

Town of Crested Butte

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Reapportionment Committee
Mario Carrera, Chair
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Dear Committee Members,

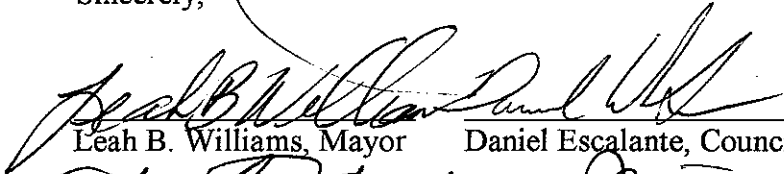
The Crested Butte Town Council has reviewed the recommendation to split Gunnison County into two Colorado House Districts. We are very concerned with this recommendation and believe implementation of this proposal will have negative impacts on the citizens and municipalities of Gunnison County.

The residents, municipalities and special districts of Gunnison County share common interests and a unified identity that would be harmed if the county were split into two districts. We have voter-approved tax-funded programs such as the Rural Transportation Authority and the Tourism Association which are governed by elected officials of all three municipalities and the county. Gunnison County also shares a common school district and the health care services of the Gunnison Hospital. Other entities such as the library district, Western State College, senior services and many mission based non-profit organizations all provide services to the entire county.

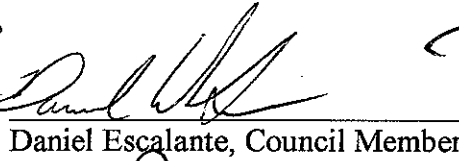
The Town of Crested Butte has a long history of working with other communities in Gunnison County on common interests such as economic development, environmental initiatives, land preservation, education and tourism. Stakeholders from all areas of the county often jointly participate in leadership forums and the implementation of county-wide initiatives concerning shared interests such as critical water issues, affordable housing and quality of life. There is no doubt that the municipalities of Gunnison County are "communities of interest" and splitting our county of 15,000 residents into different house districts would dilute our representation in the state political arena. It would be very confusing for voters to know who their representatives are and having two representatives in the State House representing different parts of the county would diminish the shared voice of the entire county.

We believe it is critical that representation for all Gunnison County constituents be maintained in a single State House district. We urge you to seriously reconsider the recommendation and recognize how important this issue is to the unity of our County.

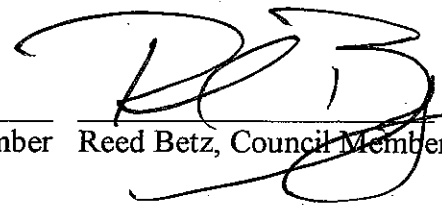
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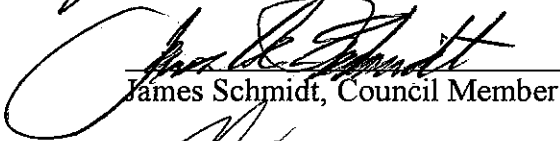
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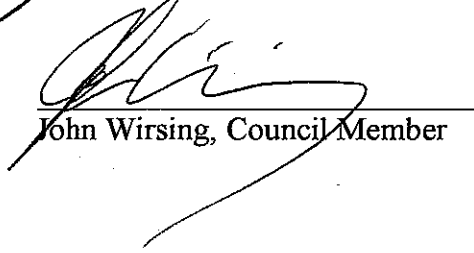
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James Schmidt, Council Member



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