

Dear Redistricting Advisory Committee,

Supervisor Gjerde kindly responded to my earlier comments to your committee sent Oct. 22, 2021 by sharing the cited map and associated data table you prepared Wed Oct. 20th. I feel the proposed new District 4 boundary is largely responsive to my earlier suggestions, though the population of eligible voters in that redefined area (17,522) still lags below the mean district target of 18,325.

I favor returning Caspar to District 4 (where it currently resides) to make up that population deficit.

District 5's deficit should be addressed by moving its boundary east into outlying portions of Districts 1 and 2, not by taken lands from District 4 which has the lowest population. District 5 shares a common agricultural base with Districts 1 and 2. Districts 1 and 2 still have populations over the mean as shown in Draft Map 7 and their common boundary with District 5 is the logical place to redefine boundaries to rebalance the populations in those 3 districts while ensuring state and federal guidelines are met.

Thank you for considering my suggestions. Please contact me if I can clarify my recommendations further.

best wishes, ~Thad