

Minority Report: Summary

Attached please find a detailed Minority Report. I would ask all Council members to please take the time to read the detailed rationale for our position. This summary will summarize our position and serve as an introduction to the full report.

We believe the Seven District Plan, summarized in the Minority Report and in the maps previously sent to you, is the preferred method for the upcoming redistricting for the following reasons:

1. It fully accomplished all of the objectives for the Redistricting Committee set by the Council and by Committee Chair Holden.
2. It accomplishes these objectives with less disruption to our voters.
3. It accomplishes these objectives without creating unbalanced districts from either a population or representation standpoint but by having districts of nearly equal population and equal representation.
4. The majority Plan (Four District Plan) changes voting districts for 50% of our population while the Minority seven district plan changes the voting districts of 13% of our population.
5. The minority plan meets all the requirements of the "one person one vote" rule and does so with a plan that is on its face, less likely to be the subject of either (or both) a referendum or a legal challenge.
6. It preserves the current strong minority representation element of our Council whereas the Majority plan would destroy the concept of minority representation as well as diminish the influence of any individual Council member.
7. It preserves much more thoroughly the current districts as well as the current representative-constituent relationships chosen by our voters.

Please note, that the "savings" that may occur under the majority plan cannot be guaranteed and that the "increased voter choice" cited by the majority will in all likelihood result in voter confusion and longer lines at the polls.

There is no outcry from our Citizens for a major restructuring of our current voting districts. The current system has worked well in Trumbull as evidenced by the fact that when voters want change they are able to accomplish change and that Trumbull has won awards for voter participation. The Minority Seven District Plan meets all of the requirements of the Council, is better for our voters and preserves a system that has served our Citizens very well. The Majority Four District Plan should be rejected in favor of the Seven District Plan. Thank You.

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