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Looping Dan in here. I like it, could be doable. I think putting forward a proposal that's fair to everyone makes a lot of sense. We will have a hard, hard time defeating district only.

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Hey Lisa,

If people are going to bring up districts only elections, and are serious about it, this is what they should be thinking about. We need to get out in front of the district = fairness narrative as soon as that shoe drops (again).

3 districts as we have slices up THE major community of interest in Whatcom County (Bellingham), and, as such, violates a key principle of districting law. Doesn't matter now, but it would if those districts were used exclusively.

So, unfair, & potentially illegal (\$ to county for litigation).

Better plan:

The main communities of interest here are: 1) Bham (40% of population); 2) Ferndale/Lummi; 3) Lynden/Sumas; and 4) the east county. Fairness dictates that Bham gets two districts, Ferndale/Lummi/Blaine one, Lynden/Sumas one, east county one. Two other county council reps would serve at large.

Hence, my map.

It's a work in progress - but each is about 20% of the 2010 population (a bit over 40K pop). +/- 1K

Blue (Ferndale/Blaine) 48.4% Dem US Senate vote 2010

Green (Lynden/Sumas) 27.4% Dem

Purple (N. Bhan) 64.6% Dem

Red (S. Bham) 72.3% Dem

Yellow (East County) 54.8% Dem

That's a map for competitive County Council races. 2 At-large, the East County, & Ferndale districts would likely be competitive. The current 3 district map, as you know, would have 2 safe Ds in the 1st, & 2 safe R's in the 2nd - the old Soviet People's Congress (or the current US Congress).

Of course, the major issue drawing such maps is 'where do the incumbents live?' I ignored that for now.

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