

## REDISTRICTING REPORT 1-4-18

First, a follow-up on an issue raised during our conference calls with LL Leadership last week. A member wondered why we didn't have the "Board of Auditors" select the commissioners as California did. I looked into this and found that the "Colorado State Auditor is an individual who serves a 5-year term and is selected by the Joint Auditors Committee in the Legislature. He/she is responsible for auditing state agencies for the legislative oversight function. Barbara Mattison has found no mention of a "Board of Auditors" in Colorado. In our initiative, the Commissioners are selected by senior judges and the Legislative Council staff designs the maps which are then publicly edited by the Commissioners. The reality is that every state has its own rules, titles and ways of doing things. We have tried to write proposals that best fit Colorado.

Some good news; All of our initiatives have successfully gone through the title setting process. (Remember, we will end up with only 2 initiatives to get on the ballot.) The first two, #s 48 and 50, have been challenged and the Colo. Supreme Court denied the challenges. The last three, including #s 67 and 69 which are our preferred ones, have also been challenged, and await a decision by the same court. We have been joined in our argument by the National organization, *The Campaign Legal Center*, a well-respected progressive group, and the *African Leadership Group* based in Aurora. We still don't know exactly who our opponents are, except that their official representatives are Robert Dulay and Katina Banks. The last date for briefs to be filed is 1-29-18, so we should know soon, although there is no deadline for the Court to make its decision.

Our opponents have just filed their own initiatives, which follow ours in many ways. (Imitation is the best kind of flattery?) There are some important differences, however, one of which is that our map drawing process is completely transparent, while theirs is not. We are trying to get in touch with them to see if we can work out the differences, but will oppose them if need be.

I'll report again in two weeks. I hope this info is helpful.

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