

## Community Comment

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Received 10/17/10

Hi Duane,

Nichole can correct me if I'm wrong but the Commission is allowing public comments until tomorrow night. It is a formality at this point since the Commission will meet on Monday at 5pm to vote on sending the final map to the City Council for approval. After collecting more than 60 public comments, majority of which asked for the east west split on Broadway to create the river district, the Commission voted not to formally review the alternate map.

Since the District Commission decided not to keep communities of interest together, the People of the River will exist within 2 separate districts.

We achieved great things in spite of hitting an ideological stonewall in the Commission. We signed a joint statement between Lowell, Riverside, Delta, and Port Gardner. Also the Council of Neighborhoods voted on its first ever resolution. The CoN supported the creation of the River District with zero votes in opposition.

For the future I suggest we hold candidate forums for district 1 and 2 council seats to give them a chance to hear our concerns. We can also advocate together on public works, traffic issues and completing the riverfront trail to join our neighborhoods together among other things.

No need to copy Nichole in future emails. We can keep this conversation going between neighborhood leaders and EDN.

Kindly,  
Ryan Weber - Delta  
206-953-7515

Received 9/23/20

### **District Commission Must Ensure Representation for the People of the River**

Lowell-Riverside-Delta-Port Gardner Joint Statement

As residents of the neighborhoods along the Snohomish River, we urge the District Commission to form the Everett River District east of Broadway to keep communities of common interest together.



We have heard the Commission prioritize “compactness”

and “population deviation” as the most important factors disregarding the additional criteria. According to the districting criteria, boundaries shall to the extent possible preserve existing communities of related and mutual interest to the extent feasible. According to the public survey, language and income groups were recognized as important communities of interest. The current map disregards these interests. The alternate map was approved by the District Master but the Commission refused to bring it as an option to the public.

We do not believe that Lowell and Metro Everett belong in the same district as they represent very different constituents with different concerns.

Accordingly, Delta and Riverside do not belong with Northwest as this pairs one of the most affluent areas with some of the most diverse and lower income areas.

City investments and infrastructure from parks to schools to sidewalks have always favored the West side.

In the last 40 years the vast majority of councilmembers have lived West of Broadway and Evergreen way along Grand Avenue, Rucker Hill and west of Forest Park. Lowell has never had representation.

The People of the River deserve representation. Just one seat at the table is all we ask.

Signed,

Rolf Vitous – Riverside Neighborhood Chair

Gail Chism – Lowell Civic Association former Chair

Duane Steig – Lowell Civic Association current Chair

Andrea Tucker – Port Gardner Neighborhood Chair

Ryan Weber – Delta Neighborhood Vice-Chair

Received 9/21/20

What neighborhood do you live in? Delta

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When districting was proposed, it sounded good in theory. When it came on the ballot, I voted against it. We feared the people in neighborhoods like ours with less money and representation would now have less power in our vote. Districts took our ability to vote for all 7 council members and stripped it to 3 - 2 at large and 1 for our own district. We were promised this would somehow give us a more potent voice, with a district representative who would understand our neighborhood. Now the districting commission is lumping the poorer and immigrant-filled neighborhoods east of Broadway like Delta and Riverside in with the Northwest neighborhood, which has historically held the most power and money in the city. How does this map benefit the population districting promised it would help? Council and the districting commission need to listen to the voices east of Broadway.

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Received 9/21/20

What neighborhood do you live in?

Twin Creeks

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Hi Nichole,

On another note, please forward the following to the District Commissioners.

The ongoing Pandemic has stifled the people's voices with many people unable to use the given technology to provide public comments. I noted quite a few callers who were unable to unmute to speak and countless others who were too confused by the instructions to participate. I used MS Teams for the first time this year when my daughter used it for online schooling but doubtless many others have never used it. Calling also poses a challenge as many have never participated in a conference call. The instructions to join and to unmute are a challenge to speakers of English as a second language, elderly and other marginalized groups.

Since the District Commission, through no fault of their own, was unable to conduct in person hearings in the proposed districts I implore the Commissioners to do more than just 'drive around'. Talk to 10 real live people in Lowell, Delta and Riverside. Ask Lowell residents if they know they are being combined with Rucker Hill/Metro Everett? Do they have anything in common? Ask Riverside and Delta if they know they are being combined with Northwest, Grand A

What neighborhood do you live in?      Twin Creeks

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ve and the Marina? Do they have anything in common?

The answers will be revealing. They feel that the city (Commission) has already made the decision and does not care about them as has been evident for decades.

With great power comes great responsibility. Please do all that you can to know these neighborhoods that you are pairing together against their will.

Kindly,  
Ryan Weber  
Wrong Side of Broadway

Received 9/18/20

Hi Nichole,  
Thank you for putting together the online public hearings. I hope the Commission will now discuss the possibility of a hearing in Spanish as discussed in the 9/14 Public Hearing.

**Administrative notes.**

I would like confirmation of future District Commission meeting dates and times with instructions on how these meetings can be accessed by the public.

In the links to public comments from the Public Hearings, please provide full written transcripts rather than summaries of statements. I do not know who summarized the statements but they do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the person who spoke.

In addition, please ensure that all public comments are available through the link. Currently it only goes back to 7/16, leaving out a significant number of comments received earlier.

**The following people provided comments from 7/16 and prior:**

Terri Amburgy  
Regan Beal  
Mike Dippery  
David Simpson  
Citlalli Zarate  
Rod Amburgy  
Cat Snapp  
Christina Hines and Troy Hines  
Linda War Bonnet  
Ryan Weber  
Lois Wentink  
Megan Dunn  
Steve Fox  
Gary and Kerry Moreland  
Pam Kepford  
Shelley Whitkop  
Julie Martinson

Kindly,  
Ryan Weber

East Everett River District

Received 9/18/20

My name is Sonja Bodge, and I live at 1632 Fulton Street, in the Delta Neighborhood.

To bring a voice to the residents of the Delta neighborhood & all those who live on “The wrong side of Broadway”, I am in favor of the Eastside River District.

By telling you about my personal experience with the City’s Traffic Engineer this past year, I hope to show you why Grand Avenue does not represent me. I want to tell you how the system has been organized so that resources are denied to the residents of Eastside neighborhoods.

Over time, I noticed that my intersection attracts reckless drivers. I also noticed, in order to walk to the stores on Broadway, my neighbors to the North, at Baker Heights, many of whom are elderly or disabled, cross 16th to get to 17th, then pass my house. Some use walkers or wheel chairs. Those with electric chairs mostly choose to drive in the street, possibly because we have hardly any of the new ADA ramps at corners. They must cope with inconsiderate drivers who speed, run stop signs & fail to stop for pedestrians crossing. To bring attention to both dangerous situations, last Summer, I began attending Transportation Advisory Committee meetings. After attending several meetings, it was on Sept 27th, 2019, that I emailed the Traffic Engineer to explain to him the improvements I suggest for pedestrian safety & traffic calming in my immediate neighborhood & at my intersection. I got no reply from him. In January, 2020, after I found out from another neighbor who met with the Traffic Engineer about the similar issues, I realized I was being ignored. On January 10th, I forwarded my original email to the Traffic Engineer, cc’ing my neighbor, and asked for a reply. I also forwarded it to the City Council. Just 3 days later, I received a reply from the Traffic Engineer and arranged to meet with him on January 22nd.

It was a disappointing meeting because I was told the city doesn’t install crosswalks, stop sign strips, speed bumps, or roundabouts here or there for whatever reasons, or “you may think people are speeding but it’s just your imagination”, “why don’t you borrow our radar gun & confirm it for us” or “the crash data doesn’t support what you are saying” and such... I finally got exasperated & just said, “I get it! You’re the first line of defense to say NO to residents to avoid having to spend money in their neighborhood”. Finally, he told me that he would look into my concerns anyway. On January 31st, I followed up the meeting and our talking points with an email to the Traffic Engineer. I got no reply ever again.

In the meantime, I installed video cameras on my property. In June 2020, I got the video proof of drivers speeding over the “pronounced crown” at my intersection & on June 22nd I emailed the video clip to the NEW Traffic Engineer. Much to my consternation, the new Traffic Engineer had NO knowledge of my prior engagement with the previous Traffic Engineer who had recently retired. The video clip showed the severity of the situation at my intersection and he came out the next day to view the intersection. I am still waiting for him to organize a “study” so that they might mitigate the situation by moving the stop signs around. I remain hopeful, but

it has been over a year since I started attending TAC meetings & so far, I have had to chase people for answers or updates. I work full-time, my business is “essential”, and I have not had any down-time and

have been working through the Pandemic. I don't have time to badger people for answers so it may be weeks before I can follow up. I guess city employees don't think they have to address & resolve or provide conclusions to residents' concerns or they just hope you will go away.

It galled me that asking for just a few crosswalks seemed such an imposition. I go to other neighborhoods West of Broadway & see they have many more crosswalks, stop sign strips, speed limit signs, curb painting, etc. Given my year-long experience so far, I believe that city departments are directed to discourage me from obtaining services that are freely installed in other neighborhoods or they are just inclined to spend more resources in Westside neighborhoods.

If the Eastside neighborhoods are governed by anyone from the Westside of Broadway, I am confident that decisions regarding zoning, safety, & the distribution of city resources will always be at the expense of the Eastside neighborhoods. Do you think anyone from the NW neighborhood will ever think seriously about closing Legion Memorial Golf Course to build low income housing? Because of the demographics & voting patterns of residents living in the Eastside neighborhoods, it will be difficult for a resident of Eastside neighborhoods to win a seat at the city council.

I am a newer resident of Everett & am late to the game but now I see back in 2016, Megan Dunn presented a paper that discussed the representation disparity. It is clear to me that the Commissioners from the South of Everett are under the impression that Delta & Riverside neighborhoods have benefited from the same expenditure of resources as have the NW, Bayside & Port Gardner neighborhoods. This is simply not true. I invite you to drive through the neighborhoods in the NW of Everett & then drive over to Delta & Riverside. You will see that when it comes to pedestrian safety, concentration of low-income housing & such, Delta & Riverside are not benefiting by the current representation at City Council.

Although it is argued you are following the law, that is no excuse for maintaining a false sense that neighborhoods divided by Broadway are "cohesive". To bring fair representation to the historically slighted Eastside residents, I urge you to choose the Eastside River District Map option.

Received 9/18/20

Hello Ms. Weber,

I was not able to complete my statement in yesterday's meeting. Here is my full statement. I would appreciate it if you would send it to each commissioner.

I also attach here a copy of part of Megan Dunn's Proposal. It was written purely from the perspective of someone representing the South of Everett. The residents of the East of Everett also lack representation. I would appreciate it if you would also share the attached Proposal (I apologize for the crude mark-ups but I am at work & have really run low on time to devote to this). Clearly the intent was to give everyone representation.

Thank you,  
Sonja Bodge

Received 9/17/20

Following are my comments regarding the proposed draft districting plan:

I support the proposed draft plan A-8 with the boundaries as they are presented.

The names of the core areas do NOT need to be altered at this time to maintain maximum flexibility for the future.

I am disappointed that the back-up data and charts that formerly were available on the web-site during the latter portion of this draft plan version are now no longer accessible. Likewise, the public hearing process should have had available printable versions of the maps, district descriptive lists, and the deviation chart. Instead of presenting only fleeting glimpses of the proposal, printed versions would have allowed for more in-depth study by the general public which may have resulted in a broader array of public comment.

For as important as this matter should be for the citizens of Everett, I believe the amount of public input and response to your invitation for comment is disappointing to say the least. (Consider the uproar and public input generated by the COPS grant funding proposal presented to the city council recently). In all likelihood, more comment could have been generated on social media platforms, including NEXT DOOR, with the right stimulating introduction. That is where people are these days.

Regards  
Kent Peeverly  
Madison/View Ridge

Received 9/17/20

What neighborhood do you live in? Pinehurst-Beverly Park

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Email address [gmjames05@yahoo.com](mailto:gmjames05@yahoo.com)

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Comment To the commission, thank you for your work on this project. As a Pinehurst-Beverly Park resident, and viewing the maps, I wondered why the neighborhood was split into two districts. The presentation I viewed a few weeks ago explained that election precincts were considered in drawing the 5 districts that are proposed. Considering that there are about 7 different precincts in the neighborhood, I understand why the split was done. Speaking just for myself and not as a representative of the neighborhood, I have no issues with this map. I understand the

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residents' concerns about the final design for the North Everett area. In the future, I would hope some residents in the newly-designed districts, especially in South Everett, will step up and consider running for Everett City Council in the future. Thank you for your time.

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Received 9/17/20

Hello:

I am writing to express my support for the creation of an East Everett River District split along Broadway.

The current Proposed District Map A8 is *not* what I or the neighbors I spoke with had in mind as I walked door to door in the fall of 2018 to encourage support for the Everett Districts Now initiative.

My neighbors and I were excited about having a dedicated City Council representative who would be accountable to us and our specific socioeconomic concerns in the Delta Neighborhood, a long-neglected community in Everett.

I was also excited about the independence of the commission that would draw the district boundary lines. I never imagined that Delta would be paired with Northwest, the traditional home of the city's wealth and political power, or that the commission in which I put my trust would resist public input aimed at ensuring the fair representation we fought so hard for.

The Delta has little in common with Northwest. It makes more sense to pair us with Lowell, a neighborhood far similar to Delta. I have watched the district master's video recapping the criteria and decision-making that went into the proposed district map and see no valid reason this change cannot be made. An East Everett River District is no less compact than the current proposal and would certainly reflect a more congruent constituency than pairing Lowell with Downtown Everett, especially given that Lowell has never had its own representation.

Please -- I urge you to act on our concerns and redraft the districting map to create an East Everett River District.

Thank you,

Cydney Gillis  
1317 E. Marine View Dr.  
Everett, WA 98201  
(206) 399-7331

Received 9/17/20

Good Morning Districting Master Tony Fairfax and City of Everett Districting Commission members,

Thank you for your energy, wisdom and collaboration to work through a process that resulted in a proposed districts map for the City of Everett. I attended all but one of the districting commission meetings (in person or via Channel 21) and learned along with you how to establish a fair and representative 5 district map for the electing of City of Everett council members. I have followed the public comments that have been shared regarding the proposed districts map. There remains now an opportunity, in the hard work of democracy, to consider and act on the voices of the Everett residents. The efforts of the Districting Commission and Districting Master continues, I believe, in the response to the voices shared.

With gratitude for your commitment to fair and representative government in the City of Everett,  
Barbara Eklund  
1611 Rucker Avenue  
Everett

Received 9/16/20

I do not agree with the cities proposal to merge Everett's Delta neighborhood with the Northwest neighborhood. The communities are so different economically, in their diversity, culture and needs that I don't believe accurate representation can be upheld within this merger. I am concerned the voices and needs of the individuals in the Delta neighborhood may be lost if they are absorbed into the Northwest. I feel dividing along Broadway would be a more logical and reasonable way to group the neighborhoods. It is my hope as a citizen of Everett that there is equitable representation for everyone in our beautiful and diverse communities.

Thank you,  
Jessica R.  
Bayside Resident

Received 9/14/20

What neighborhood do NW you live  
in?

Email address [slwhitkop@gmail.com](mailto:slwhitkop@gmail.com)

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Comment

I have read many of the statements, especially from the Delta Neighborhood. I agree with many of the comments, that it is a bit unfair to group Delta and Riverside Neighborhoods with NW and Bayside Neighborhoods.

Each have differing concerns that should be addressed by their and our own representative from our area.

I understand how these two neighborhoods (Delta & Riverside) have definitely been neglected with representation and it would seem the committee is not taking into consideration some of the initial reasons that having districts in Everett came about.

Thank you,

Shelley Whitkop

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Received 9/10/20

Hi there,

I live in the proposed East Everett River District (Delta currently). It sounds great to have this area as a designated community.

Thanks! Andrea

Received 9/9/20

In viewing the slide show presentation by Tony Fairfax on districting Map A-8, I found that there has been an incredible amount of thought, time, and energy into creating the five districts. I value the generous spirit of those that stepped up to give their time to the job. Thank you to all on the Districting Commission.

When districting our Council went to ballot, I was not a proponent. As a citizen, I had not felt that my voice would not be heard or that I was not being represented by our Council. However, at times I have felt that I have not done enough to participate. I have neglected to reach out to my Council members to let them know my thoughts and concerns.

With our at-large positions, I had felt that I could vote for the best council candidates. With districting, divided geographic areas in our City, I am not convinced that my voice or others' voices will be better heard.

At a time when Everett pushes forward One Everett, I find it ironic that we spend our energy looking at our differences to best break us into districts. Will this work like an electoral college? Will the popular vote no longer prevail? Will we only be heard by our geographic district's council representative?

Today we are well past the question whether we district or not. Today we are at the question of how best to divide us. Given the large amount of data that was gone through by the Commission, the attempt to somehow split us into just five districts when each neighborhood clearly wants to have its voice heard, their task is large. Because although I believe that the commission has done the best job possible in splitting Everett into five districts, I also agree that combining east of Broadway and west of Broadway into one district does not represent well. When I view the neighborhood map, I believe that anything less than eight Districts just will not capture the essence of neighborhoods for representation.

I will end with this request, please do not ever change our neighborhoods to fit the Districting challenge. I sense the heart and soul of my neighborhood. Also, I hold hope that one day we return to being *One* Everett.

Gina L.

NW Neighborhood

Received 9/8/20

What neighborhood do Port Gardner you live in?

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Email address [prhyne11@gmail.com](mailto:prhyne11@gmail.com)

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Comment Commission Members: Thanks for your hard work on this map. I know that a lot of time and effort went into the deliberations. For simplicity sake, I do not support the jagged boundary through the Bayside neighborhood. I also do not support Delta and Riverside in the same district as NW Everett and Bayside and would prefer to see Delta and Riverside separated.

Thanks,  
Paula

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Received 9/8/20

What neighborhood do Port Gardner you live in?

Email address [TimothyEllis@gmail.com](mailto:TimothyEllis@gmail.com)

Comment I approve of the proposed district map for Everett, and wanted to speak up since I know some people are already loudly complaining.

I recognize that the Districting Commission had to follow a number of guidelines, including making the districts roughly equal in population (around 20,000 people each), compact, and geographically contiguous. With only 6,000 people in the Northwest neighborhood, no matter what some other neighborhoods were going to be in the same district as this historically powerful region.

There was no way \_any\_ district map was going to make everyone in every neighborhood happy. This map isn't perfect, because a "perfect" district map is literally impossible and it would be foolish to attempt to create one.

This will still be a lot better than the current setup. I'm looking forward to the change.

Thank you for your hard work.

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Received 9/7/20

Subject: East Everett River District Proposal.

Dear Ms. Webber:

It was recommended by participants in a current NextDoor conversation re: Delta residents' concerns that I relay my opinions to you. My wish is that the City create an East Everett neighborhood that 1)

separates Delta from the Northwest neighborhood and 2) combines Delta and Riverside into a new, east Everett area. My reasons are:

1). WHAT: Since I bought my small, Delta home in 2003, I've observed a pattern of what appears to be favoritism toward the Northwest Neighborhood ("NWN" henceforward here) as far as maintenance and improvements such as: sidewalks, curbs and safety, i.e., speed bumps and roundabouts to address increased density.

a). There also appears to be favoritism toward City employees in receiving such improvements. In about 2004, when a new neighbor bought in my neighborhood, they called a relative who worked for the City about the sidewalk in front of their home and received an immediate repair, while others' concerns over the years have been ignored.

b). The City also, some years ago, distributed flyers to residents on my block stating that we would be receiving sidewalk repairs in the next year and of a nominal cost (around \$200 to each home, I believe), but that was never followed through on, which suggests that while the City knew it needed to be done, funds were redirected to another area at someone's behest.

c). One NextDoor Delta commenter noted, "We're in the same representation district as NW Everett. ....it's pretty clear who has priority for services and improvements. Take the water main replacement a few years ago. When they replaced the main in NW Everett, the entire street was replaced. When they replaced mine (Maple St), they only repaved what they opened up. NWE has gotten new sidewalks. We mostly got new corner crossings. We are getting the new "affordable housing" units, they're not. We have far too many vagrant campers. They barely have any."

2). WHY: One NextDoor commenter suggested that the foci of improvements being localized in the "NWN" was because those residents were "rich.". My opinion:

"If it's truly that 'they're rich, we're not,' the situation, sadly, is reflective of the results of redlining, in which, as the following article notes, "... city administrators and developers would divest from neighborhoods labeled hazardous and declining. This created areas with diminished basic infrastructure like curbs, streets, sidewalks, stormwater, etc. that formed a long-term and almost irreversible gap in neighborhood value."

Ref: <https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.historycolorado.org%2Fstory%2Fcolorado-voices%2F2019%2F01%2F29%2Fseeing-red-unethical-practice-redliningpueblo&data=01%7C01%7Cnwebber%40everettwa.gov%7Cbed649567572493ddcf108d85349db55%7C7ac422a9fc2d41b89bff064aaf2eb0c4%7C1&data=NvMdVju2pjJyUniarAshVv11IN%2F1hcoPXYkKfITIFG8%3D&reserved=0>

"We should not forget that the SEPA application for the new, 200-unit complex that will increase traffic in our neighborhood cited, to paraphrase, that one of the reasons it was needed was to address the "lack of low income housing in the Delta neighborhood," which was false. "

Furthermore, the City hitting Delta with 200 more low income units between Marine View Drive and Jackson Park, sans added neighborhood traffic circles and speed bumps for safety and furthermore, obscuring Park mountain views, while it congratulates itself upon a new NWN bridge to the waterfront, evidences blatant disregard for Delta residents' quality of life.

a). As noted in the "My Everett News" article of August 22, 2020: "The campaign to maintain the status quo whereby the richer neighborhoods have majority representation on the Council, will continue if the proposed District Map A8 is finalized. One Commissioner's logic that some neighborhoods don't deserve representation because they outnumber another by 3 to 1 (NW vs Delta) IS CLASSIC BIAS, in that although this maybe true, why do some neighborhoods with the fewest residents, garner a higher percentage of public services such as crosswalks, traffic control services, policing attention, park services. ....Unless the Districts are drawn to be more inclusive of neighborhoods that have been historically overlooked, the spending of public services & planning-zoning decisions will continue to be out of balance."

b). Now, I am going to relate to you something very ugly, and that I loathe writing but, I think, is reflective of the true underbelly of the beast, the real attitude behind those minds happy to utilize Delta's rightful share of resources for their own gain. Shortly after I bought my small, Delta home, I was in conversation with a quite elderly man, a lifelong resident of this area who knew it well. His comment, upon hearing that I'd purchased a home in Delta, was (delivered with a sneer), "Hah, so you're pleased you got yourself a place in 'N\_\_\_\_\_town,' huh?". And he pronounced the full word. I was shocked and repelled by the abhorrent attitude that revealed, endemic but unspoken amongst some locals, for many, many decades.

3). SOLUTION: Consolidate Delta and Riverside into a new, east Everett area that excludes the NWN.

I bought in Delta because it was a decent price and and I liked the many trees and relaxed, uncrowded feel of the area) but I certainly am disgusted at the flagrant narcissism exhibited by those using Delta to increase their personal gain at Delta residents' expense (in ambiance as well as safety and amenities).

The situation brings to my mind a cartoon where the City personified sits back at its official desk, smugly folding its arms in pride at its beautiful (NW) streets, while its thought bubbles indicate it is snickering at what it has pushed to the east under its "Delta carpet," a concentration of low income, multi-family housing, poorly kept curbs and sidewalks, and the increasing problems we expect to see with the increased density foisted upon our neighborhood...

Everett, let's move forward from the ugly past and allow our Delta and Riverside residents to live in a new, East Everett River District rather than Delta residents remaining as serflike "subjects" used by the NWN.

Deborah Blake 1718  
Maple St.

Received 8/27/20

It's time-consuming to sit through the entire consultant presentation. How about here?

<https://everettwa.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2602>

John Sweeney

Received 8/27/20

What neighborhood do you Northwest live in?

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District two fails three of the criteria for districting: (1) it is not reasonably compact; (2) it is not geographically contiguous; and (3) does not recognize existing boundaries (i.e. I-5) and conflates communities of disparate interests (i.e. Port Gardner and Valley View/Lowell).

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Received 8/26/20

Subject: Re: In Re: Districting Commission Notice of Public Meetings

Good morning, Nicole,

I would like to add to make an additional request, can I request the transcript on how the authorities see this plan will work for the greater good.

Decisions are being codified without any explanation on how they came up with this and thus, expecting blind faith acceptance by the various affected communities as to what is being recommended by others. I and others need to read what is being proposed and how this is perceived as a fair and equitable plan for everyone.

Thank you and have a great day. I will look forward to receiving the PowerPoint slides too!

Sincerely,

W. Jill Warner



Received 8/26/20

Dear Commissioners:

The Everett Districts Now Ad Hoc Committee continues to follow the Districting Commission's work as we move closer to the September meetings for public discussion. The information that you have put out regarding the meeting schedule and requests for advance notice of participation are clear. Tony Fairfax's presentation on how you arrived at your final draft plan is very thorough. What is less clear is exactly what rules and procedures will be followed to encourage robust participation by the residents of Everett.

Specifically:

1. Are all residents welcome to virtually attend any/all meetings?
2. If one does not give advance notice of wanting to speak, can they make that request during the meeting?
3. Will the written questions and comments from the public be shared at the meeting? If not, how will they be shared?
4. For those of us unfamiliar with Microsoft Teams and how it works, will there be guidance given to make it easy to participate through this platform?
5. Will public comment be permitted in a language other than English? If so, will a translator be provided?

The mission of EDN Ad Hoc Committee is to support fair and equitable representation for City Council Districts in Everett as approved by the voters in 2018. We welcome the opportunity to help get the word out about these public meetings. Having clarification on the rules and procedures will help us do that.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lois Wentink, Chair

Everett Districts Now Ad Hoc Comm.

Received 8/21/20

I am hopeful that you will have specific instructions on how the public can participate and provide public comments at the upcoming public hearings. I hope these will be as accessible as possible for those who may not have access to a computer, internet, MS Teams and for those who English is their second language.

The first one is only 20 days away.

Kindly,

Ryan Weber

Received 8/14/20

Hi Nichole,

After looking at the District Commission page I see the public hearing dates and times but I am not clear on how to participate. Are residents strictly required to RSVP 2-5 days in advance of the meeting via Teams? What about people who do not have a computer, internet or are not familiar with Teams? Is there a phone call-in option the day of the meeting?

Please let me know as soon as possible since the first Public Hearing is less than 30 days from now. As the Commission is aware, the first hearing has been the most controversial district so I want to ensure the Commission is doing everything to accommodate public access to give their comments.

You can pass this message along to the Commission if you feel it is relevant to the discussion. Kindly,

Ryan Weber

206-953-7515

Received 8/17/20

I am placing this conversation of local politics into a culturally relevant context.

BIPOC communities are actively fighting for social justice and political reform. We heavily scrutinize every system and alliance that exists as our lives depend on it; Performative Alliances erode our collective resolve as we fight for equity.

The White Privileged and wealthy elite have historically monopolized political power and community resources. As city commissioners, you have inherited that power and are therefore stewards and representatives of it. If we are in fact democratic in our thinking, you are subject to the will of the people.

Your commission is not diverse enough in membership by BIPOC community standards, therefore you are not qualified to represent us when it comes to decision making. To disenfranchise the Delta District by having its Privileged counterparts absorb its political voice, does nothing more than secure the survival of socioeconomic inequities born of systemic racism. The implications are an egregious lack of understanding BIPOC movements as they unfold before us, and a lack of acuity for political accountability as it has a direct impact on our social and cultural evolution.

You need to reengineer the system, not placate the public with talks of reform. Until this city demonstrates a respect and understanding of equity, let us call out the political agenda as we see it: gerrymandering with the intent to redline.

I am a BIPOC member of the Northwest District and I support the splitting of districts along Broadway. The Delta District may be on the "Wrong Side of Broadway", but they are "On the Right Side of History."

Luisana Hernandez

People over profit. People over property. People over politics.

Received 8/4/20

Hi there,

I was discussing the plans with some of my neighbors and all of them preferred OPTion 1 where Riverside is paired with Delta and Lowell.

The most important reason is that the Northwest Neighborhood really has different issues since it is more affluent. Having Riverside in a district with them means nothing will change for us. We will not be represented as most of the City Council members come from Northwest Everett. We are lucky right now to have a Council member in our neighborhood but that would less likely be true if we are in a district with the Northwest neighborhood.

Pamela Lynn

Secretary

Riverside Neighborhood Association

Received 8/4/20

Nicole,

After listening to the public meeting agenda discussion this evening, it seems appropriate in this time of virtual process to have the long video presentation for general public consumption available as an in-depth summary containing much of the content which Tony has included in the background and process draft and the proposed final draft from the supporting documents of tonight's (8/3) meeting. From what I have observed from previous meetings, that should easily fill 40-45 minutes. I would expect to see in the individual district videos a condensation of the background and process explanation and then a specific presentation of the pertinent district map with the relevant description, characteristics, and rationale. I think one should concentrate on the specific district rather than spending time on the whole map at each of the first five meetings. Then at the city wide meeting the presentation would be on the whole map with very condensed district discussion focusing primarily on the entire product.

This would mean 6 short meeting videos, but once the long video is created, it should be relatively easy to draw out material for each of the short ones. Of course the background and process portion would be the same for all of the short videos.

This may be what you are already planning. The above merely came to mind as you described the plan for the public meeting.

Does the city have a U-Tube account on which the public meetings could be live streamed? This would help address Ethel's concern of transparency in witnessing the meetings and information presentation for those not on any social media platforms. Individuals could still call in or write letters by mail or comment by e-mail. They could also be available for replay if one could not watch the live meeting.

Regards,

Kent Peeverly

Madison, View Ridge

Received 8/3/20

From: Jill Warner <[wendyjill61@gmail.com](mailto:wendyjill61@gmail.com)>

Subject: East of Broadway Concerns and East of Broadway District 2 Campaign

Good morning,

I am but one of many in the Delta and Riverside Communities that have various concerns. I have put together a list of those concerns which are as follows:

Concerns explained:

- ADA ramps on the Grand Avenue side but there have been no upgrades East of Broadway. On East Marine View Drive, where I reside, there is a senior living community that has several unpainted Pedestrian crossways. The only marked Pedestrian crosswalk is at the Flashing Signal on Marine View Drive. There is a heavy population of seniors living in both Marine View Drive and Baker Heights located on Baker Avenue that is in the Everett Housing Authority's purview having several outdated ramps nearby.
- Speed limits on Marine View Drive need to be dropped to 25 mph with cameras at each flashing light. The current 30 mph are and continue to be severely abused by both types of vehicles (semis' and vehicles not designated for industrial use). Calls made to non-emergency policing are increasing. If this roadway aka Marine View Drive, designated as an arterial, has also been a concern in other states' rearview mirrors as well as a local as a community here in Shoreline who has drafted various arterial right-aways requiring certain elements. The common thread in this proposed chart is that both opposing lanes have two lanes on both sides, not the one lane with a planted unmaintained median as we have here on East Marine View Drive.
- There appears to be a large sense of inequities, basically, a West vs. East mentality with the dividing line being Broadway.
- Infrastructure is subpar. Crosswalks West of Broadway equals to 33, on the flip side, East of 23rd Street reflects only 11.

- East Broadway is a very low-income community, which is comprised of a diverse population. It appears that Everett's approach is and has been to neglect this area of Everett as being less desirable. However, a multi-family complex has just been built to accommodate this lower-income population to Marine View Drive but with that comes more tax revenue which is a good thing. Someone sees this community as being a good investment.
- Including the multi-family housing listed above, the need for safer streets for young couples as well as their children to enjoy will become more pressing of an issue.
- Jackson Park, for example, stretching to Grand Avenue Bridge are missing sidewalks, ie., crosswalks. This has been validated from 16th & Chestnut where there is a 4-way stop at 16th & Walnut. There is also a missing crosswalk at 19th & Baker. Vintage at Everett Senior Housing has missing Pedestrian painted crossways that are in line with an ADA ramp on both sides of the roadway but again missing the properly painted walkways. East Marine View Drive, just down from the Viola Oursler Viewpoint are missing Pedestrian painted walkways in front of their ADA designated ramps.
- Under RCW 46.61.195, Arterial highways designated—Stopping on entering. This is and has not been done when this traffic is getting off at the Marine View Drive offramp. Opposing traffic has stop signs but the traffic coming off of this off-ramp doesn't.
- Councilmember who represents our East of Broadway community, such as, the Delta Neighborhood and the Riverside Neighborhood. We request that there be two Districts that will give a voice to the current voiceless. \*Shout out to Christina Curtis, thank you for what you have done for the West side of Everett but there is another side of this community which is the East side of Broadway. Not to disparage your efforts, Christina, I would like to inquire if it is reasonable for both communities in the Delta and Riverside area to have to put themselves into harms-way by crossing over a busy highway (Broadway) accompanied by children.

I will be sharing these requests with others within the community. Therefore, I will be passing the baton to those various sources for sharing their concerns too. Thank you for your time.

*Regards*

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Revived 8/3/20

Dear Districting Commission Members

I want to express my support to you for the work you have accomplished to this point in creating a districting map for the City of Everett. I am in agreement with the results given the guidelines for the task, the shape of the city, the layout of the neighborhoods, the general distribution of the population, and the considerations of the socioeconomic factors as distributed within the neighborhoods.

In regards to the core name of District Four, I think that the name "Casino" should be deleted from the lexicon and instead the core name should be "Westmont"

Kent Peveryly

Received 8/2/20

What neighborhood do you live in? Delta

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Email address [brooke.a.cassell@gmail.com](mailto:brooke.a.cassell@gmail.com)

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Comment

As a resident of the Delta neighborhood, I would like to comment on the proposed combination of the Delta and Northwest Everett neighborhoods into one district for city council representation. The two neighborhoods are populated with different socio-economic demographics and, therefore, have different priorities and needs. For instance, public works projects, such as street beautification and curb ramps, appear to have been disproportionately allocated to the more wealthy Northwest Everett neighborhood, while the Delta neighborhood is shouldering the new large low-income housing development in addition to the numerous low-income housing units that are already here, the juvenile correctional facility, the smelter cleanup, lower quality parks, and schools with worse performance, worse teacher-student ratios, and lower funding. Our interests need to be brought to Council by a representative from our neighborhood, and combining the two neighborhoods leaves residents of Delta unlikely to have the resources to fund a campaign in competition with NW Everett candidates.

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Some residents have proposed combining Delta, Riverside, and Lowell neighborhoods into one district. I think that is a more representative combination, and I would like to add my voice in support of that idea. Please do not silence the voices of the residents east of Broadway by combining Delta and NW Everett into a single district.

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Received: 7/31/20

Hello, I am a resident of the Riverside neighborhood, and I have concerns about the proposed district map. The Delta and Riverside neighborhoods have had very little representation in the council, and I have serious doubts that the typical candidates from the Northwest neighborhood can fairly represent the diverse residents east of

Broadway. I am very happy that districts are on the way, especially for the sake of South Everett, but please consider a new map that doesn't leave most of North Everett continually represented by a small group of residents concentrated in the Northwest. Thank you.

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Mack Bauer

Received: 7/31/20

Hello My name is Melissa Lee,

I live in the Delta neighborhood of Everett. I think you should favor creating an East of Broadway District.

I believe that there's communities that have been historically ignored and neglected . I can see that for a long time Grand Avenue has been the main source of leadership for our city, we need to balance things for everyone and distribute the power for better representation.

Thank you

Melissa Lee

Received: 7/31/20

The East side of Broadway needs To be represented from within the neighborhood!

John Nagle  
Everett WA 98201

Sent from my iPhone

Received: 7/28/20

Dear Nichole,

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> Thank you for taking our comments about the proposed Everett districts. I have lived in the Delta Neighborhood since 2007 and I love our city as a whole, but the neighborhoods East of Broadway (Delta, Riverside and Lowell) have vastly greater needs than the neighborhoods West of Broadway. It would dilute the voices of the residents living East of Broadway if our districts are combined with people living on the West side. Historically Delta, Riverside and Lowell have been neglected when it comes to pedestrian/non-motorized safety (less cross walks, non-compliant ADA ramps, unsafe crossings at arterials) because our voices don't get enough attention from City government. We need representatives in City government who will advocate for our needs and the way you are proposing to divide the districts will ensure that we will have to endure the same level of

neglect. Please make sure that the East neighborhoods get their own dedicated district(s) so we can focus on what matters most to us.

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> Thank you,

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> Josh Jones

Received: 7/16/20

Dear Nichole,

I am writing as a concerned NW Neighborhood resident who has seen the recently drawn districts for District voting. I am concerned that people in Delta and Riverside would be overpowered by money in elections for representation in their district, since especially Delta is more working class and racially/economically diverse with more needs of services, parks and sidewalks than the more white, wealthier neighbors in the NW Neighborhood.

The purpose of the Everett Districts Now effort was to bring more diverse voices to represent each clearly distinct area of Everett, so I hope that at this stage the lines might still be redrawn from the N/S axis of Broadway to bring Delta residents into more equal representation by their peers who have their best interests in mind.

Thank you,

Julie Martinson

Received: 7/16/20

Hello Nichole,

I was looking over the PowerPoint map and I am concerned about District 4.

My reason is that the area encompasses more rentals, less registered voters, etc. and seems to be a sort of "outlier" district. In my opinion, it would seem that encompassing more of Twin Creeks or Cascade View then give District 3 half of Casino and leave the southern half of Casino in the 4th.

Another option would be to put all of Casino in the 3rd, giving that district a blend of rentals, incomes and other ethnicities which District 3 does not have then take a bit from District 5 to add to District 4.

Thank you for taking my comment,

Shelley Whitkop  
1501 Rucker Ave



Everett, WA 98201

Received: 7/14/20

Dear Nichole,

Recently I had the opportunity to see the proposed districts being developed by the City Districting Commission. I know there are legal constrictions on how districts can be developed, but I strenuously object to the inclusion of the Delta Neighborhood, East of Broadway with the NW Everett Neighborhood, West of Broadway in a common district.

NW Everett is one of the richest neighborhoods usually comprised of single family homes, many with expansive views and, I believe, primarily caucasian residents. The Delta neighborhood to the East has many more people of color, multiple housing units and lower incomes.

It is my fear that less advantaged people from Delta would not be able to mount effective campaigns as district representatives to the Council in the face of the resources that the NW neighborhood could bring to bear. After all, it is the fact that many City Council members were from the NW neighborhood that instigated the entire Everett Districts Now adventure.

I realize the task is quite advanced, but in the interest of Justice I am hoping this situation can be remedied.

Respectfully yours,  
Pam Kepford

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Received: 7/7/20

It has come to our attention that the Districting Commission has decided to join the Delta community with Grand / Marina district. Over the last decade my wife and I after buying our home in the Delta neighbored, have seen the lions share of improvements going to the west side of Broadway and the east side gets what little that's left over if anything. Jackson park which is in the delta community worked years to make happen, the city has recently given over an acre to a developer and allowed them to block most the Mountain View's from the park. Pretty sure that would never happen at Grand View or Legion park. West side gets a 9 billion dollar project to have easy access to the water and we can't even get painted crosswalks to safely access our park. Most of the home owners in Delta have worked hard to better this community only to have the city put road blocks before us. We hope the Districting Commission will reconsider joining East Broadway with west Broadway.

Yours

Gary and Kerry Moreland

Sent from my iPhone

Received: 7/6/20

Districting Commission,

You have a very tough job drawing boundaries for the districts. I'd like to point out that Everett's history has always had a distinct boundary on Broadway. The millworker population could afford homes east of Broadway in Riverside and Delta, whereas the millowners generally lived close to the Bay on Grand, Rucker and to some extent Hoyt. There was a gradual change getting to Broadway, but crossing it has for many decades changes neighborhood character quite a bit.

The Delta - Northwest neighborhoods are even more dramatic than the Bayside-Riverside neighborhoods, but this change across Broadway is noticeable all along. Delta has had a very large immigrant population (temporarily displaced but should return well within a term of a new council member).

I think the representation of residents should be different because of different economic levels on the two sides of Broadway. There is a larger homeless population east of Broadway also.

The area north of the central business district is a smaller part of Everett, but has the longest history and a very entrenched culture. Historical effects can take many decades to equalize, and oftentimes never do.

I hope you take this into serious consideration when you figure out the boundaries.

Thanks for reading my thoughts,  
Steve Fox  
Riverside

Received: 7/6/20

Hello Nicole,

Please share this with the District Commission.

Honorable Commission Members,

I am writing as a volunteer with Everett Districts Now and as a resident of Everett. These views are mine as an individual and I do am not speaking for any organization.

Thank you for your time and service on the districts commission on behalf of all residents of Everett. Hundreds of volunteers worked to get districts on the ballot after years of hard work and thousands of residents voted in favor of a more equitable system of voting and better representation on the City Council. You were appointed to carry out that mission.

Thank you for agreeing to take public comment during your deliberations on the early drafts of the district maps. Allowing public comment during meetings and being able to provide input to this

commission are essential. This must be a transparent and public process and there must be meaningful effort to allow residents the opportunity to share their views and perspectives. I am disappointed you would not allow comments until now but at least this is progress. It's unclear why this commission is so opposed from hearing from the group of volunteers who have been dedicated to the mission of fair and equitable representation and I hope that you'll accept our multiple offers to help promote meetings, engage the public and work to make Everett city council a better representation of our residents.

The charter amendments which were drafted by the City Council and approved by the voters outline a process for public hearings in the proposed districts and a timeline. Thank you for working to meet that timeline and to allow for a process that engages all parts of the city as we move forward. Everett Districts Now held multiple public education events throughout the city and worked hard to get this action approved. One reason we supported using an all new map, and not one proposed by EDN, was to allow for neighbors, such as Delta, to share their experiences. I heard many residents of this area express concern at being included with the northwest neighborhood. As a resident of Lowell, I feel my neighborhood shares many similarities with Delta, we have a strong artist community and a similar income level. I would not be opposed to a long district connecting Delta all the way to Lowell, if it doesn't violate state law for being compact, contiguous and connected!

Please continue to allow public comment and public input during your deliberations.

Thank you,

Megan Dunn  
Lowell/Everett Resident

Received: 7/6/20

My name is Lois Wentink and I live at 328 Park Place in Everett.

I have been following the work of the Commission since its inception last fall and can note that steady progress is being made to divide the city of Everett into five councilmanic districts. Your first major decision, to hire Tony Fairfax as districting master, was a sound one. He has guided you in the process of first determining core areas and then looking at where the boundaries of those core areas can be drawn. The process seems to be going well.

What has been missing from the very beginning is any outreach to the community. This effort to draw the initial five districts is a one-time-only experience, a time when the opinions of Everett residents could have been invaluable in helping you make your decisions. Following the 2020 census and every ten years thereafter there will be other redistricting commissions, but this first one sets the standard. It was not

until your meeting on June 22<sup>nd</sup> that you agreed to take some written comments before the next meeting. For a process that is supposed to be open and transparent, this commission has come up short.

My other ongoing concern is that your efforts at communicating with the public have been extremely limited. Your decision to use the city website as the sole means of getting the word out has not been effective. It takes a great deal of patience to get information from the website on upcoming meetings, minutes of past meetings and meaningful agendas. I have seen no local press coverage on the work of this Commission. As a public body, you can do better.

Received: 7/6/20

**Nichole, please ensure that this and all public comments are read aloud at the Districting Commission to ensure federal transparency guidelines are met. It is not a real public comment if the public doesn't hear it. With Covid restrictions we do not have the ability to attend and speak. Thank you!**

### **Grand Avenue Doesn't represent Delta**

North Everett is a tale of two cities, East and West of Broadway. The marina side is one of the least diverse and most affluent areas - \$80,000 average income, while the Delta neighborhood, along the river, is among the most diverse and low-income - \$30,000 average income, working-class neighborhoods. Delta's history as the home of the working-class goes back 100 years and has led to violent confrontation in the past, like the Everett massacre of 1916 (also known as Bloody Sunday), when the workers confronted their Milltown bosses and were brutally murdered by the sheriff's men who was backed by the Mill owners.

I urge the Districting Commission not to disenfranchise voters who live to the East of Broadway. The Delta neighborhood and the communities on the river side of Everett were the historic homes to the working class before South Everett was incorporated and they remain so to this day. While business owners and landlords lived (and still do) on the Marina side of Broadway, the mill, smelter and shipyard workers lived along the river. This is precisely why we need districts.

Today, just like 100 years ago, North Everett is a tale of 2 cities. They could not be more different. The West has the highest level of college degrees, highest average income, lowest crime, least diversity, high voter turnout, and more parks and sidewalks.

Meanwhile East of Broadway has the lowest level of college degrees, lowest average income, higher crime, high diversity, low voter turnout and significant gaps in our sidewalk pedestrian safety. Two parks have been reduced in size last year. In terms of investment, the Marina received a \$19 Million dollar bridge while the Delta Jackson Park to Smith Island bridge is on the Shoreline Access plan with no funding for completion.

If they do not divide the district along Broadway, our votes will be forever disenfranchised by the high voter turnout on the Marina side. If Everett's historic working class neighborhood, home to the largest share of Everett Housing Authority residents, is placed in a bloc with the elites, the spirit of the Districting effort will be for naught and their votes will not matter.

To this day, we face a systemic lack of amenities and services. East of Broadway is not represented by Grand Ave. The following is a list of shortcomings and resolutions to bring equitable representation, housing and amenities to a neighborhood that deserves better.

1. **Pedestrian deserts around Jackson Park and EHA Baker Heights.** Missing sidewalks at 3 Jackson Park access points at Chestnut, 17th and 18th forcing many residents with children, elderly and disabled to walk or ride on the street to visit one of Delta's signature parks. 15th has no sidewalks so EHA residents must walk on the street to reach either commercial center at E Marine View Dr or Broadway. From Sidewalks, Crosswalks, Stop Lines, to Bike Lanes, Delta does not receive the same level of pedestrian infrastructure. This [Google map](#) clearly shows infrastructure abruptly stops at Broadway.
2. **Our Hawthorne Elementary is overburdened and under resourced** with 85% free & reduced lunch students, while Whittier elementary just a 10 minute walk across Broadway has only 35% free & reduced lunch students with more resources. The Everett School District average is 38% free & reduced lunch. Out of 1,469 homeless students, nearly half attend Hawthorne Elementary and North Middle School.
3. **Grand Ave gets a \$19 million bridge to the Marina with no investment on the river side.** Meanwhile, the Summit Ave Jackson Park bike and pedestrian bridge to Smith Island remains on the Shoreline Master Plan with no plan for funding. Delta gets only an industrial warehouse park which has drastically impacted traffic on E Marine View Drive with the main tenants being FedEx and an Amazon distribution center. All fun events are on the Marina side but we also pay for shoreline access. We believe that the river side deserves to have nice things too, especially if Delta is designated as a low-income neighborhood, the use of CDBG funds, County, State & Federal Grants should be explored.
4. **Placement of juvenile detention center right next door to EHA low income housing and the Wiggums Hollow Park.** What message does that send to our low-income children?
5. **SAVE WIGGUMS HOLLOW PARK!** One of Delta's signature parks, it serves primarily low-income residents, most of whom live in apartments. If Delta will continue to be upzoned for more density there must be open space for children to play and explore their world safely. Delta has an urgent problem of shrinking public parks with loss of acreage at both major parks. In 2019 Delta lost 1.5 acres of Jackson Park and mountain views to the Riverview Apartment complex. Currently, 2.5 acres of Wiggums Hollow Park land owned by EHA are for sale. This will reduce a 10 acre park to 7.5 acres. If the city does not agree to acquire the land, EHA will sell this portion of the park at fair market value.
6. **The Boys and Girls Club is overcrowded,** lack of childcare is one of the biggest barriers to single parents and low-income households to search for a job or advance their career. Delta's parents need more opportunity to advance their education and earn greater incomes.
7. **Clustering of low-income in Delta while protecting single family homes west of Broadway by zoning codes.** The two sides of Broadway should more closely mirror each other in zoning and green space, but they don't. Not even close.

8. **Stop speaking of North vs. South Everett as if the gap between East and West of Broadway does not exist.** There is a historical socio-economic gap going back 100 years. The below quoted investments in North Everett were by and large West of Broadway.

a. Mayor's 2020 State of the City: "Historically much of the City's investments have been in North Everett, which tends to have better walking and biking routes, as well as access to water and riverfronts. South Everett, in the meantime, has one of the most beautiful, but underutilized lakes in the region: Silver Lake"

9. **Acknowledge the systemic issues, and gaps in services and infrastructure** rather than dismissing our problems by saying that "South Everett has problems too" as a justification to do nothing. Missing pedestrian safety is systemic because the city must maintain all existing infrastructure, but to bring Delta up to the same level of services they claim to have no money.

10. **Increase access to affordable housing citywide** by requiring a percentage of all large developments to be set aside as affordable housing.

11. **Acquire old motels for transitional housing** on Broadway and Evergreen way.

12. **Bring more mixed-use development and housing to Broadway by forming a BIA.** Business Improvement Areas, like Downtown Everett Association and the Everett Station District help keep the area clean and safe while attracting new businesses and hosting public events. Delta would like to have it's own Coffee shop, restaurants, kid and family friendly indoor spaces, an accessible Art Collective for artists who can't afford classes or membership in Schack, and much more...

Thank you for making sure that the East of Broadway District is represented.

Ryan Weber  
1522 Chestnut St  
206-953-7515

Received: 7/4/20

I am saddened and frustrated by this districting process. It feels like the process is being done under the cover of night. In a way, it is due to the pandemic. But I know many of you and know it is not your intent to not have a transparent process. Or is it? I am disappointed in your decision to not take public comment until now. I will get to the reason why in a moment.

Part of my "cover of night" observation is because I've had problems finding minutes and recordings of meetings online. They are not posted under the designated column in the agenda page of the city website.

When I learned of concern on social media about our Delta neighbors' voices not being heard about their chance of fair representation.

I looked on the city calendar and couldn't find the next meeting.

I finally found it in a paragraph on the districting page.

I set up a social media event in a meager attempt to help alert Everett citizens. I copied and pasted the paragraph I found on the districting page.

It is now meeting night on June 22 and I click on the link that is supposed to take me to the meeting. It does not work. I finally figure out where I need to be and listen to the meeting.

The whole meeting I've listened to concern about keeping neighborhoods together. Why? Neighborhoods or neighborhood associations are a group of people who have the time and resources to get together and do community work. The people doing the volunteer work are not representative of the neighborhood demographics in any way. What percentage of neighbors in your area are even engaged with your neighborhood association?

Near the end of the meeting, I am on edge as I listen to the discussion about the district that includes my neighborhoods - Westmont and Holly. I listen to a discussion about how to address Casino Road. There is W. Casino Road and E. Casino Road. The commissioners discussed what areas east of Evergreen should be included in the district. I realize that you do not understand the area.

This is why you should have engaged with the community earlier on in the process. If you had, you would have known that "Casino Road" is really W. Casino Road. E. Casino Road is a different demographic, AND a different school district. You should have reached out to the community to learn what micro-communities or groups with common interests should be considered.

In the end, it felt haphazard, but I think you inadvertently made the right decision about the Westmont-Holly area district. This is not how the process should work.

You have spent so much time so far creating one version of the map with only your lens or viewpoint. Nobody expected you to have all the knowledge and answers. I encourage you to pause and listen to the community.

Linda War Bonnet  
16th PL W

Received: 7/3/20

Dear Sirs, Ma'am

My name is Christina Hines, a homeowner in the Delta Neighborhood (1614 Chestnut Street) and since we purchased our home in 2006 we have seen a great number of positive changes that have impacted our neighborhood. However I have also seen a deficiency in the maintenance, of even the basics such as crosswalks, and sidewalks for our residents to walk safely off of the roadway, and clear painting on the streets to indicate to motorists that there is a crosswalk and pedestrians have the right of way. Speed bumps in areas of high traffic where no traffic lights are mounted. Dark residential streets that have no nighttime street or alley lighting, I could go on and on about the lack of representation our Delta neighbors have.

We are a diverse neighborhood, and colorful and not only are we homeowners we are also business owners that contribute to the city as a whole. It is my desire to see a separate district created to represent solely the East of Broadway Residents as We value our quality of life as much as the Grand Avenue residents.

We pay the same percentage of taxes and demand that we get the fair representation we require to grow and prosper as a community. You would be remiss not to acknowledge the need and desire we as residents are requesting.

I have lived in a diverse community that has needs that have been ignored and neglected far too long. Grand Avenue doesn't represent me.

Respectfully

Homeowner and resident of Delta Neighborhood N. Everett

Christina and Troy Hines

1614 Chestnut Street

Everett, WA 98201-1916

Received: 7/1/20

Nicole Webber,

Please see attached doc. Letter to Chair Simone Tarver and Members of the Everett Districting Committee for their consideration. I would appreciate your help. Could you reply to this email that you have received my email. .

Thank you,  
David Simpson  
Stay safe and Stay healthy

July 1, 2020

Chair Simone Tarver and Members of the Everett Districting Committee:

I want to thank you all for the work you have done at this point to develop an acceptable district mapping plan for consideration by the voters of Everett.



I am a long time resident of the city of Everett, the committee is preparing to present the draft propose districting mapping plan to the public for their consideration.

I and many of the Delta Neighborhood community members disagree with your proposed mapping plan that will see the Northwest, Bayside, Delta and Riverside Neighborhoods combined. This will disenfranchise our historically working class, more diverse neighborhood.

I believe it would serve all the Neighborhoods if the north districts are split along Broadway in recognition of a long history of city power being held and controlled by West Marine View Drive, West Grand Avenue side of the city.

I would appreciate your consideration of my comments to make our city greater.

Thank you,

David Simpson

1501 Fulton Avenue

Everett, Washington 98201

425-252-0700

Received: 6/30/20

Hello this is Citlalli "Alli" Zarate, and I am from the Delta Neighborhood. I am writing regarding the new districting.

As a neighbor from Delta, I deeply feel it would be a mistake to favor creating a North District rather than making the separation on Broadway .

We often experience difficulties making our voices heard because people think of us as part of the beautiful and wealthy neighborhoods from West of Broadway.

Often when I talk to some city officials about the disparity and lack of opportunities in our neighborhood and they brush it off by saying that "South Everett is less privileged" as if by denying talking about us will make the problems go away.

I don't know where this whole North vs South narrative started but many people from the general public have bought that Idea that the whole North Everett is privileged, in an extent it is until you look closely at the east side of Broadway.

We exist for the city when it's convenient then we become invisible when it comes to provide comprehensible solutions for our community.

I'm not trying to dismiss our underrepresented South neighbors but I would like to point out that there's plenty of wealth clustered in Mulkiteo, Silver lake and some of the unincorporated areas, there are talks lately about investing on a trail around there, while we don't have proper pedestrian access around our parks.

If we got the nickname "Dynamic Delta" it's because we work extremely hard to be like this, we are used to live in a place full of obstacles, constraints and limits.

We've learned that if we want to thrive with a small amount of resources we need to put ourselves to work hard because years of historical neglect wont just go away.

I love my neighbors from Northwest and Bayside yet I can't relate with their problems and struggles.

There should be a better way of doing the districting because we risk being represented by the people in Grand Avenue.

I invite you to revisit the data and demographics on Delta, Riverside, Lowell and everything east of Broadway. You might notice that Delta's median household income is between 22.8 to 39.3k.

We are the neighborhood for subsidized housing, , needle exchange sites, self storage places, slumlords and motels.  
Have you ever wondered why is the Juvenile jail next to the largest EHA complex in Everett?

Every time there's funding for something big we are included but excluded, because most officials think that we benefit from anything done on the West side.

They don't even know the struggle we go through just to get a new crosswalk painted, clean soil without arsenic, or to find a spot in the cafeteria for the free summer lunch program.

Recently I had to explain my new neighbor who is also an immigrant why we don't have sidewalks and I had to go on a long history lesson about Everett's. history and how hard we had to fight to make sure the remediation fund from the Riverview development to get sidewalks to serve our future neighbors.

I really appreciate your time, feel free to contact me if you want to talk about my neighborhood's needs.

Citlalli "Alli" Zarate

1522 Chestnut ST, 98201 Everett WA

Received: 6/30/20

To whom it may concern,

I live in the Delta neighborhood and I have an issue with the combining Northwest neighborhood with Delta. We have more people, less people who vote and a massive socioeconomic and racial disparity. I am very concerned that as a brown, working class vet, like many of my neighbors, we will not be properly represented in our city council. These disparities have been historically constant.

I believe Delta matches the Riverside and Lowell neighborhoods than any of the neighborhoods west of Broadway. It makes sense in this age of attempting to create equal representation that North Everett should be split by Broadway. I hope this strong suggestion is researched and reviewed as many of my neighbors in the Delta neighborhood are concerned for our future.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Michael Dippery

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Thank you.

Mike Dippery

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Received: 6/29/20

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to let you know that I do not agree with the new plan to redistrict the neighborhood. I live in Delta and would be districted with the Northwest neighborhood.

This right here I believe is not a good idea. The Northwest neighborhood is mainly filled with rich, white people. The Delta is filled with lower income and POC. Doing this redistricting will really take away the voice of the lower class. It also will eventually lead to gentrification. Property tax will go up and lower income people will be chased out. That is not the Everett I know. The Everett I know cares about everyone.

I ask that this be stopped. I think that instead of dividing this way the new districts be divided along Broadway. This way everyone will have a say. Not just the rich and powerful.

Thank you for taking time to read this. I hope you make the right choice. The choice that will better everyone.

Regan Beal

Good evening,

I live at  
1511 Broadway  
Everett, Wa 98201

The house is under my roommates name Megan, but it is my legal residence.

Regan

Received: 6/26/20

I support establishing a district boundary line along Broadway Avenue, separating the Northwest neighborhood to the west and the Delta neighborhood to the east.. Thank you. Rod Amburgy, Delta neighborhood resident.

I wasn't aware that my email is now accessible to anyone who wants it. I prefer that it not be shared with anyone, especially to the public. As a result of this, I'm not going to disclose my address. It's bad enough that I will likely be inundated with a bunch of solicitations and quite possibly by someone who wants to "hack" into my system

Please delete my email address from your files. Thank you.

Received: 6/24/20

Hello Nichole,

Where can I find information on how to provide public comment to the districting commission via email?

Thank you. Lois Wentink

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Received: 6/19/20

Thank you Nichole for your links of access. I wanted to be certain that the added meeting was also televised.

I have appreciated the education of creating districts and the responsibilities of the Commission. I believe our Districting master Tony Fairfax is an exemplary assist with his wisdom, experience and exhibiting a spirit of providing what the Commissioners ask of him and honoring their voices. He In so doing, honors the voices of the people( Commissioners ).

I would say I am watching democracy in action.

The Commissioners are asking questions about what is best for everyone as well as the area/ region within which they reside. Kudos to them in their civil collaboration.

With gratitude,  
Barbara Eklund

Will the Districting Commission meeting on June 22, 2020 be televised ? or available to the public via zoom?

Thank you for advising,  
Barbara Eklund

Received: 6/16/20

Hi Nichole, When will minutes and videos be posted for the Districting Commission? The last video I see posted is April 6.

Thanks, Linda