

ZOOM Testimony of Don Hossler for Legislative Re-Districting Committee 1-7-22

Good morning, Chairman Nordenberg, Leaders McClinton, Ward, Benninghoff, and Costa. I have lived in the same voting precinct for 48 years in Dauphin County. My current state Senatorial District is District 48 and District 106 for state Rep. Evidence of my concern about redistricting is my testimony to the House and Senate State Gov. Committees in June of 2011 and a desire to follow the PA State Constitution when drawing lines of legislative districts.

I have viewed most of the 2021-22 LRC sessions and appreciate the work of each member of the LRC and the leadership of Chair Nordenberg.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my view today.

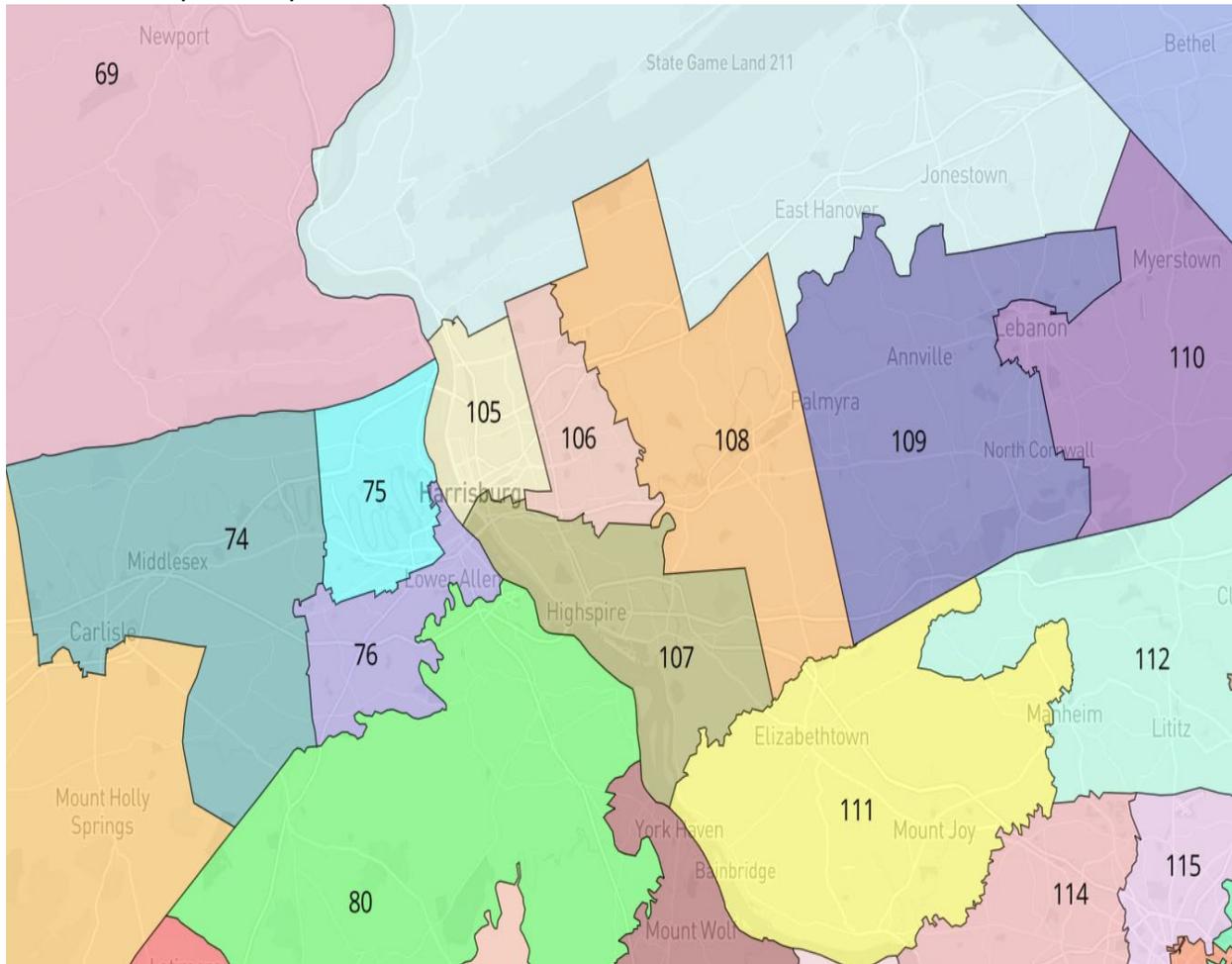
LRC SENATE MAP-Dauphin county-no further comment.

LRC HOUSE MAP-Dauphin County

Please consider utilizing the Fair Districts Pa. People s Map for all the dauphin county house districts which consists of districts 105, 106, 107 and 108.

https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1uw6ZPXmmJNzWGYVdSNPw4A_sJ_6Byxd&ll=40.552463750538635%2C-76.65100004813371&z=10

Click box "proposed peoples house map" on link above. FAIR DISTRICTS PA HOUSE Peoples map submitted to the LRC.



FAIR DISTRICTS PA. HOUSE MAP (FDPAHM) creates the Susquehanna River/Amtrak/Route 230 corridor state rep. district (107) that brings Londonderry Twp. back to Dauphin County from Lancaster County representation, focuses on the commercial, industrial and residential community mix adjacent to the Susquehanna River and does not dilute the racial/ethnic diversity of that area.

FDPAHM district 107 is a major transportation hub to/from Harrisburg, has common interests in recreational, environmental, river/tributaries, commercial, industrial and residential mix of infrastructure and a diverse racial / ethnic mix of persons residing in the area.

Route 230 originates in Lancaster and concludes in Harrisburg. Route 230 in dauphin county traverses FDPAHM district 107 to Harrisburg. Capital area transit bus #7 begins on route 230 on the eastern part of Middletown, travels through Penn state hbg, Harrisburg international airport, lower Swatara township, highspire, steelton and Harrisburg. When one rides bus #7 from Middletown to Harrisburg the connectedness that each municipality has to each other is very clear. On display is a tremendous mix of industrial, commercial, residential areas, the diverse racial and ethnic composition of the residents as each municipality directly adjoins the next in FDPAHM district 107.

These adjoining communities have similar issues: downtown business areas, common transportation, infrastructure needs, proximity to Harrisburg international airport, Amtrak, three-mile island nuclear facility, employment and cultural activities in Harrisburg, Penn state Harrisburg and the Susquehanna River. Over the last 2 decades conversations have occurred about combining some of the FDPAHM district 107 law enforcement agencies.

One state Representative would create greater opportunity for focused collaboration on ALL local issues of the connected communities. I believe FDPAHM district 107 aligns with Article 2, Section 16 of the PA State Constitution.

To Summarize: FDPAHM district 107 is compact, contiguous and has connected communities of interest that creates an opportunity for a state representative to help maximize the quality of life for all constituents.

Additionally: I realize the LRC is formulating state senate and rep. districts however Pennsylvania would have lost more than one congressional seat had it not been for the rapidly growing Black, Latino, and Asian-American populations. I ask the LRC to continue to demonstrate a commitment to ensuring that Pennsylvanian's have an opportunity to elect senate and representative candidates that truly represent all the citizens of Pa. over the next ten years. Splintering Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton and Reading related to a race/ethnicity should be scrutinized.

Thank you for this opportunity to discuss my observations for consideration, in this most difficult task that each of you are diligently working through.

Thank you.