



Nevada Legislature

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Nevada Legislature
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Dear Minority Leaders McGinness and Goicoechea:

It has come to our attention that after the Committees on Legislative Operations and Elections voted to draft a bill for the Republican proposed maps, they have yet to be released to public workstations. When we inquired as to the reason, we were told that Legislative Counsel Bureau staff had been specifically told they were only to draft a bill and not to release any block assignment data or other information to anyone – that anyone requesting such data should be referred to the office of State Senator Barbara Cegavske.

As you are well aware, the Committees on Legislative Operations and Elections have taken countless steps to ensure fair public participation and transparency with regard to the redistricting process. The Democratic proposals for redistricting, as well as publicly submitted plans were all released to public workstations upon being presented. Republican proposals have received two joint public hearings yet no block assignment data has been released. It is important that the public has unrestricted access to view and analyze all plans.

Furthermore, under the Joint Standing Rules adopted unanimously by both chambers, we believe any proposal must be placed on public workstations immediately.

Rule 13.6.1(b) states: The redistricting committees shall seek and encourage - (b) The widest range of public input into the deliberations relating to those activities.

Rule 13.6.6 states: The redistricting committees shall make available for review by the public, copies of all maps prepared at the direction of the committee.

Lastly, once the Committees on Legislative Operations and Elections voted to proceed with a bill, each became a committee bill and therefore available to the people of Nevada.

We hereby formally request that you voluntarily and immediately request that the Legislative Counsel Bureau release these maps and block assignment files to public workstations and to any member of the public who requests such information.

Respectfully,


Senate Majority Leader Steven Horsford


Assembly Speaker John Ocegüera