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## **Legislative Republicans Seek Fair Redistricting Plans**

Nevada Republican legislators say they are willing to negotiate with Democrats on redistricting plans for the State Senate, Assembly and U.S. Congress if Democratic leaders agree to start with the premise of fairness.

“We believe that the Voting Rights Act requires fair representation for Hispanics in the U.S. Congress, Nevada State Senate and Nevada Assembly,” said State Sen. Barbara Cegavske. “We also believe that no political party should have a monopoly on power.”

Nevada Republican legislators said they would be willing to discuss a compromise on redistricting if Democrats agree to strict compliance with the Voting Rights Act, which prohibits the fracturing of communities of interest. As such, Republican legislators insist on the following benchmarks as a condition for redistricting negotiations:

- 1 majority-Hispanic congressional district;
- 4 majority-Hispanic state senate districts;
- 8 majority-Hispanic assembly districts; and
- Enough competitive state senate and assembly districts to ensure that no party will have a monopoly on power.

Democrats have already passed a Congressional redistricting plan that virtually guarantees that Democrats will control 75% of the state’s four congressional districts; Democrats passed a state senate redistricting plan that creates 13 safe Democratic seats; and Democrats passed an assembly redistricting plan that ensures Democratic dominance for a decade.

Democrat-passed plans failed to create a single majority-Hispanic congressional district, only 2 majority-Hispanic senate seats and just 3 majority-Hispanic assembly seats.

“If Democrats are serious about working with us to draw fair redistricting plans that fully comply with the Voting Rights Act, we are ready to talk,” said State Sen. James Settelmeyer. “Our conditions for discussing a compromise are clear – we insist on fair representation for Hispanics and fair districts that ensure that no party will have a monopoly on power.”

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