



Town of South Kingstown, Rhode Island

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Grant Pilkington
RI Special Commission on Reapportionment

Kimball Brace
Election Data Services, Inc.

Dear Mr. Pilkington and Mr. Brace:

The Canvassing Authority of the Town of South Kingstown has reviewed in detail the proposed redistricting maps for House and Senate. After careful consideration of the options currently offered, their preference is to support adoption of Senate Plan B and House Plan C, with a few additional changes requested.

The area from Matunuck Beach Road east to Potter's Pond and south to the shoreline should be included in Senate District 38 and House District 36, similar to the current configuration. House Plan C divides the Matunuck community in half along a road that is the only access to that area. Matunuck Elementary School, which is a polling location for current voting districts 9 and 10, is located on the east side of Matunuck Beach Road. There are no other public buildings in that south shore area of town that could be utilized as a polling place for those districts.

In addition, we ask that the line between House Districts 35 and 36 follow the parcel boundaries of the South Shore Country Club development, to include Bogey Circle which gets cut off in the current plan.

The last request is to correct the line between House Districts 35 and 36 where it runs along Route 1 encompassing only the road and median strip. These requested changes are shown in detail on the attached House Plan C maps prepared by our GIS Administrator.

In response to your questions contained in an email from Ryan Taylor dated December 16th, the Board members do not have a specific goal of reducing the number of precincts in South Kingstown with the exception of eliminating Voting District 1 (Middlebridge area), and will carefully review the number of voters per precinct as they draw the new town district lines. It is not their intent to dramatically increase the number of voters per district.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Carol Baker if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Susan M. Flynn
Clerk, Canvassing Authority

cc: Carol Baker, GIS Administrator