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After studying the maps presented, Maps 3 and 5 are the most reasonable reapportionment suggestions.

1) JBER is a unique part of our community. JBER falls under a single community commander who is responsible for everything that happens on the base. Dividing JBER into more than one district, whether 1, 2, or 5, will not allow for the base commander to create a unified and cohesive base. The responsibilities of the base commander stretch into the community. The base commander should be focused on their "constituents" and not the juggling the responsibilities associated with multiple districts. Also, one needs to examine the actual number of Alaskan voters on JBER. Dividing them into multiple districts may not provide them with the best representation possible.

2) I also disagree with dividing the Hillside into district 2 or 6. The assumption is that Hillside voters align with ER voters due to lot size among other factors. If the Upper Hillside to Girdwood is placed in District 2, I believe that those in Bird thru Girdwood will be underrepresented. Should they become part of District 2, their representation will be invisible due to the strength of ER. The Hillside should closely mimic the school boundaries set by ASD creating a unified interest. It is nonsensical to have the district 2 representative drive every district to reach both ends of their district. Logic needs to drive the reapportionment, not creating the most favorable boundaries for elections.