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Colorado Redistricting: Become Involved

The process of redrawing the lines for Colorado's seven US Congressional Districts is underway. A bi-partisan Joint Select Committee on Redistricting composed of 5 senators and 5 representatives, including our House District 58 Representative Don Coram, is already meeting and hopes to have a plan to propose to the Legislature by mid April.

Due to shifts in population reported by the 2010 Census data new lines must be drawn. The criteria for each district are based on constitutional and statutory guidelines. Each district is to be equal in population with no more than a 5% deviation. Districts should be contiguous, compact and based on communities of interest which include ethnic, cultural, economic, trade area, geographic, and demographic interest areas.

Public hearings are planned throughout the state from Feb 18 to March 25 including one for District 3 to be held on March 19th in Grand Junction. At present this is scheduled to be held at Mesa State College, College Center, Ballroom South, 1100 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501 from 9:00 AM – Noon. Check the committee's website www.colorado.gov/redistricting for directions and or changes in time or location. Written testimony may be submitted via email to ConRedist2011@state.co.us or mailed to Redistricting Staff, 200 E. Colfax, Denver, CO 80203.

The League of Women Voters of Montrose promotes an open and transparent redistricting process and encourages citizens to get involved in this process as it will determine our election districts until the next census in 2020. Current information on redistricting may be found at www.colorado.gov/redistricting.

Redistricting for Colorado's state senate and house districts will be done by a Reapportionment Commission to be appointed later this spring that will work through the summer. This process is precisely outlined in our State Constitution as to requirements and time lines.

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