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Commission Meeting

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Comments:

Dear Commissioners,

I have read and reviewed the two redistricting proposals to be considered at tonight's meeting. They vary significantly in their organization and intent.

I am strongly concerned about the geographical outline of Plan D (Alternate). It creates districts that are confusing, are of conflicting interests (e.g., Sandia Pueblo and Corrales), and were drawn to strongly bias one political party. Secondly, the proposed structure puts the widely geographically separated Native American groups, except Sandia Pueblo, into a single District thereby effectively diluting their political representation. It also makes the unfounded assumption that the issues, needs, and concerns for these diverse Native American populations are the same. They are NOT, any more than those of whites, Hispanics and African Americans.

The Eichwald plan is not a Democrat or Republican plan. It offers an unbiased and competitive structure. District boundaries are defined by natural borders and traffic corridors. This more clearly reflects neighborhood issues and needs, unifies local neighborhoods with common issues, and is not artificially gerrymandered. The Eichwald plan also provides a more equitable representation of Native Americans. Overall, this plan affords the citizens of each District better representation by their commissioners – all while maintaining equitable population numbers.

As our commissioners, you were elected to serve the interests of ALL Sandoval County citizens, not a select interest group. From a perspective of fairness, I respectfully request you support the Eichwald redistricting plan. I am confident you will.

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