



February 14, 2022

Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), Klickitat County
205 S Columbus, Room 103
Goldendale, WA 98620

Re: Klickitat County 2021 Redistricting Plan

In our letters of December 21, 2021 and January 12, 2022 the Trout Lake Community Council (TLCC) expressed our community's concerns and dissatisfaction with the redistricting process and its subsequent outcome approved by the Klickitat County Board of Commissioners (BoCC) in December 2021.

We were provided a copy of the County Attorney's response to the request for a Superior Court Review filed by four Trout Lake residents. It was disappointing to see the County's response, essentially dismissing the validity of the concerns expressed by those constituents. It is particularly disappointing to see that the County continues to utilize compensatory fees which act as a barrier in limiting public engagement in this instance and in many other county programs (such as planning appeals). It is truly a disservice to your constituents.

Over the past month TLCC provided an opportunity for District 1 and District 2 voters to support a petition regarding the County's redistricting process and decision. Community members are especially dissatisfied that our community is still split into two Commissioner Districts and, as such, the County's redistricting plan fails to meet many of the requirements of RCW 29A.76.010, especially element (4)(e). As of this date, 113 residents have signed the petition. To our knowledge, three residents have sent letters to the BoCC regarding this topic. We have included those documents as attachments to this letter and request that you maintain these documents as an integral part of the County's public records files on the redistricting process.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chair, Trout Lake Community Council

Attachments: Trout Lake petition (15 pages); letters (3 pages)

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