

March 16, 2026

To: Senate State Affairs Committee members
From: Elinor K. Chehey 617 N. Ross St. Boise, ID 83702
Subject: S 1356, to rewrite Ada County Highway District elections law

Please vote No on S 1356.

I believe the ACHD commissioner elections should be left alone. They are elected the same as city council members in the larger cities. Elected by district, by the people who live in the district. Their constituents can talk to them about the problems in their district and the best way to deal with them. The commissioners can talk about the best way to meet those needs and work to create a system that works for everybody.

If the people in western Ada County are unhappy with the way highway commissioner districts were drawn in 2021, they should take a more active role in the drawing of districts in 2031.

The law describing proper legislative districts calls for them to be compact, contiguous and contain communities of interest. That should also apply in other kinds of political districts.

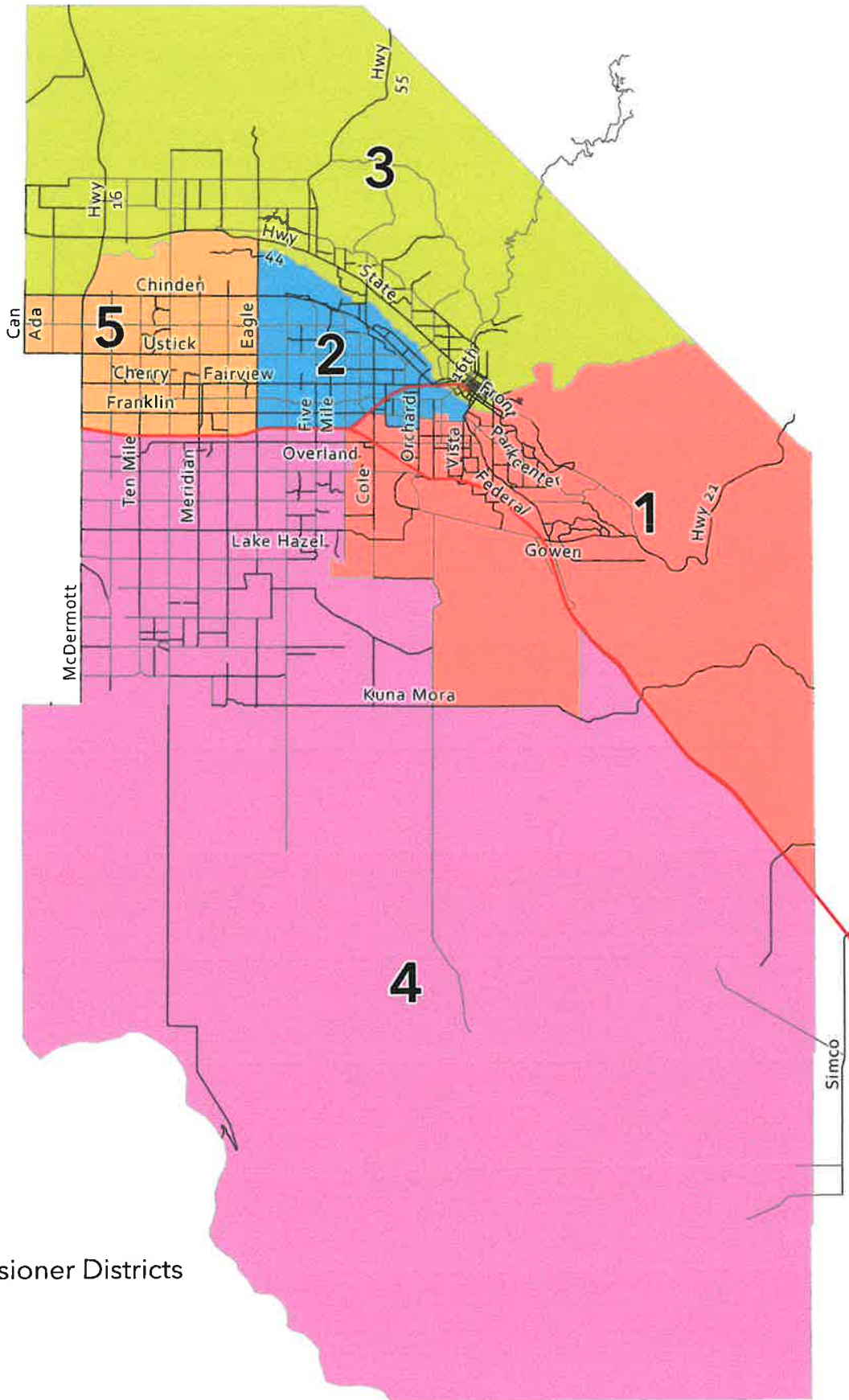
I see that the ACHD commissioner district for Eagle and Star is the area north of the Boise River, east to near the original St. Lukes Hospital. That takes in a lot of legislative districts 16 and 19. That is hardly a community of interest with the more conservative Eagle and Star communities

ACHD has 5 commissioner districts.

If a line was drawn north-south, maybe at Five Mile Road and Highway 55 to set 40% of the Ada County population west of that line, and then an east west line to divide the area into two districts, for Meridian and Eagle/Star, we should have happy campers.

Please vote No on S 1356

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