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Hi Grace,

Thanks for answering my question yesterday about the residency requirements. I'm writing this morning in regard to Paul Huetter's comment about a majority native American district. I think the idea aligns very well with the priorities of the fair maps act, as the most important consideration after not having islands is not breaking up communities of interest so as to allow for fair and effective representation. I saw that under the CA constitution a 'community of interest' is contiguous, so a reservation is one but all the reservations are not one, but instead they are five distinct but pretty related - and in a lot of ways similar - communities of interest. Still, the underlying emphasis of the fair maps act is to provide for fair and effective representation, and I would argue that grouping distinct but very similar communities of interest is more in line with the priorities of the fair maps act than, say achieving geographical compactness.

I tinkered with the Inyo County mapping software and it actually seems quite possible to make a map with such a district, stretching from the Bishop reservation down to the Lone Pine Reservation east of 395, picking up the Big Pine and Fort Independence reservations along the way, and then sweeping over to the Timbisha lands at furnace creek via Keeler and Darwin - and to have the numbers come out within 5% of 3792.

I hope that County staff will create a map incorporating this idea for consideration (I did save my ArcGIS shapefiles, but there was overlap between my districts and a number of other issues. The GIS folks at the county would be much better able to implement the concept into a map for consideration).

Thanks,

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