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Commission Meeting

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Comments:

The role of county commissions is to serve their constituents in a fair and impartial way. Commissioner's jobs are to create resources that enhance the quality of life and well-being of the communities they represent. Commissioners must be responsive to their voters and not the converse.

As a retired scientist, I expect important decisions affecting public resources to be data-driven, transparent, objectively analyzed, initiated by, discussed in-full with, and voted on by constituents, not gerrymandered with obvious bias to promote political gain for one party over another.

Mr. Rod Adair's redistricting proposal is neither impartial, unbiased, data-driven, nor responsive to the needs of the communities that will be affected by this ludicrous plan.

Splitting the communities of Bernalillo and Placitas into different districts, combining communities without contiguous geographic borders, and ignoring historic geographic boundaries and major roads will likely diminish resources needed by the community. Moreover, the plan pits members of one community against each other as they compete for precious and limited resources. This proposal renders small communities to second-class citizen status by splitting their citizen's votes and most importantly, consolidating Native American communities into one district that encompasses hundreds of square miles, would dilute the voices of the Pueblo People. Placing all of the pueblos into one district further disenfranchises Native American Peoples to seek and attain sorely needed resources that differ among their diverse communities to promote health, education, and socioeconomic equity. A prime example of a needed resource is expanding infrastructure to include broadband service and to provide additional resources to schools to achieve equity, diversity and inclusion. There is no rational justification for consolidating seven native pueblos into one district except to further disenfranchise native people who have suffered historic and continuous unequal resource allocation, health disparities, and inequities.

If a new redistricting plan must be voted on in the meeting of December 9th, I emphatically support Commissioner F. Kenneth Eichwald's plan which keeps changes minimal, is more congruent with nonpartisan redistricting principles, maintains geographically contiguous communities, and supports the continued representation of the Pueblo's First People in two districts. Please also consider the ramifications of the fact that redistricting will keep some citizens who will be moved to new districts from having the opportunity to vote for their commissioners for six years.

Respectfully submitted,
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