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Subject: Unfair shape of CT Congressional Districts
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Hello - I was notified that the boundaries of CT's voting districts are in the process of being adjusted. I live in Granby and visually I can see the northwest and central congressional districts look spacially unfair. It doesn't make sense that towns like mine (Granby) are lumped in with Hartford, while towns like Farmington (much further south and closer to Hartford) are included in the northwest district. The shape of these district appears to violate all of these rules found on the redistricting website ([Districtr](#)):

Communities of Interest: Groups with significant shared interests should be kept together

Contiguity: Each district should be one connected piece

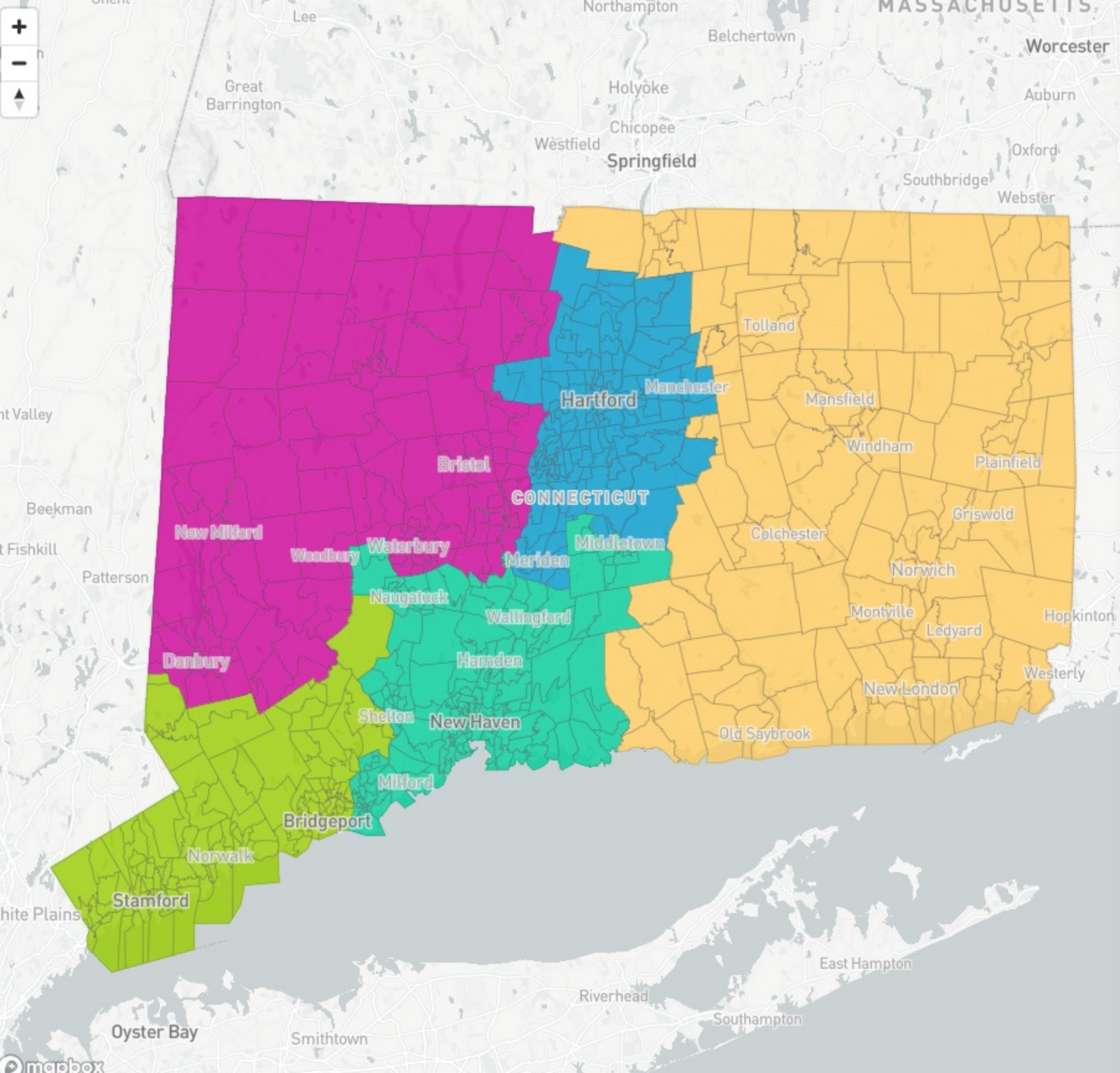
Compactness: District shapes should be "reasonable"

Boundary preservation: District lines should follow natural and official boundaries, such as rivers or town and county borders

Granby and some other adjacent northernwest towns are lumped in with the central district, do not overly share more interests with Hartford then they do with northwest towns of Simsbury and Avon. They are much more like those towns of Simsbury and Avon in landuse,industry and business and should be grouped with them. The northwest and central districts are NOT compact and have a reasonable shape as they each have arms that stretch into each other. It looks awkward and purposefully unfair. They also do not seem to follow any natural boundries or even county boundaries.

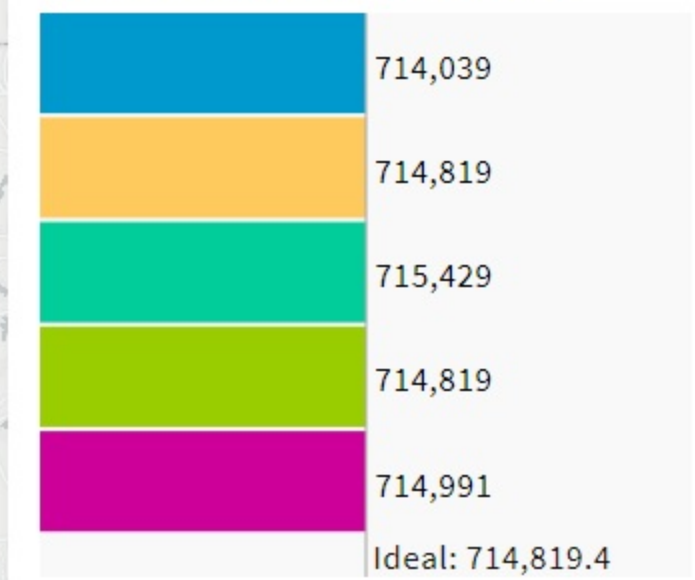
I believe the shape of these two congressional districts have been designed for some unfair reason, perhaps to split up groups of voters that would typically vote Repulican - diluting the votes from that group so Democratic representation is elected. I have attached a version of the Congressional Districts that I created keeping fair shape and population count in mind. Please consider the map and my suggestions. The current configuration does not follow the rules and is unfair.

Thank you, Dana Lowes-Hobson



▼ Population Balance

Uses 2010 Decennial Census data on Precincts.



UNASSIGNED POPULATION: 0

MAX. POPULATION DEVIATION: 0.11%

Highlight unassigned units