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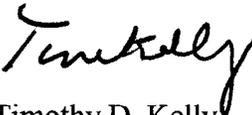
Mr. Frederick K. Grittner
Clerk of Appellate Courts
305 Minnesota Judicial Center
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Re: Susan B. Zachman, et al. v. Mary Kiffmeyer, et al.
Minn. Special Redistricting Panel, No. C0-01-160
Our File No. 6088.01

Dear Mr. Grittner:

Pursuant to the Special Redistricting Panel's Order of October 29, 2001, enclosed for filing is the Original and (9) nine copies of the Criteria Stipulation executed by all parties. Please note the original signature page for the Wright County Attorney's Office will follow by mail.

Very truly yours,


Timothy D. Kelly

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Enclosures

cc: All Counsel of Record

STATE OF MINNESOTA
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Rosenbloom, Victor L.M. Gomez,
Gregory G. Edeen, Jeffrey E. Karlson,
Diane V. Bratlie, Brian J. LeClair and
Gregory Ravenhorst, individually and on
Behalf of all citizens and voting residents of
Minnesota similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

and

Patricia Cotlow, Thomas L. Weisbecker,
Theresa Silka, Geri Boice, William English,
Benjamin Gross, Thomas R. Dietz, John Raplinger,
individually and on behalf of all citizens and
voting residents of Minnesota similarly situated,

Plaintiffs-Intervenors,

and

Jesse Ventura,

Plaintiff-Intervenor,

and

Roger D. Moe, Thomas W. Pugh, Betty
McCollum, Martin Olav Sabo, Bill Luther,
Collin C. Peterson and James L. Oberstar,

Plaintiffs-Intervenors,

vs.

Mary Kiffmeyer, Secretary of State of
Minnesota; and Doug Gruber, Wright
County Auditor, individually and on behalf
of all Minnesota county chief election
officers,

Defendants.

CRITERIA
STIPULATION

The parties hereto, by and through their respective undersigned counsel of record, hereby stipulate and agree regarding any court ordered plan of legislative or congressional redistricting that:

1. NUMBER OF DISTRICTS.

(a) The Senate must be composed of sixty-seven (67) districts. The House of Representatives must be composed of one hundred and thirty-four (134) districts. Each district is entitled to elect a single member.

(b) A plan for congressional districts must have eight (8) districts, each entitled to elect a single member.

2. NESTING. A Representative district may not be divided in the formation of a Senate district.

3. EQUAL POPULATION.

(a) Legislative districts must be substantially equal in population. The population of a legislative district must not deviate from the ideal by more than ____ percent, plus or minus.

(b) Congressional districts must be as nearly equal in population as practicable.

4. CONTIGUITY. All districts must be composed of convenient contiguous territory. Contiguity by water is sufficient if the water is not a serious obstacle to travel within the district.

5. NUMBERING.

(a) The legislative districts must be numbered in a regular series, beginning with House district 1A in the northwest corner of the state and proceeding across the state from west to east, north to south, but bypassing the seven-county metropolitan area until the southeast corner has been reached; then to the seven-county metropolitan area

outside the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul; then in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

(b) The congressional district numbers must begin with district one in the south east corner of the state and end with district eight in the northeast corner of the state.

6. MINORITY REPRESENTATION.

7. PRESERVING POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.

8. COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS. The districts should attempt to preserve communities of interest where that can be done in compliance with the preceding principles. For purposes of this principle, "communities of interest" include, but are not limited to, political subdivisions or other geographic areas where there are clearly recognizable similarities of social, geographic, political, cultural, ethnic or other interests.

9. POLITICAL COMPETITIVENESS.

10. INCUMBENTS. The districts must not be drawn for the purpose of protecting or defeating an incumbent.

11. DATA TO BE USED. The geographic areas and population counts used in maps, tables and legal descriptions of the district must be those used by the Geographic Information Systems Office of the Legislative Coordinating Commission. The population counts will be the block population counts provided under Public Law Number 94-171, subject to correction of any errors acknowledged by the United States Census Bureau or by the state demographer after consultation with the director of geographic information systems.

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