



PO BOX 5800 MT. CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO 81225-5800

PHONE: 970.349.6632 FAX: 970.349.6326

August 2, 2011

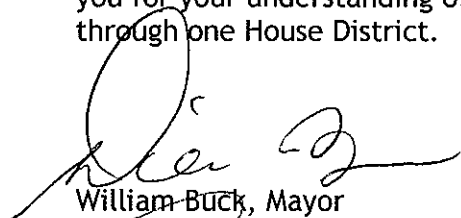
Colorado Reapportionment Commission
 Mario Carrera, Chairman
 1313 Sherman Street, Office 122
 Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Chairman Carrera and Commission Members,

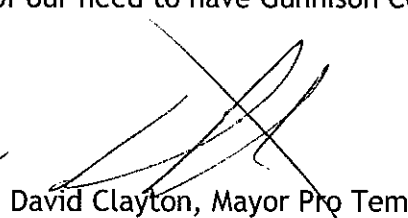
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed revision to House District 61 boundaries. Following the leadership and direction of Governor John Hickenlooper, stakeholders from our "Communities of Interest" in Gunnison County have been working on an Economic Development Plan as part of Colorado's bottom-up call to action economic planning. This economic development plan encompasses the entire Gunnison County. We are extremely concerned on how Gunnison County is shown to be split between neighboring counties since this would divide our "Communities of Interest" hampering our ability to execute our 5 key strategies: Encourage Growth of Existing Businesses and Industries, Diversify Economic Base, Increase Tourism Activity, Create a More "Business Friendly" Climate, and Create New Higher Paying Jobs.

Additionally Gunnison County has only 15% privately owned land and our "Communities of Interest" work closely together through one school district, one county hospital located in Gunnison, one Library District, a voter approved and sales tax supported regional air and ground transportation system, a major county wide tourism industry supported by one Local Marketing District, unification of critical water issues through the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District, plus our County is the home of Western State College which is an integral part of our entire county. This list is only the tip of the iceberg that highlights why we are a "Community of Interest" that should remain whole.

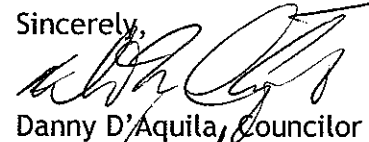
We strongly believe that our "Communities of Interest" will receive full representation in the State of Colorado political arena only through our County remaining one district. Thank you for your understanding of our need to have Gunnison County's citizens represented through one House District.



William Buck, Mayor



David Clayton, Mayor Pro Tem

Sincerely,

 Danny D'Aquila, Councilor

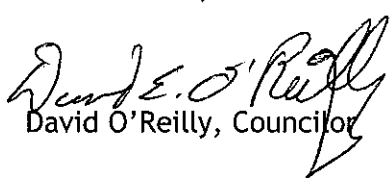


Andrew Gitin, Councilor

Absent
 Gary Keiser, Councilor



Chris Morgan, Councilor



David O'Reilly, Councilor