



**CITY OF BURIEN
AGENDA BILL**

Agenda Subject: Provide Direction for City's Comments on State Redistricting Plans		Meeting Date: October 10, 2011
Department: City Manager	Attachments: 1. <u>Letter to Commission</u> 2. <u>Commissioners' Plans</u> 3. <u>Map of Proposed Congressional Districts – So. County</u> 4. <u>Map of Proposed Legislative Districts</u> 5. <u>E-mail from Councilmember Block</u>	Fund Source: N/A Activity Cost: N/A Amount Budgeted: N/A Unencumbered Budget Authority: N/A
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Adopted Initiative: Yes No X	Initiative Description: N/A	
<p>PURPOSE/REQUIRED ACTION: City Councilmembers will continue discussion of the proposed State redistricting plans and discuss possible comments to provide to the State Redistricting Commission.</p> <p>BACKGROUND (Include prior Council action & discussion): At the October 3 meeting the Council discussed both the King County and State redistricting proposals. Councilmembers concurred with sending a letter to the King County Districting Committee expressing support for the Committee's proposed redistricting plan.</p> <p>In the City's letter to the State Redistricting Commission in August (see Attachment 1), the Mayor expressed the Council's preference to remain in two congressional districts and three state legislative districts (11, 33 and 34). At the Council's October 3 meeting, Councilmembers again expressed a preference for remaining in two congressional districts and three legislative districts.</p> <p>For the October 10 meeting Councilmembers have an additional opportunity to review the Commissioners' proposals for the Congressional and Legislative districts in the Puget Sound region (see Attachment 2). None of these proposals is expected to be the final version. For reference, two maps showing the differences among the four proposals as they relate to Burien are provided again (see Attachments 3 and 4).</p> <p>City Councilmember Block has suggested specific boundaries for the legislative district changes (see Attachment 5). The Commission would need to determine how to adjust these and neighboring districts to ensure that each district has a similar population size.</p> <p>The deadline for public comment on the State Commissioners' plans is October 11. The Commission members will continue to negotiate a final plan, with a goal of November 1; their deadline is the end of the year.</p> <p>OPTIONS (Including fiscal impacts):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reiterate the Council's preference that Burien be located in two congressional districts (7 and 9) and three legislative districts (11,33, 34), without specific boundary recommendations. 2. Request that Burien be included in its three existing legislative districts and in two congressional districts, specifying a preference for either remaining in District 9 or changing to a new District 10. 3. Request to remain in two congressional and three legislative districts and recommend boundary lines. <p>Administrative Recommendation: Continue discussion of the City's future congressional and legislative districts and provide direction for comments to the State Redistricting Commission.</p> <p>Committee Recommendation: N/A</p> <p>Advisory Board Recommendation: N/A</p> <p>Suggested Motion: None required.</p> <p>Submitted by: Lisa Clausen Administration </p> <p align="right">City Manager </p>		
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August 3, 2011

Lura Powell, Ph.D.
Chair, Washington State Redistricting Commission
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Olympia, WA 98504-0948

Dear Dr. Powell:

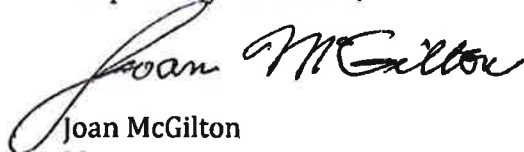
On behalf of the Burien City Council, I am writing to inform the Washington State Redistricting Commission of the City of Burien's preferences regarding redistricting.

Regarding the congressional districts, Burien has greatly appreciated the strong representation that it has received from both of our members of Congress, from the 7th and 9th Districts. Having Burien located in two congressional districts has proven very helpful for our community; we truly value the interest that both of our U.S. Representatives have taken in our issues of concern and the work that they have done on our behalf. We urge the Commission to maintain Burien in both the 7th and 9th Congressional Districts.

As for state legislative districts, the City of Burien respectfully requests that the State Redistricting Commission develop a plan that will allow Burien to remain in its current three districts. The Senators and Representatives from the 11th, 33rd and 34th Legislative Districts have provided the City excellent representation in Olympia. We sincerely hope that Burien will have the opportunity to continue to be represented by the legislative delegation that has served us so well during the past decade.

Thank you for considering the Burien City Council's position on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,


Joan McGilton
Mayor

cc: Washington State Redistricting Commission Members
Burien City Council Members

Congressional Plan: Puget Sound

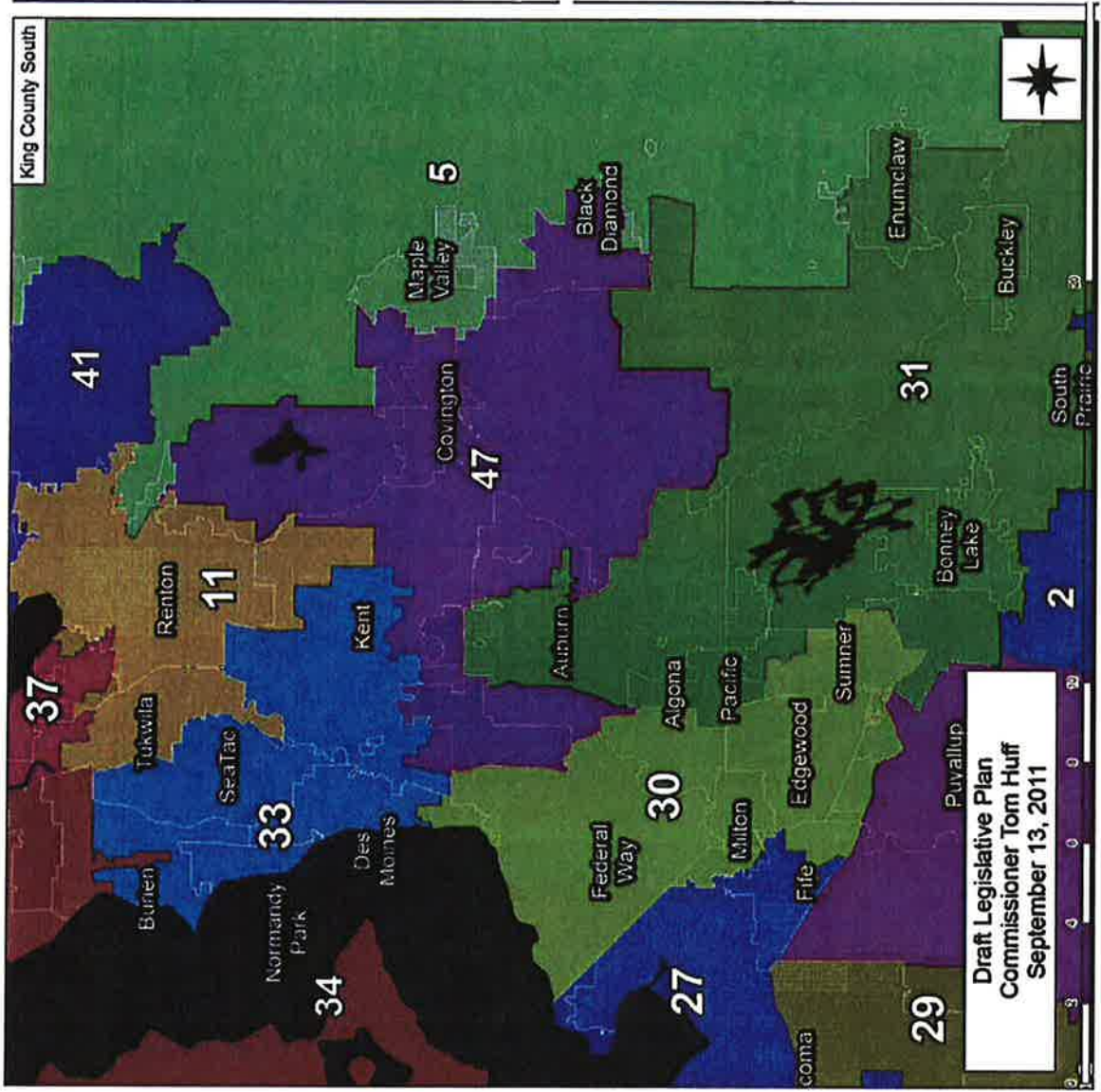


Draft Congressional Plan
Commissioner Tom Huff
September 13, 2011

CD7 remains within King County

CD10 : majority-minority district

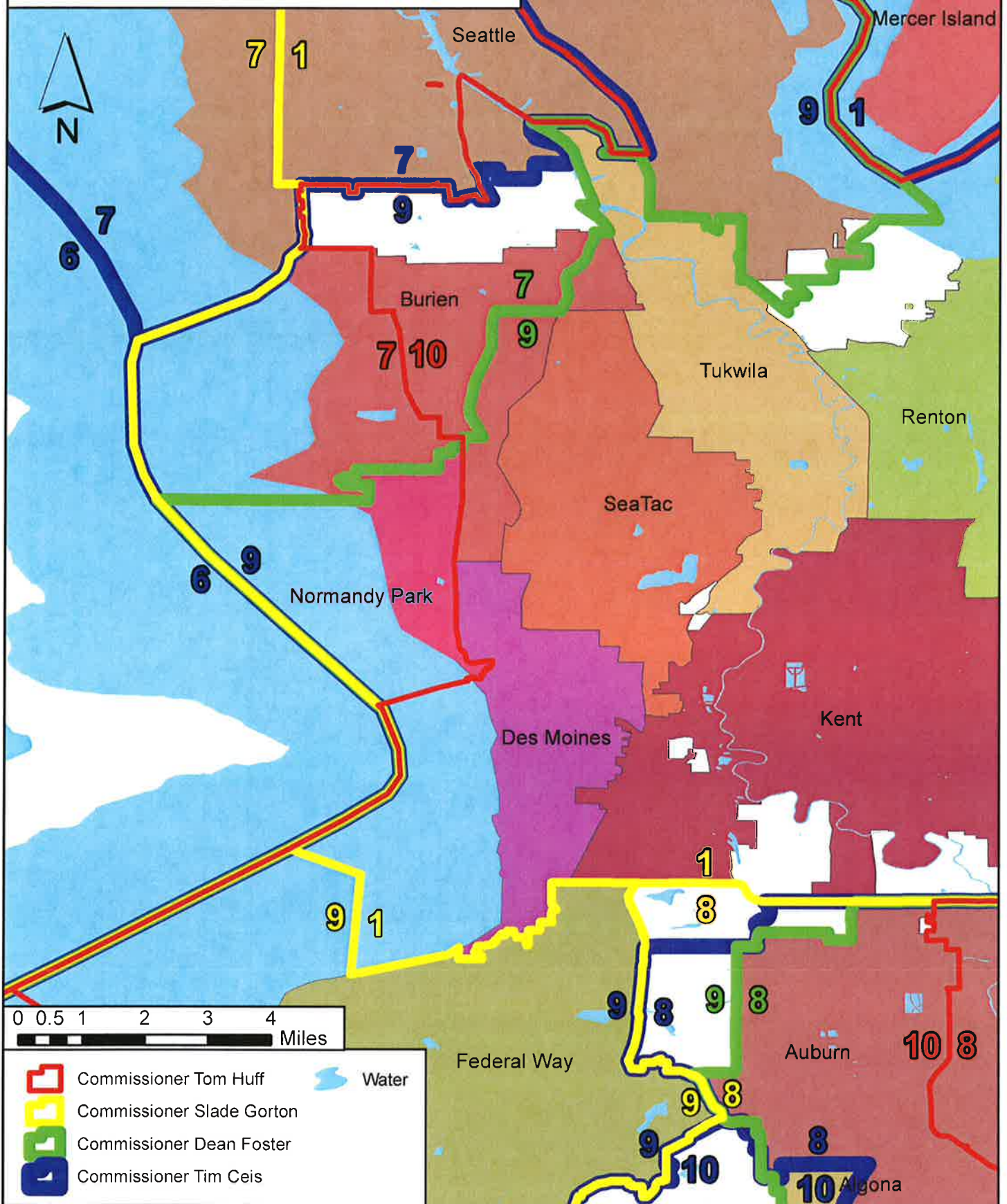
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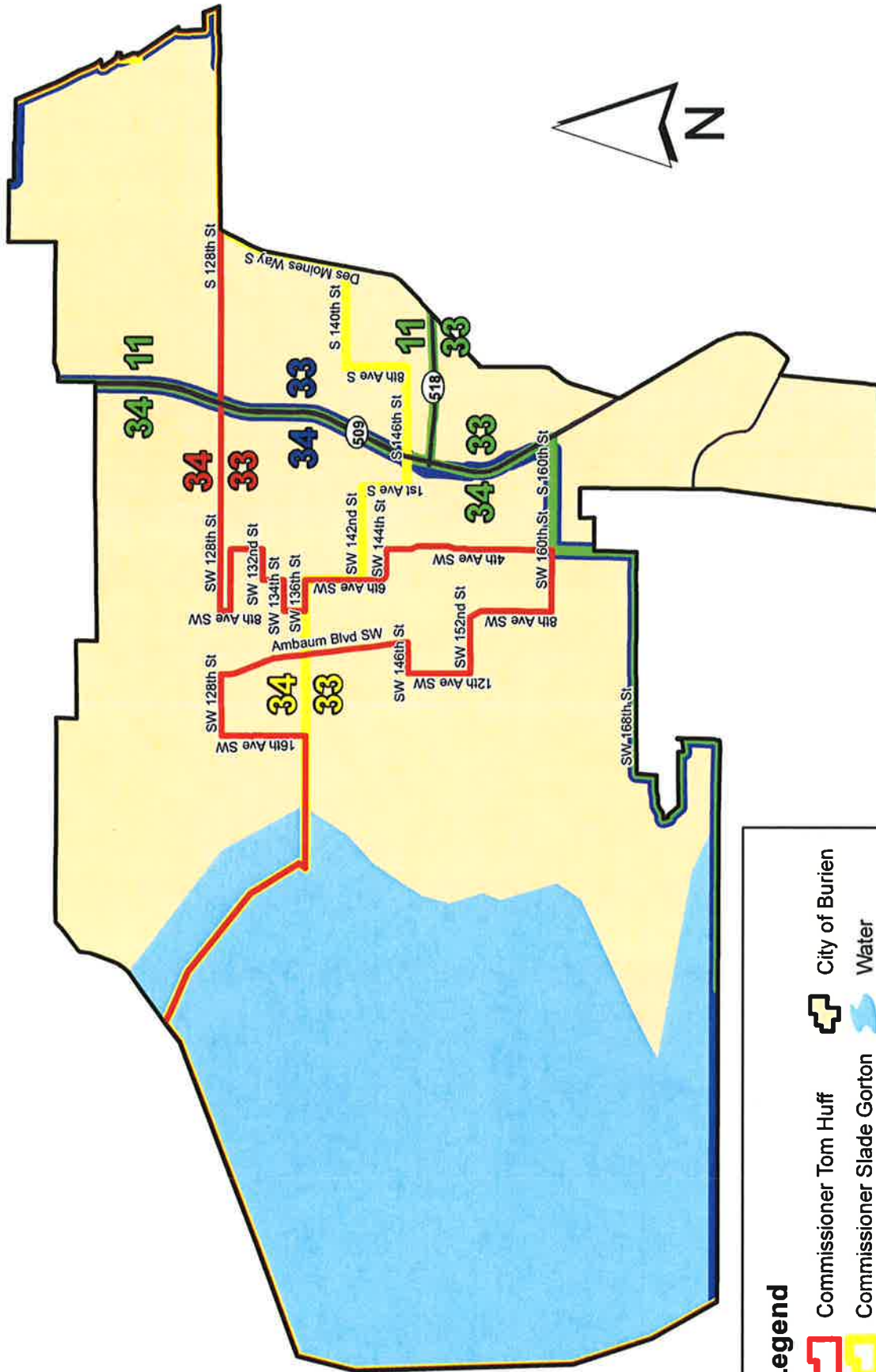
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Draft Congressional Plans: South King County



City of Burien: Effects of Draft Legislative Plans



Legend

- Commissioner Tom Huff
- Commissioner Slade Gorton
- Commissioner Dean Foster
- Commissioner Tim Ceis
- City of Burien
- Water



Lisa Clausen

From: Jack Block Jr.
Sent: Monday, October 03, 2011 11:13 PM
To: Council Members
Cc: Mike Martin; Lisa Clausen
Subject: Leg district borders

Howdy,

To follow through on my leg dist border suggestions, they are:

Within Burien, the North Border of the 33rd and South of the 34th should be 128th Ave SW and S through to SR 509, (eastern boundaries of both districts). The Western boundary of the 11th should run alongside of SR 509. This would allow us to continue relationships that the city has developed since incorporation, provide borders that are contiguous-limiting voter confusion, put enough precincts in each district that Burien would "matter", and also put the majority of the city in districts that represent of suburban cities, eliminating the worry of being overwhelmed by Seattle interests. As a fallback, and my personal preference; (the majority of the council wants to stay in three districts), a split between the 33rd and 34th, again with the border at 128th. Note: The Northern portion of the 11th lies within Seattle, but the majority of the district is beyond Seattle's borders.

Block

