

PRESENTATION TO REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION
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My name is Maxine Berg, I live in South Longmont. From 1989 to May 1994 I worked as a receptionist for the House of Representatives in the State of Colorado. I also worked 2 1/2 years for the New York State Senate and several years in state offices of various states. In 1994 my husband's job took us away from Colorado.

We returned upon his retirement in 2006, I was alarmed to see how Longmont had been divided into 4 HD's. Each of these HD's snake through the countryside and connect with people many miles away. One can only speculate as to the reasoning for such an irrational plan. One effect of this is that elections are extremely contentious, working the polls as an election judge has become a battleground trying to follow election laws and rules as we are taught in the training before each election. What used to be a pleasant "civic" duty is now a day of strife.

One also has to ask what the people of East and South Longmont have in common with people in Louisville and Lafayette? What do people of North and East Longmont have in common with North Boulder? What do people living North of Hwy 66 have in common with people in Idaho Springs? How does this fit the criteria of having "contiguous election precincts"? How does this fit keeping "communities of interest together"? It is time for you as a commission to look at the City of Longmont and follow the guidelines for creating the district such as: community of interest, compact district, etc, and use the "laws" created for determining the House and Senate Districts following the census in 2010. It is time to create a primarily Longmont HD.