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Dear District,

As was discussed in our February 3<sup>rd</sup> letter to districts, 2010 Decennial Census results have been dispersed to all applicable jurisdictions, and the actual work of redistricting has now begun. This letter is a follow up to that first letter, discussing soon-to-occur events related to redistricting, and other pertinent points.

## **Dates/Deadlines**

Some deadlines that were known only generally at the time of our first letter are now known specifically. The most important of these deadlines for your purposes is that **all local redistricting plans must be completed and turned in to the county auditor by December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011**. Also, the May 7<sup>th</sup> deadline to turn in district changes in order to have them incorporated into 2011 elections has now passed, so all changes will be implemented in 2012.

Upcoming redistricting related events include the following:

- June 6<sup>th</sup> – 10th, 2011: Candidate filing.
- June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 9:30 AM: Informational redistricting presentation to Skagit County Board of County Commissioners – districts and the general public are invited.
- **December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011: All local jurisdictions' redistricting plans turned in to Skagit County Auditor.**

We will inform you of other important dates, deadlines, and requirements as they become relevant.

## **Data Standards**

When you turn in your new district line data to the Skagit County Auditor's Office no later than December 8<sup>th</sup> 2011, the format in which you give us this data must be as described in attached document, "Skagit County Redistricting Data Standards." This document was created by Skagit County's Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Department, and if you have any questions about it, please contact Skagit County GIS Manager Geoff Almvig at:

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## **Census Data in iMap**

To assist your redistricting efforts, Skagit County GIS has put census block data into the publicly available iMap system. Districts are encouraged to use this system if needed as an aid in redistricting. Document "Skagit County Redistricting Data Standards," included with this letter and mentioned above, contains directions on how to use iMap with census block data to assist redistricting. Again, if you have any questions about how to use iMap, please contact GIS Manager Geoff Almvig as described above.

## **Miscellaneous**

Another important note is that costs related to redistricting are part of voter registration costs, and will be appropriately billed as such.

We encourage you to contact us with your concerns or questions.

Sincerely,

David Cunningham  
Skagit County Elections Supervisor