

TIPS FOR PROVIDING PUBLIC COMMENT TO THE ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

The Alaska Redistricting Board will hold public hearings throughout Alaska to seek input on the proposed draft plan - **it is critical that Alaska Native people, leaders, supporters and rural Alaskans participate in the public hearing process.**

Here are a few tips to provide the most effective public testimony:

- Read through these brief redistricting process and guidelines documents:
 - www.firstalaskans.org/documents_faj/WebOct09NQ.pdf (especially pages 4-6)
 - www.akredistricting.org/Files/Alaska%20Redistricting%20Board%20Guidelines.pdf
- If you can, write down brief talking points. If you are more comfortable writing everything down and reading it aloud, please do so to ensure your concerns and ideas are heard and entered into the public record.
- Begin by stating your name and whether you are representing yourself or an organization.
- Be clear and concise about your position. State your concerns, ideas, what you agree or disagree with, alternative plans, etc. Be prepared to discuss your position in a brief and clear manner.
- Keep your comments within the time allowed; otherwise you may get cut-off before you get to share your main points.
- State questions clearly and concisely.
- If you are presenting an alternative map, be prepared to discuss your plan, explain how shifting the boundaries in your plan will achieve Redistricting Board mandates, pros/cons you can identify, etc.

If you have questions, please contact the Alaska Native Policy Center at First Alaskans Institute: anpc@firstalaskans.org or 907-677-1700.