

PROPOSED NEW DISTRICTS

Dist. 156 CHESTER County

Part of CHESTER County consisting of the TOWNSHIPS of East Bradford (PART, District North), East Goshen, West Goshen and Westtown (PART, Precincts 01, 02, 03 and 05) and the BOROUGH of West Chester (PART, Wards 01, 02, 06 and 07).

Total population: 62,874

Dist. 160 CHESTER and DELAWARE Counties

Part of CHESTER County consisting of the TOWNSHIPS of Birmingham and East Bradford (PART, District South) and the BOROUGH of West Chester (PART, Wards 03, 04 and 05) and Part of DELAWARE County consisting of the TOWNSHIPS of Bethel, Chadds Ford, Concord and Upper Chichester (PART, Wards 01, 02 [PART, Division 01], 03, 04 and 05).

Total population: 63,438

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Professional Experience

- Private law practice, 23 years as a trial lawyer
- Elected District Attorney, Delaware County, 1967-76
- General Counsel for Pennsylvania District Attorneys' Association, 1976-1979
- Villanova University Law School, former Professor of Trial Advocacy
- Elected a judge of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania, 1981
- President Judge, Superior Court of Pennsylvania, 1996-2001
- Pennsylvania Court of Judicial Discipline, former President Judge

Memberships and Associations

- Pennsylvania Judicial Independence Commission, former Co-chair
- Council of Chief Judges of the State Courts of Appeal, Past President
- American Bar Association, United Nations
- Development Programme, Board of Advisors American Law Institute
- USAID, lecturer in Bulgaria, 2000-02

Petition

To: The Legislative Reapportionment Commission

We, the concerned citizens of the Borough of West Chester and the Township of East Bradford, County of Chester, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, having examined the Preliminary Redistricting Plan, which was made public by the Legislative Reapportionment Committee on Monday, October 31, 2011, do hereby voice our objection to the Plan as follows:

The Pennsylvania Constitution, Article II § 16 states that, "The Commonwealth shall be divided into fifty senatorial and two hundred three representative districts, which shall be composed of compact and contiguous territory as nearly equal in population as practicable. Each senatorial district shall elect one Senator, and each representative district one Representative. *Unless absolutely necessary no county, city, incorporated town, borough, township or ward shall be divided in forming either a senatorial or representative district.*" (Emphasis added)

- (i) We object to having the Borough of West Chester split into two legislative districts. The Borough of West Chester is the County Seat of the County of Chester and encompasses only one square mile.
- (ii) We object to having Wards 03, 04 and 05 of the Borough of West Chester annexed to the 160th Legislative District, a Delaware County district, because Delaware County has no contiguous border with the Borough of West Chester.
- (iii) We object to having the campus of West Chester University split off from the Borough of West Chester and placed in the 160th District when the University has no contiguous border with Delaware County.
- (iv) We object to having the two south precincts of East Bradford Township placed in the 160th District, a Delaware County District, because East Bradford Township has no contiguous border with Delaware County.

Name	Signature	Street Address	Municipality	Date

We recommend that the Legislative Reapportionment Commission keeps the entire Borough of West Chester and the entire campus of the University of West Chester (including that part of the campus which is located in East Bradford Township) in the 156th Legislative District, where they are all presently located.

Respectfully Submitted:

By: _____

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