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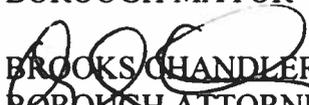
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** STEPHANIE SCOTT  
BOROUGH MAYOR

**FROM:**   
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**SUBJECT:** REDISTRICTING ALTERNATIVES

**DATE:** June 25, 2013

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This summarizes the proposed boundaries for the House and Senate districts that include the Haines Borough in the 12 alternative redistricting plans which will be the subject of public hearings and a decision by the Redistricting Board next month. Legal requirements are for House districts to have close to the same number of residents/registered voters. Two adjacent House districts make up a Senate district. In addition to equal populations, House and Senate Districts must be contiguous, “relatively compact” and include people that share “socio-economic” similarities. The contiguous and population requirements are objective. The other requirements are subjective. These factors are examined in greater detail in our May 17, 2012 memorandum.

There are 12 proposed plans. All “pair” the Haines Borough with Juneau in a proposed Senate district (District “P” in most of the plans). There are some differences in the proposed boundaries of the House district that includes the Haines Borough (variously numbered as District 31, 32 or 34). These differences are summarized below. All proposed districts include the Borough and Skagway. All but one also includes Gustavus.

Board Plans A, B, D. Include the Borough, Gustavus, Skagway, and the northern portion of the Mendenhall Valley in a single House district.

Board Plan C also includes Hoonah, Elfin Cove and Pelican and makes a slight variation in the portion of the Mendenhall Valley included in the District.

Board Plan E. The same as C except Tenakee Springs is added and there is another slight change in the portion of the Mendenhall Valley included in the District.

Board Plan F. Includes Elfin Cove, and Pelican (but not Hoonah and Tenakee) plus parts of Douglas with another change in the portion of Mendenhall Valley included in the District.

Board Plan G. This is the most dramatically different of the proposed Board plans. It substitutes an area in the southern part of Juneau for the northern Mendenhall Valley.

Private parties also submitted plans.

Alaskans for Fair and Equitable Redistricting. This plan excludes Gustavus and pretty much all of Juneau and includes Elfin Cove, Pelican (but not Hoonah or Tenakee), Angoon and Hobart.

Calista- A variation of the Board plans A, B and D which includes Elfin Cove and Douglas and alters the boundary of the Mendenhall Valley portion of the district.

Gasewood & Weiner (also known as “the Fairbanks Plaintiffs”). This is another significantly different proposed House district. It runs all the way to Yakutat, includes Elfin Cove, Pelican and Tenakee Springs and changes the boundary to include less of the Mendenhall Valley than the Board plans A, B and D.

Ketchikan Gateway Borough- submitted a plan but did not attempt to identify the boundary between House districts 31 and 32.

In our opinion, the main issues applicable to these plans will involve other parts of the State. We believe it is unlikely the Board will mix and match amongst the plans. For these reasons it is complete speculation for us to predict a favorite amongst the draft plans. Given that other issues which we have not spent time examining from other areas of the State will be critical to Court approval, it is also complete speculation to predict whether any particular plan would withstand a court challenge assuming the litigation will continue after the Board acts. Therefore, we advise the Borough to make its own determination of which configuration for the House district we feel is the best socio-economic “match” for the Borough and advocate for the plan which includes that configuration at the public hearings.