



Thank you for the opportunity to submit a redistricting plan for consideration on behalf of the Alaska Democratic Party.

The map we are presenting today consists of 40 House Districts, each containing a cohesive group of voters bound by socio-economic similarities. To the maximum extent practicable, this plan adheres to borough, municipal, and city boundaries. No borough boundary has been broken twice.

This approach, coupled with the intent to draw geographic and notable man-made boundaries as compact as practicable for our large state and within existing local political lines, will empower all Alaska's voters by providing them accessible and accurate representation.

This accessibility and accurate representation for Alaskans was the priority in preparing this proposal. Additional priorities included sustaining/increasing the number of minority-majority districts (+1 in the proposal for a total of 8 House Districts compared to 7 House Districts under the current, 2013 Proclamation Maps), respecting the cultural values and economic relationships of Alaska Native peoples and communities, and adhering to the established legal parameters governing the redistricting process to result in fair representation for all Alaskans. Of note, this proposal has a deviation under 10% overall.

As noted, rural districts (2013 Proclamation Map House Districts 37-40) have been approached in a manner that reflects population trends, while also applying a standard of unifying cultural interests to the maximum extent practicable in less densely populated areas. Allowances have been made for economic ties. For example, Hooper Bay is now coupled with Bethel in recognition of the strong economic partnership between the two communities which the Board heard about in earlier testimony from community members.

As you may know, the membership of the Alaska Democratic Party includes members from Unalakleet to Anchorage to Fairbanks to Dillingham to Sitka. This map was drawn with input and insight from voters across the state to create districts that also represent the way in which communities organize themselves, while also adhering to existing formal lines of governance and geographical boundaries.

For instance, the proposal in the Fairbanks region primarily follows city, borough, and neighborhood divisions. The city of Fairbanks is included in two House Districts in the ADP proposal (House District 1 and House District 2) with Cushman Street, a major thoroughfare, as the dividing east/west line. The city of North Pole is contained in House District 3, as well as the majority of communities that associate with North Pole residents and utilize the city's infrastructure for work and daily life. House District 4 is entirely outside the city limits as is House District 5, but both districts remain within the Fairbanks Northstar Borough.

Additionally, as Board staff recognized in its first meeting in September, the F35 basing at Eielson Air Force Base has and will continue to increase the population in the Fairbanks Northstar Borough. Much of that population growth was not included in the most recent census count. Thus, the proposed map includes a portion of House District 6 in the Fairbanks Northstar Borough. This provides the region with a portion of a sixth district which they are entitled to. ADP's proposed House District 6 is different from the 2013 Proclamation Map District but was drawn in a similar spirit - the percentage of the Alaska Native vote share in that proposed district has increased by almost 7%.

Another illustration of accurate community representation based on socio-economic alliances and community input are the two autonomous districts (military base property notwithstanding) in Eagle River. A substantial number of Eagle River residents have been particularly vocal about remaining semi-autonomous from Anchorage proper, with some residents and community leaders supporting Eagle River's exit from the Municipality of Anchorage entirely. Our map respects the expressed desire of this community for self-containment in representation.

The approach to Anchorage recognizes community interests as well as existing geographic boundaries and major roads. A reasonable deviation in each district allows for representation without the conflicts of interest that often arise from representing constituents with drastically different socio-economic variables. Adherence to notable and natural district boundaries will ensure individuals find commonalities with fellow constituents and are empowered as voters.

Debarr and the Chester Creek Greenbelt serve as the guiding lines of division between North and South in Anchorage. Communities east of Arlene Street have been located in proposed House District 23 to better represent socio-economic commonalities of residents in this area as compared to being coupled with neighborhoods west of Jewel Lake Road as they were in the 2013 Proclamation Maps.

The proposed House District 27 is now entirely North of the Tudor Road Line. The proposed House District 15 is guided primarily by proximity to the Muldoon gate of Joint Base Elemendorf-Richardson and surrounding communities, including the Turpin neighborhood.

On the Kenai Peninsula, communities of population density have been paired to create districts that cohesively represent the Kenai's growing urban population. Lesser-populated communities with similar economies and constituencies such as Seward and Homer have likewise been paired to afford those voters the opportunity to select legislators that align more closely with their values and understand issues most important to their residents.

As the board knows, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough has shown substantial population growth. This proposal succeeds in providing the constituents of the Mat-Su all the districts they are entitled to without breaking Anchorage Municipality or any other borough lines. These districts were drawn in accordance with existing political lines.

In the Southeast, the proposal makes few changes. It retains similar boundaries with only minor changes from the current map to reflect population trends. In Juneau, this proposal reflects district assembly boundaries and also respects the Douglas, downtown Juneau, and Mendenhall Valley neighborhoods by preserving their autonomy within two Districts. Further Southeast, Metlakatla remains in our proposed House District 36, with its neighbors Ketchikan and Saxman.

In closing, we appreciate the opportunity to reiterate that this map was drawn with purpose to ensure cohesion, compactness, and adherence to constitutional requirements to provide all Alaskans fair and appropriate representation.

Thank you for your time.

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Alaska Democratic Party Proposal Statistics & Comparison

	State House			
	2013 Lines	Board v1	Board v2	ADP
Minority-Majority Districts	7	8	7	8
Minority >33% Districts	25	24	24	26
Native >50%	3	3	3	3
Native >33%	4	5	5	4
Native >25%	6	6	6	7
Avg. % Native per district	19.1%	19.3%	19.2%	19.2%
Avg. % White per district	59.3%	61.3%	61.3%	59.4%

	2013 Lines 2020 population	Board v1	Board v2	ADP
Statewide Map				
Deviation Range - Upper Bound	25.97%	4.45%	4.45%	5.25%
Deviation Range - Lower Bound	-11.53%	-5.82%	-5.82%	-4.48%
Deviation	37.50%	10.27%	10.27%	9.73%

	2013 Lines 2020 population	Board v1	Board v2	ADP
Fairbanks/Interior (includes HD 6)				
Deviation Range - Upper Bound	3.76%	4.45%	4.45%	3.26%
Deviation Range - Lower Bound	-11.53%	2.53%	2.53%	-4.05%
Deviation	15.29%	6.98%	6.98%	7.31%
FNSB (excludes HD6)				
Deviation Range - Upper Bound	3.76%	4.45%	4.45%	3.26%
Deviation Range - Lower Bound	-11.53%	4.25%	4.25%	-4.05%
Deviation	15.29%	8.70%	8.70%	7.31%

Anchorage	2013 Lines 2020 population	Board v1	Board v2	ADP
Deviation Range - Upper Bound	3.65%	1.85%	0.88%	4.59%
Deviation Range - Lower Bound	-10.29%	-2.23%	-4.71%	-4.48%
Deviation	13.94%	4.08%	5.59%	9.07%



Alaska Democratic Party Proposed Senate Districts

1. HDs 1+2
2. HDs 3+5
3. HDs 4+6
4. HDs 7+11
5. HDs 8+12
6. HDs 9+10
7. HDs 13+14
8. HDs 15+19
9. HDs 16+27
10. HDs 17+20
11. HDs 18+23
12. HDs 21+22
13. HDs 24+26
14. HDs 25+28
15. HDs 29+30
16. HDs 31+32
17. HDs 33+34
18. HDs 35+36
19. HDs 37+38
20. HDs 39+40

Alaska Democratic Party District Population and Deviation

DISTRICT	Total Population Tabulation			
	All Persons	Target	Dev.	Difference
1	18,778	18,335	2.42%	443
2	17,957	18,335	-2.06%	-378
3	18,932	18,335	3.26%	597
4	18,334	18,335	0.00%	-1
5	17,593	18,335	-4.05%	-742
6	18,389	18,335	0.30%	54
7	18,622	18,335	1.57%	287
8	18,014	18,335	-1.75%	-321
9	19,114	18,335	4.25%	779
10	18,302	18,335	-0.18%	-33
11	19,109	18,335	4.22%	774
12	19,297	18,335	5.25%	962
13	19,177	18,335	4.59%	842
14	19,091	18,335	4.12%	756
15	17,892	18,335	-2.41%	-443
16	18,273	18,335	-0.34%	-62
17	18,532	18,335	1.08%	197
18	18,176	18,335	-0.87%	-159
19	17,514	18,335	-4.48%	-821
20	18,362	18,335	0.15%	27
21	17,906	18,335	-2.34%	-429
22	18,365	18,335	0.16%	30
23	17,606	18,335	-3.97%	-729
24	18,101	18,335	-1.28%	-234
25	17,959	18,335	-2.05%	-376
26	17,804	18,335	-2.89%	-531
27	18,240	18,335	-0.52%	-95
28	18,521	18,335	1.02%	186
29	19,112	18,335	4.24%	777
30	19,120	18,335	4.28%	785
31	18,164	18,335	-0.93%	-171
32	18,304	18,335	-0.17%	-31
33	17,657	18,335	-3.70%	-678
34	18,410	18,335	0.41%	75
35	18,511	18,335	0.96%	176
36	17,708	18,335	-3.42%	-627
37	18,379	18,335	0.24%	44
38	18,452	18,335	0.64%	117
39	17,536	18,335	-4.36%	-799
40	18,078	18,335	-1.40%	-257
Assigned	733391			
Total Pop	733391			
Unassigned	0			