

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LEA
RESOLUTION NO. 22-FEB-030R

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE 2021 ADOPTED NEW MEXICO CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, Article One of the United States Constitution establishes the United States House of Representatives, primarily apportioning its members based on population, with reapportionment occurring every ten years after the decennial United States census; *and*

WHEREAS, in 2021 the New Mexico legislature created the Citizen Redistricting Committee (CRC) to develop as one of its duties Congressional District maps that allow New Mexico voters to choose their representatives, not the other way around; *and*

WHEREAS, the New Mexico legislature ignored the recommendations of the CRC and adopted its own Congressional Districts and for the first time since New Mexico has had three members of the U.S. House of Representatives, more than 40 years, divided Lea County and its largest municipality into two separate Congressional districts, making all three Congressional Districts more favorable to the political party now in control of all three branches of state government and ignoring the community of interests criterion, just as the Speaker of the New Mexico House of Representatives implied after the 2020 elections the legislature would do.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Lea County that it believes the Congressional Redistricting map drawn by the politicians of the New Mexico legislature and signed into law by the New Mexico governor are unconstitutional and ignore the community and interests of Southeastern New Mexico.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 17th day of February, 2022, by the Lea County Board of County Commissioners in an open meeting in Lovington, New Mexico.

LEA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Dean Jackson (District 1), Chair
Voted: Yes No Abstain




Gary G. Eidson (District 3), Vice Chair
Voted: Yes No Abstain



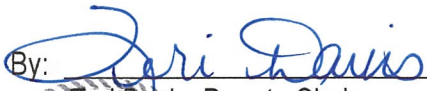
Rebecca Long (District 2), Member
Voted: Yes No Abstain



Jonathan Sena (District 4), Member
Voted: Yes No Abstain

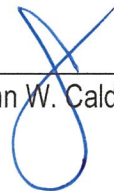

Pat Sims (District 5), Member
Voted: Yes No Abstain

ATTEST: Keith Manes
Lea County Clerk

By: 
Teri Davis, Deputy Clerk



**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL
SUFFICIENCY:**


John W. Caldwell, County Attorney