

Joe Woodson, Jr.

From: Mireya Reith <mireya.reith@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2011 2:58 PM
To: Joe Woodson, Jr.
Cc: Jose Rene Gomez; Steve Copley, Rev.; Tom Navin; Maura Lozano-Yancy; Alan Leveritt; Susana O'Daniel
Subject: July 19 proposals: Hispanic majority-minority district

July 25, 2011

Mr. Joe Woodson, Jr.
Redistricting Coordinator
Arkansas Board of Apportionment
Victory Building, Suite 160
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Dear Mr. Woodson:

On behalf of the Arkansas United Community Coalition (AUCC), we want to thank the Board of Apportionment for your efforts to inform and engage the Hispanic community of Arkansas in regards to the current redistricting process. Where we greatly appreciate the considerations that the Committee members have made to the creation of a Hispanic majority-minority district in Northwest Arkansas, we are writing to express concern about proposed District 93 in the Governor's July 19 proposal. We believe that District 93 makes inadequate progress in terms of reaching a critical Hispanic majority, maintaining comparable percentages of Hispanic and minority representation as its current 2000 House district lines. Furthermore, we are concerned that District 93 will not curb potential Hispanic vote dilution amongst proposed Districts 93 through 96 and the newly proposed District 4.

We continue to hope that the Reapportionment Committee will take the opportunity to be a positive national leader in the redistricting process, with states like Texas, Kansas and Wisconsin also addressing the creation of Hispanic majority-minority districts. It is our opinion that the July 19 proposals do not sufficiently take into account the population shifts identified by the census, in that Hispanics experienced a ten-fold population increase over the last two decennials and as of 2010 constitute over 6 percent of the state's population, 12 percent of Northwest Arkansas, 35 percent of the cities of Springdale and Rogers, and 41 percent of the Springdale and Rogers' K-12 school system. In this way, our research shows that a Hispanic majority-minority district would have the potential to bring over 60,000 new Hispanic voters and our first Hispanic state representatives into Arkansas' political representation framework.

We are appreciative of the efforts of the Reapportionment Committee to move the needle forward for the Hispanic community with regards to the redistricting process, and we hope that in this remaining week continued efforts might be made to affirm the Hispanic community as a community of interest, not only for this redistricting period but for the next ten years.

We thank you in advance for your consideration to this correspondence as well as the previous consensus letter that we had the privilege of submitting on behalf of over 50 organizations and concerned citizens in favor of a Hispanic majority-minority district in Arkansas.

Sincerely,

Mireya Reith, Executive Director

Jose Gomez, Chair, Board of Directors

Rev. Stephen Copley, Vice-Chair, Board of Directors

Alan Leveritt, Board Member

Tom Navin, Board Member

Maura Lozano-Yancy, Board Member

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Your Comments to the Board of Apportionment

PLEASE. . . what are you thinking. Do not divide Clark County. We should be represented by only 1 senator / representative. For instance. I live in the Amity area. I work in Arkadelphia. I do not know the current state representative that represents me because I do not work in the area. The citizens of Clark County will be better represented if we have ONE State Representative and ONE State Senator. Thank you in advance. Debbie Sorrells (Registered Voter).

Joe Woodson, Jr.

From: Barbara Garza <bjocg@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2011 1:36 PM
To: Joe Woodson, Jr.
Subject: Unified Lonoke County

Please keep all of Lonoke Count in one district. Senator Eddie Joe Williams is our senator and we want to keep him as our unified senator. He knows our count well and will do the best job.

Thank you
Barbara J. Garza
Cabot, Ar

Joe Woodson, Jr.

From: Sherrie Bogy <sbogy@boe-ar.com>
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2011 10:28 AM
To: Joe Woodson, Jr.
Subject: Redistricting of Lonoke County

My name is Sherrie Bogy and I live and work in England (the southern portion of Lonoke County). I do not want Lonoke County to split. This is ridiculous. Why is this even up for consideration? I feel like this will benefit (and only benefit) the northern part of Lonoke Co. As far as I know other counties are not doing this. Is this because the southern section is poorer than the northern??? Goodness!!! As I stated earlier this is ridiculous. Life is a great mixture of bad with the good, rich and poor!



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Joe Woodson, Jr.

From: Kathy Smith <kathysmith3782055@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2011 10:10 AM
To: Joe Woodson, Jr.
Subject: Redistricting

Mr Woodson,

Please relay this message to the Board of Apportionment. Please reconsider Randolph County. Splitting the county presents many representation disadvantages. We are a small county and the impact of splitting the county into 2-3 districts will be a disaster.

Kathy Smith
Sent from my iPad

Joe Woodson, Jr.

From: Rita Schmitz <ritaschmitz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2011 9:51 AM
To: Joe Woodson, Jr.

July 22, 2011

**Governor Mike Beebe
State Capitol Bldg. Room 250
Little Rock, AR 72201**

**cc: The Honorable Mike Beebe, A.G. Dustin McDaniel, Secretary of State Mark Martin,
Board of Apportionment Joe Woodson.**

On behalf of the citizens of Lonoke County, please accept this letter respectfully requesting Lonoke County, in its entirety, remain a part of State Senate District 28. County and municipal officials across the county have consistently worked to build and expand positive professional relationships that have benefited constituents for many years. Additionally, the current term of Senator Eddie Joe Williams has created even more collaborative and cooperative efforts countywide that should be maintained.

The Lonoke County Quorum Court approved a resolution (#2011-7) stating they do not agree with the "draft" redistricting plan for the State Senate Districts as presented by the Arkansas Board of Apportionment with respect to dividing said County into multiple Senate Districts.

For these reasons and many more, Lonoke County strongly desires to remain a part of Senate District 28. Thank you for all you do for the citizens in our state. If I can provide additional testimony on the redistricting of District 28, please do not hesitate to contact me immediately as I would appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance.

Sincerely,

**Lonoke County Judge
Doug Erwin**

Joe Woodson, Jr.

From: Sandie Duerson <SDuerson@agprocompanies.com>
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2011 9:40 AM
To: Joe Woodson, Jr.
Subject: Redistricting of Lonoke County

As a registered voter in Lonoke County I wish to make my voice heard regarding the split/redistricting of Lonoke County.

I favor keeping Lonoke County unified under one district-District 29 under Senator Eddie Joe Williams – NO SPLIT.

Sincerely,

Sandie Duerson

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Joe Woodson, Jr.

From: David Duch <dduch@aim.com>
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2011 8:39 AM
To: Joe Woodson, Jr.
Subject: re-district maps

Joe, I am unable to attend any meetings on this but as far as maps submitted, I will endorse the Governor or Attorney General's proposal. I will not endorse the other one.

Sincerely,

Mayor David Duch
City of Hazen

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Your Comments to the Board of Apportionment

I am very disappointed with the redistricting for Senate District 18 shown in the Governor's map and the Attorney General's map. The map has been drawn to take only a small portion of Perry County out of District 18. As you know, all of Perry County is currently in District 18. In fact, just enough of Perry County is removed from District 18 to remove Senator Jason Rapert from this District. I sincerely hope that you reconsider drawing this district line so that the majority of the people of District 18 will continue to have the opportunity to be represented by Senator Rapert. The Senator the people of District 18 elected to represent us in 2010.

I would like to thank the board for the countless hours spent working on redistricting. I know it is a tremendous undertaking and I sincerely thank you for your service to the people of Arkansas.

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Your Comments to the Board of Apportionment

Please keep the Senate Dist. for Lonoke County intact. Swap Part of White Co. with Lonoke Co. and leave us our Sen. Eddie Joe Williams.Thanks,

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Your Comments to the Board of Apportionment

The redistricting plan for Senate District 16 is truly unfair. If you asked for constituent suggestions and then completely ignore them, what is the point in asking. Even though you have decided to do this, there is still the Jeffers-Clinton law suit that you are totally ignoring. You are also ignoring the fact that the senior Monority Senator's map is to be drawn first and the rest of the state follows. How do you completely and blatantly disregard the rules of the offices you oversee. Do you think this is treating all of your Senators fairly. The entire United States continue to tell us Afro-Americans there are no race problems, but then we see the Governor and the Attorney General allowing something like this to happen to one of your Senators, Govenor Bebee. If you are not going to follow the rules then who will. Please go back and allow Senator Crumbly, the rightful option of having his district drawn first and the rest drawn after that. Northwest Arkansas does not represent all of the state and it is not the golden apple of the state. Northeast Arkansas along the Mississippi and the part of the state in which I live is the best part of the state. We love where we live and the entire state especially you Governor Beebe should feel the same. Do not make it so obvious that you are purposely attempting to give Senate District to a Caucasian candidate. From the drawing the populace make-up will be only 51% not 60%. We have our eyes wide open and see what you are doing.



PRAIRIE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
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July 21, 2011

Joe Woodson, Jr.
Redistricting Coordinator
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Re: Redistricting Maps

Dear Mr. Joe Woodson, Jr.:

After reviewing the new Redistricting Maps that are shown, the maps that best meet the needs of Prairie County and the ones that I am most happy with are the ones presented by Governor Beebe.

Prairie County's population is less than 8600 and the possibility of splitting the county up into different districts in both the House and Senate will upset the entire population.

If the County Judge has any input, please go with Governor Beebe's maps.

If I can be of any help, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Mike Skarda,
Prairie County Judge

MS:pm

Joe Woodson, Jr.

From: Shannon Hollis <shannon@englandfitnesscenter.com>
Sent: Friday, July 22, 2011 11:00 AM
To: Joe Woodson, Jr.
Cc: Mark Darr; Governor; OAG@arkansasag.gov
Subject: Proposed Map districts 28 and 29

I have sent an e-mail to the Governor and was told to send it to you (Mr.. Woodson). I have copied a few others.

Southern Lonoke County, England, AR, in particular has worked tiredly for the past 5 years to unify Lonoke County.

The new proposed map shows that the southern part of Lonoke County will be taken out of district 29 and put into district 28.

It is my understanding that the reason this is happening is to "create a job" for someone in the Governors old district.. Perhaps a favor or a cushion for things to come? It seems very convenient that these changes were requested to take place after the Governor was reelected for his last tern. What does he have to loose or whom does he have to answer to now for his actions? Lonoke County has worked very hard to unite our county in the past 5 years and made progress. Lonoke County Citizens feel united again and work together to make progress. **This proposed plan will negate any progress we have made.**

On the proposed plan map a portion of white county was put into district 29, Eddie Joe Williams district, yet you removed the southern portion of Lonoke County to give to someone who lives in white county. Eddie Joe Williams lives in Lonoke County. Why can it not be remapped to give that portion of White County to District 28 and give all of Lonoke County to Eddie Joe Williams in District 29? That is my question, Why can this switch not happen to keep Lonoke County Unified? The population should not be significant. After visiting with both parties it is my understanding that both parties are in agreement to the switch. Why will the Governor not allow this switch to keep a hard working Lonoke County Unified. Lonoke County is very close to Little Rock and is growing. England's has made much progress to draw those whom work in Little Rock to our community. England is a very easy commute for those whom work in our states capitol area. Please reconsider this proposed plan to keep Lonoke County Unified.

Thank You,

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Your Comments to the Board of Apportionment

We, in England, Arkansas understand that the committee of three in the Redistricting process want to change districts 28 and 29, Searcy and Lonoke counties, perhaps for personal reasons. We love Eddie Joe Williams in England, Arkansas. Why change what works? Thank you for your help/

Johnnie King

Sincerely,

Joe Woodson, Jr.

From: Johnnie King <kingjohnnie40@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, July 22, 2011 10:37 AM
To: Joe Woodson, Jr.
Subject: Redistricting

Dear Mr. Woodson,

It has come to my attention that the committee of three want to change districts 28 and 29. We, in England, Arkansas love Eddie Joe Williams, no matter what one committee member thinks. We are satisfied with him and want him to remain as our senator. We are thinking ahead to the next election and want to elect who we want. Why change what works? Please help us. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Johnnie King

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Your Comments to the Board of Apportionment

It has come to my attention that Districts 28 and 29 are being changed by the committee of three, Searcy and Lonoke counties. We love Eddie Joe Williams. Why change what works. We would like for personal interests
to be left out of this. Thanks for your help.
King
Sincerely,
Johnnie

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July 21, 2011

The Honorable Mike Beebe, Governor of Arkansas

The Honorable Mark Martin, Secretary of State of Arkansas

The Honorable Dustin McDaniel, Attorney General of Arkansas

c/o Joe Woodson, Jr.

By email to: joe.woodson@arkansas.gov

1401 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 160

Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Members of the Board of Apportionment:

This letter is an appeal to urge that you not divide the City of Maumelle into two or three State House and Senate Districts. Maumelle has a unique community camaraderie and interests that are those of a fast growing suburban area. We have very little in common with the areas where you would stuff parts of our city with rural agricultural interests.

Conway County, Perry County and Van Buren County are far different from Maumelle. The worst possible reason for creating the new districts is for political purposes. It appears that is blatantly what is proposed. The redistricting criteria approved by the courts is stated as

“The Courts have held that, where possible, it is preferable to minimize splitting political subdivisions such as counties, cities and voting precincts. In other words, where it is possible, it is better to keep whole counties, cities and voting precincts intact.”

Also included,

“Preservation of communities of interests describes the goal of maintaining a group of people in a specific geographic area where those individuals share common interests, i.e. common economic, social, cultural, ethnic, religious or even political interests.”

Apparently you have not viewed these maps with an eye to following that logic. This CANNOT have been considered here as Maumelle is being cut up like a pie stolen off the neighbor's windowsill.

I join all the other citizens of Maumelle in urging that you **not** split our City- consider the court holdings and follow their guidance.

Sincerely,

Bilenda Harris-Ritter

Joe Woodson, Jr.

From: mike freeze <kkeo@centurytel.net>
Sent: Friday, July 22, 2011 12:37 PM
To: Joe Woodson, Jr.
Subject: Lonoke County

Dear Mr. Woodson:

I have been told that you are the person to contact concerning the proposal to split Lonoke County into two different state senate districts. The citizens of Lonoke County worked hard ten years ago to finally get our county back into a single state senate district after having it split up into various state senate districts since the Civil War. Please reconsider this proposal and do not split Lonoke County up this time.

Sincerely,
Mike Freeze
Keo Fish Farm, Inc.