a voice for change imagine students were concerned about safety cost of rent social programs Etc all concerns I'm sure you had as a student it would then be a hundred percent on the overworked students that communicated to the separate council members this will lead to miscommunication between UW Administration and the UW Community as we are now pushed to do two separate advocacy efforts it'll put more work on marginalized communities in the U District by denying them the resources and Social Capital that UW Administration has in implementing change I ask you not to separate our community so that students can continue to work side alongside UW not apart to make our unified voice heard."

- **Ruby Holland** - “My name is Ruby Holland and I'm in District three we've been working with you guys since day one it seems and at this point I'm going back to what I asked for on day one which is to keep the Central Area home the central area has gone through a lot it seems like everything negative that the city has to dump they dump it on the CD and I think it's time to start changing that trajectory and so I'd like to see us get as much power as we can as a community and keep us whole thank you.”
- **Ron Davis** - “Ron Davis again from the boards of the Roosevelt neighborhood association and the university YMCA my question is how did we end up back here already just days ago I thought I'd be here asking for this commission to take an incremental step forward from the very solid malaba map to the best one on the table the rjs map but here we are with the O'Sullivan map that leaves the University District in tatters how did this happen after months of Engagement and the overwhelming majority of people from all across the city coming together in front of this commission and asking for BIPOC and Rental oriented districts to be kept whole in the Fremont tobacco the community Rose and loudly reminded this commission that it was unacceptable to solve the Magnolia Problem by dicing up a district that is less white homeowning and affluent the commission rightly retracted that move and yet here we are with an even less white even less homeowning even less affluent community on the chopping block and it was given less time to mobilize what could possibly be the reasoning for this these amendments keep sending messages loud and clear about who matters and it's the exact opposite opposite of the message built into our racial Equity toolkit and really the opposite of the message from the overwhelming preponderance of people who've come before this commission I will add that today's new nickels map hasn't had time to be considered but it is clearly problematic it Rams communities together from across the water that have nothing to do with one another and it does so while leaving places like Green Lake Roosevelt or Tangle Town Wallingford divided so please stick to the Charter guidelines and goals and please reject these amendments and the invidious messages they send and at minimum please pass the malaba map or with the Juarez Amendment or yet better yet set aside whatever not invented here reticence may be holding you back and pass the rjs map it does a better job keeping together keeping Greenwood whole keeping the Roosevelt and Green Lake neighborhoods together with share elementary schools keeping wallenford and Tangle Town together which also does much more important the commission's supposed to reflect the will of the community and the community has spoken very clearly about what it wants please pass the rjs map thank you.”
- **Detra Segar** - “My name is Detra Seger and I represent the East Lake Community Council thanks to all of you for your ability to navigate the challenges of this Democratic process having participated in and watched all of the meetings today it's clear there are no easy answers the new map introduced on October 25th was especially challenging because if the major changes and the lateness it took us quite a bit of effort to manage to get feedback from our residents um Eastlake has a good working relationship with our current city council person Alex Pedersen we would miss not being in District 4 but for the good of the community we had agreed to go move to District three our primary concern has always been to remain whole and we appreciate your efforts to make that happen if additional changes are made we prefer to remain whole in District 4. or we would support the Malaba map thank you again for all of the work that you're doing.”

- **Robin Briggs** - "Thank you for listening to our testimony today I am a homeowner in District 3 and I was dismayed to see two new proposed amendments which would divide the U District in half I know they do that kind of thing in other states to reduce the strength of the youth vote my sister lives in North Carolina and that is something they've done there I didn't think this was something we do here we should be encouraging young voters to get involved and to know that their vote matters passing such a large change to the map at almost the last possible moment would be a huge mistake and a very bad message to send please vote against the Amendments keep the UW and U District together and also I have to add given the other commenter previously the Central District I thought we had that one settled thank you so very much."
- **Katy Ricchiuto** - "Thank you for the opportunity to comment today my name is Katy Ricchiuto and I work for the U District partnership a neighborhood-based non-profit in the University District I am speaking today to urge the commission to keep the U District whole in the final map recommended to city council for years our community has been working to bring the university and larger neighborhood together the University of Washington is Central to the function and identity of our neighborhood and the map proposed next week is extremely problematic it would greatly damage the existing Community relationships and re-establish unhelpful divisions in the U District the University District represents racially economically and socially diverse group of people of all ages and incomes and many of our constituents are renters and identify as BIPOC the O'Sullivan map creates inequitable divides in our community and inhibits our voice and ability to advocate for ourselves the last minute proposals do not fulfill the commission's charge to consider existing communities as cohesive entities and it's imperative that the redistricting commission keep the judicial in its map specifically we ask you to consider our neighborhood as the area that stretches from I-5 to 25th and from Ravenna Park to Portage Bay keeping our community whole is common sense and I thank you very much for your time."
- **Theresa Huey** - "Good afternoon Commissioners and staff my name is Theresa Huey I am joining your meeting today as a current resident living in District Two in the Hillman neighborhood I'm also participating as a member of the best redistricting Justice for Seattle Coalition I start with y'all that the commission should adopt October 18th amended final map with very few changes and none I oppose the O'Sullivan map and urge all of you to keep the UW and you District together to not split up this cohesive young student majority BIPOC community and to follow the city Charter law of not splitting waterways this would dilute the political voice UW students and youth populations have in City Hall by dividing the UW Community between two districts three and four UW is the largest school in Seattle and this map stands to Silence of voice and City Hall many UW students living reviews districts new District businesses and Community spaces interact heavily with the UW Community is cohesive and underrepresented youth Community with shared interests and Community members that belong in one District leading the UW commission Community is gerrymandering a renter every majority BIPOC student population at the expense of the law fleeing that them as a racial injustice that dilutes the BIPOC vote of Sullivan Amendment again violates the city Charter by splitting the UW waterways more times than necessary all the gerrymanders the university UW Community this is in the Equitable and violates the law including the UW and you district is unacceptable this is the largest school in the city thank you for your time and I hope you listen to the voices thank you."

- Katie Stultz** - “My name is Katie Stultz I use she/her pronouns and I am joining this morning from the Green Lake neighborhood but I'm also speaking this morning as a former resident of the University District for multiple years and a student of the University of Washington I'm also speaking with the redistricting Justice for Seattle Coalition and the win-win Network I'm here to comment today in clear opposition of the O'Sullivan proposed amendment map my opposition to this amendment is informed by my own personal experience living as a student and resident in the University District for many many years and this map is also unacceptable from a racial and economic Justice perspective the U District is a majority renter low-income Community which often faces greater Transportation housing and safety challenges and I just urge you today to hear the overwhelming opposition against dividing the UW community from a process perspective I've also been at nearly every public forum over the past seven months and the importance of keeping the UW Community together was lifted up months ago so seeing this map in the 11th Hour has felt like a complete step back from all of the work that this commission has done and from the public who've given their time months and months into this process in four days our Coalition has gathered over 303 supporters to a petition lifting up opposition to splitting the University District I know that was lifted up that um this commission has lifted up multiple times wanting to make sure to get adequate feedback from certain communities when maps are put in at the 11th hour I will say we we did what we could but we believe that that is still not enough um so with that I also want to lift up um a clear opposition to the map looked it up this morning from commissioner Nickels that continues to dice up more communities who have spoken up throughout this process the malaba map passed two weeks ago is a representation of listening to community members in Seattle lights from across this city and I urge you to lift and understand the leadership that you have all shown and pass this map it is a good map for the city and for the future of Seattle.”
- Cindy Black** - “Good afternoon Commissioners and staff my name is Cindy black I'm the executive director of fixed democracy first we are also an active member of the redistricting Justice for Seattle Coalition today I'm testifying to ask the commission to not split the University District UW and the U District are a cohesive majority of color Community splitting them will dilute community of color and student voices in the city this is the largest school district in our city of Seattle and students who live in dorms will be voting in a different District than their community on campus which really makes not a lot of sense at all this is also a majority renter lower income community that faces disproportionate safety economic housing and Transit challenges splitting this District creates further inequities by barring them from Fair representation this new Amendment also does not allow UW and the U District communities ample time to submit feedback on these proposals so late in the game we're also concerned that Commissioners O'Sullivan's Amendment may violate the city Charter by splitting the Lake Union Waterway more times than necessary again we support the amended map voted on by the commission on October 19 I'm sorry October 18th with those minor changes suggested by commissioner Juarez not the current amendments proposed let last week's commission meeting as well as this one today lastly I would like to thank the Commissioners for this work on this difficult process thank you.”
- Dave Bradlee** - “Thank you Commissioners for all the time and effort you've put into this process it's been a real challenge I know thinking about the charter amendment that we passed it creates council districts to give each neighborhood a specific council person they can go to with

their concerns keeping neighborhoods whole enables them to have this voice looking at the new idea that commissioner O'Sullivan sponsored last week thank you for doing that I think it's probably two different for a lot of neighborhoods and people um so um you know I think considering something simpler which is the compromise Malaba Nickels map is a great way to go thank you for commissioner Nickels for adding that to the discussion today um and I would completely support this approach um just a couple comments on that map um you know since District Four already spans the canal I think having District Four increase a little bit south of the canal just makes a lot of sense it's a lot simpler compared to the current districts um the thing about this map this compromised Malaba and Nickels map it keeps a lot more neighborhoods whole and I think with even there's even a few more tweaks like with D7 and D3 that could keep Westlake whole and South Lake Union Hall in this map and then one other tweak um you could consider in the Crown Hill Blue Ridge North Beach area is if all those go into D5 instead of six you could get all of Greenwood and D6 which really has never shown up and and or very few other maps on the table have that's dropping so this really retains all the goodness in one two and three you've worked on it keeps more neighborhoods whole without sacrificing others Crown Hill Blue Ridge Inverness Fremont Magnolia and even Greenwood and it follows the charter guidelines existing District boundaries waterways communities and neighborhoods so thank you very much."

- **Cory Crocker** - "Good afternoon Commissioners my name is Cory Crocker and I'm a 30-year resident and business owner in District Four and currently serving as president of the U District Community Council I am very concerned that the two recently proposed District Maps might split Us in two and divide our community for the next decade our community council has been representing our diverse neighborhood for over 50 years we are half by Buck most of us are renters and half of us live below the poverty level although many of our neighbors are students who may only spend a handful of very formative years in the U District they are our fellow citizens deserving fair and coordinated representation collectively we desire a basic level of self-determination afforded to other neighborhoods particularly during this period of our intense transformation to a dense high-rise urban center at a very high risk of displacement of our residents and small business owners as one of the fastest growing communities in our city it is imperative that the U District have a shared vision and voice to advocate for ways to adapt to our fast-changing needs please keep the U District poll and I thank you very much for all your efforts to find a consensus solution thank you."
- **Andrew Hong** - "Hi Commissioners my name is Andrew Hong I'm the coordinator of the Redistricting justice for Seattle Coalition our Coalition opposes the O'Sullivan Amendment first off of the discussion passing these radical changes to the map at this stage does not afford enough time for communities to give ample feedback um and I think I especially want to lift up this recent Nichols amendment that was proposed half an hour ago for 15 seconds on the zoom screen does not give anywhere near enough ample data or time for anyone of the public to give feedback and to vote on this amendment um would be a betrayal of public of publicly informed process it's a reminiscent of last year's failed Statewide redistricting commission process where everything was done behind closed doors without time for ample feedback and transparency so please do not vote on that Nickels Amendment at this meeting that has not given enough time for anyone to give public input but um again going back to the O'Sullivan proposed amendment from last week it splits the only majority by clock neighborhood north of the canal in the North

End of the city it splits this renter young student community and um you know I there's no other way to put it but you know this is this would be a racist map for splitting a majority by pop Community our Coalition was formed under the idea that redistricting has been used historically to silence communities of color and to disenfranchise voters of color and so splitting the only majority BIPOC North End Community that is also low-income historically underrepresented Youth and renter heavy goes against our coalition's fundamental informing principles so please do not pass the O'Sullivan amendment to divide give me use of color in the city yet again support the October 18th past Amendment map that was had you know months of public feedback not just a few days thank you."

- **Michael Mellini** - "Hi my name is Michael I'm a renter in District 3 calling for solidarity with renters and the U District and echoing the concerns of splitting voiced by others gerrymandering the only majority BIPOC neighborhood in the north and would be the result of the split UW and the U District are a cohesive majority BIPOC Community it's putting them as a racial justice issue and would dilute the BIPOC voice in the city Theo's Sullivan Amendment also violates the city Charter by splitting the Lake Union Waterway more times than necessary and voting for these racial amendments so late is goes against a fair and open process thank you."
- **Marshall Bender** - "My name is Marshall bender and I'm a student at the University of Washington a renter and a founding member of the University of Washington's largest left-wing clinical Club students for Democratic Society today I'm speaking with the commission to urge them to keep the University District whole when I first moved to the University District in September of 2019 I became enthralled with this neighborhood and its unique history is a wonderful place to live work and study the local businesses and their friendly faces the wonderful parks and the places to explore and of course our beautiful University our Bastion of progress and development in our city our state and our country to divide this neighborhood in half as asinine pointless and a power grab by the homeowners who control our City's politics gerrymandering the only majority BIPOC neighborhood in North Seattle is a spit in the face to racial justice issues and dilutes the voices of our of our most vulnerable neighbors the all O'Sullivan and Nickels amendments again violate the city Charter by splitting our community along water lines this is inequitable and I stand strongly against this redistricting proposal and I would urge you to vote for the October 18th amended map and urge you all to pass it the University District is cohesive and it is one to split students living in campus dorms from the majority of other students who live off campus only serves to destroy student political voices students do not have to vote in a different Community than the one that they live in additionally as the U District continues to grow this majority renter low-income Community will continue to face new challenges of Transportation crime and safety and of course housing splitting this neighborhood will only worsen these issues making them more difficult to tackle and the U District must remain a singular Council District so we can tackle these problems together as a community not split apart by superficial political lines to split this neighborhood would be a mistake let's keep this neighborhood one for our students our neighborhoods our neighbors and our city thank you for your time and I hope you listen to the voices of your constituents thank you."
- **Stephen Farchitzevsky** - "My name's Stephen Farchitzevsky I'm a resident in districts existing District Seven and I wanted to acknowledge once again all the hard work that the commission has done to develop a cohesive response to the redistricting question I'm first and foremost in

support of the recent submission which I think is titled the compromise between the Malaba and Nickels interim amendments it does a very nice job of tending to the Edict of the Seattle Charter specifically respecting waterways existing boundaries and neighborhoods and communities um I'm a little surprised that the commission has presented Alternatives that have you know separated further other communities and would like to get to a point where we have a cohesive map that addresses a lot of the historical concerns that have been voiced by the various components of the the city and I think that that's most recent compromise does a really nice job of getting us to where we need to be thank you."

- **Joan Harkins** - "Thank you commissioner Malaba thank you to all the Commissioners for the time on effort has gone into this I'm Joan Harkins I live in district 7 on the Magnolia resident um it's my understanding now that there's three Maps commissioner Malaba's October 18th map commissioner Nickels' New discussion map and Commissioner of Sullivan's discussion map that are currently being reviewed and considered by the Commission in the past several weeks past few days been on this call neighborhoods and residents throughout the city have been giving feedback on feedback on these maps and the overwhelming response from throughout the entire city is that neighborhoods don't want to be divided whether you're in the Central District the northern District you District Fremont Magnolia e-cycle or any other neighborhood the voices of the residents of Seattle are in fact unanimous they're asking the commission to please keep neighborhoods whole so despite the differing reasons that neighborhoods favor one map over another I'd like to offer up that the pieces for a really good map that solves this redistricting puzzle already exist and they've now been put together in the compromise Malaba Nickels current map that commissioner Nickels has now set forth as a discussion map so basically it's taking districts one two three and seven from commissioner Nickels' previous map and combining it with districts four five and six we've commissioned in the lapis October 18th map and what you get is a kind of a best of math putting all these pieces together from existing Maps would enable the commission to appropriately acknowledge the public sentiment and the public comments that you've already seen and it would also Champion the public sentiment represented in all those comments piecing this together would make sure that all input from Seattle is incorporated and it allows you to find a compromise between all the maps that you already have in front of you it seems to me this is a really suitable Way Forward and it is a win-win just model thank you."
- **Joseph Shoji Lachman** - "Hello this is Joseph Shoji Lachman policy manager at Asian councilman referral service and with reducing Justice for Seattle um again wanted to reinforce some of the points that have been made here um again as someone who grew up in Magnolia you know as a Seattle resident my whole life um I so strongly urge the commission to adopt the proposal from reducing Justice for Seattle um that um it's the line along 28th Avenue um and also again urge the commission to take into consideration the vast amount of feedback that you're receiving from community members um part of RJS as well as others who have shown up who are concerned about um splitting up of on the North End um we really agree that UW and your District are cohesive and it's been also noted a majority POC community and splitting them as a racial justice issue and we hope that again um this will be taken into consideration also concerns about the violation of City Charter going on with this um it's been a major concern that this has taken place so late in the process um and has really come out of nowhere for a lot of folks and upended on you know a lot of both understanding about how this process is going um and you

know we'd really like that to be taken into consideration of thinking about moving forward with um with the final proposal will be we urge you I'm again considered the reducing Justice for Seattle map proposal and we appreciate um the version that came from commissioner Malaba um please take into account um how this is impacting um communities racial Justice lens and again please consider the RJS map thank you very much."

- **Gregg Petrie** - "My name's Gregg Petrie I'm a resident of district four and a long-term resident of the U District and I'd like to argue that you shouldn't separate split up the U District the U District is going through a significant growth already and it barely has the the resources already to do with this group with this growth and change and if you split the regular Community from the University these ties to deal with the scroll participant or be extremely hard to deal with and there's really no need for this there's there's only a need to change less than a thousand people in to to balance out the district and it also sort of conflicts with going across a major Waterway which is one of the things you're supposed to watch for and what's really troubles and is that business happily at just the last minute and people that I talked to weren't even aware of it they were thinking it was sort of on the last minute a guide path for lack of a better term and they're just sort of shocked that things are being changed so fast in the last minute and so I argue not to split up the you District thank you."

#### **IX. Map Discussion and Vote on Final Amendment to the Map**

- **Commissioner Nickels** had proposed a [Discussion Map](#) that he withdrew from consideration earlier in the meeting. Commissioner Nickels brought up a [map submitted by a community member](#) prior to this meeting for consideration.
- **Commissioner O'Sullivan** had proposed a [Discussion Map](#) that he withdrew from consideration earlier in the meeting.
- **Commissioner Juarez** presented amendments his proposal and Mary Ulrich went over the Commissioners' Juarez's amendments before the public comment period. A narrative and link to the online map can be found below to proposed a [Discussion Map](#) that:
  - Extends the south end of District 6 and District 7 boundary along 28th Ave W from W McGraw St to W Howe St. This removes the quickly turning boundary that followed W McGraw St, Condon Way W, and 30th Ave W before meeting with W Howe St.
  - Commissioner O'Sullivan proposed to review the [Discussion Map](#) submitted by member of the public, Dave Bradlee. Mary Ullrich went over the Dave Bradlee's proposed map. A narrative amendments and link to the online map can be found below:
    - Moves the area of Magnolia west of 15th Ave W and down to the Magnolia Bridge to District 6.
    - Moves the area between Aurora Ave N and Stone Way N, between NE 50th St and Lake Union, to District 6.
    - Moves all of Eastlake to District 7.
    - Moves all the blocks in First Hill bounded by I-5, Boren Ave, and James St to District 7.
    - Moves the University of Washington to District 3.
    - Moves all Green Lake and Meridian east of Aurora Ave N, south of NE 85th St, west of I-5, and north of NE 50th St, to District 4.
    - Keeps Districts 1, 2, and 5 unchanged.

- The Commission delegated staff to make all amendments and maps in discussion available to the public for comment
- **Redistricting Commissioners gave feedback on the amendments in discussion and referenced the latest comments and the reasonings behind their amendments.**
- **Commissioner Juarez** - "Thank you chair I'll be brief. I offered a very limited and small amendment that moves roughly 300 people from our previously approved map into the proposed District 6 from District 7 again to align and take out and to me what was the more logical kind of choice there where we could just straighten it out on one street and it's also in response to some community testimony that we've heard and in the spirit of compromise I felt like 300 people also keeps both districts within the range that is set forth for us so I offer that for your consideration I hope that you will vote yes on it with the previous approved map."
- **Commissioner Nickels** - "Commissioner Juarez's Amendment it can be your comments as well outside of that I have no objection to this amendment I do have an objection to the underlying map, but I think this is a reasonable and limited improvement to the map."
- **Commissioner Nickels** - "Let me speak to what is being called the compromise map that Dave Bradlee spoke to in his public comments. First I withdrew mine because I knew that there wasn't support on the commission, and I certainly knew the University District was concerned about being cut off at 50th so I did listen and I respect the comments that have been made I also looked at this in public comments the compromise and I like many of the features it keeps Magnolia in District 7 along with Queen Anne respecting our political history where those have been the bulk of the 36 legislative district for over 50 years. It adds South Lake Union to District three, it keeps East Lake together and since District 4 currently is the district that crosses the ship canal in this option it's the district that crosses the Ship Canal and the only District that does so and it takes all of these like it has Montlake and Madison, parts of Madison Park north of Madison Street north of the ship canal it keeps District Lines very close to where they are now District 5 has to pick up some population, so there are some changes. There are changes that would keep Crown Hill in the Crown Hill Urban Village together, we've heard from the public in that neighborhood on that it reunites Fremont by adding the area between Aurora and stone way into District 6 it has the North and South parts of Wedgwood in District Five and so I think it does a very good job of addressing many of the comments that we have here. It respects previous District Lines more than the other maps that we really have seen and that is one of the charges that we have though it's not an absolute it meets as I understand the population goals for the district keeps it within the one percent and so I would really urge Commissioners to embrace this as a compromise that I think does what we want to do in districts one and two. I think it meets our goals in District 3 it is better I think for District 7 making more sense and then I think it's respectful in the North End so I am prepared to support it and I would urge other Commissioners to give it a due consideration, thank you."
- **Commissioner Shah** - "Commissioners thank you everybody gosh we've worked so hard to explore so many solutions with different map variations and I commend all the Commissioners for this effort and the community for continuing to submit ideas however we're coming very

close to the end of our time as a commission and we have to make a decision when we started this process over a year ago we all agreed to a fair open transparent process those were our guiding principles and I and I stick to that so I don't support bringing forward new maps that impact neighborhoods that have not had time and will not have time to amply engage in the process I think it's just not fair I you know considering the city as a whole I think that 10/18 and the Juarez map is a small Improvement that's made here are good maps and it's not perfect because every scenario we've looked at divides or separates a neighborhood from another neighborhood that creates community for them we've looked at options that so many different options right and they've all had their issues so I think while they're trade-offs at this moment I don't want to forget all the good improvements that are made in um in the 10/18 and the Juarez map ahead of us right here that pulls together communities in South Seattle the central district downtown East Lake District 4 and more so I support the Juarez Amendment and do plan to vote in support of that today."

- **Commissioner O'Sullivan**- "I certainly intend to support commissioner Juarez amendment to the Malaba map, but I don't have a whole lot else to say at this time."
- **Commission Chair Malaba** - "I will share that I also believe that our October 18th adopted map really reflects the good work of keeping neighborhoods and communities as united as practicable and as much as possible we have listened to the community voices I do believe that Commissioner Juarez's amendment is a common sense amendment that seeks to be sure that the final map that we have went further into being responsive to communities I do understand that this was informed both by public comments and beyond that it was informed by being on the ground in the community to reflect our engagement that has been transparent intentional and wanted to really collaborate with the community throughout and with that I will be offering my support for the commission of Juarez Amendment to the revised map Commissioner Nickels I think the compromise version while it is innovative and demonstrates just the palpable Community commitment that we've seen from Community I do see that it has some striking changes that would be reversing some of the great work we've done in listening to the community and we only have so much time at this juncture to have the community provide their feedback."
- **Commissioner Juarez** moved that the Juarez amendment discussion map be passed as an amendment to the draft map. Commissioner Shah seconded this motion, and the amendment draft map plan was passed unanimously, with five yes votes.
- **Commissioner O'Sullivan** moved that the map as proposed with the Juarez Amendment be the final amended map for consideration for a final vote on November 8th. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shah and the motion was passed with a 4-1 vote, with one nay vote from Commissioner Nickels.

#### **X. Presentation and Discussion on Draft Resolution**

- City Staff Elsa Batres-Boni gave the Redistricting Commission a presentation on the Draft Resolution along with Ariel Schneier, Assistant City Attorney. A request was made to the Commissioners to provide their comments on the resolution to staff at the latest by Friday. Staff

will send out a final resolution draft to the Redistricting Commissioners by the end-of-day on Monday ahead of the November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**XI. Next meeting – November 8**

- The Redistricting Commission's next meeting will be a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 from 12:00pm-1:30pm at the L280 Boards and Commissions Room at City Hall on Floor L2.

**XII. Adjourn**

- Commission Chair Malaba asked if there was a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Nickels motioned for adjournment, and Commissioner Juarez seconded. The motion for adjournment was then passed unanimously with five yes votes.
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