Questions and Responses:

**Why so many pairings?**

Pairings are a sometimes inevitable consequence of reapportionment and the result of compliance with the principles of equal population, compact and contiguous districts and sensitivity to minority concerns. Legislative districts are reapportioned to be in place for 10 years. Out of 132 legislators, only 35 remain today in the seats they held in 2000. That is about 75 percent turnover for the 10 years that the districts put in place after the last reapportionment were in effect.

**Why did you (split, draw, pair) X?**

There are a number of correct ways to reapportion. The reapportionment involves competing principles and choices that have to be made. This legislation represents the choices that have been made that are consistent with the legal standards required.

**Who made the decisions on how these districts were drawn?**

Senator Fitzgerald and Speaker Fitzgerald directed us to work on a reapportionment plan in consultation with legal counsel to insure that all the appropriate legal standards were followed. SB 148 is the end result of that process. Ultimately it will be up to this committee and the Legislature to decide if this proposal becomes law.

**What is the partisan makeup of these districts?**

I'm not in a position to offer testimony on the partisan makeup of these districts. The Government Accountability Board has made election data from the past 10 years available to each of the 4 caucuses through the non-partisan Legislative Technology Services Bureau.

**Who did you talk with about these maps?**

I met with Speaker and Senator Fitzgerald and consulted with attorneys and legislators as directed by them. I can't say if they consulted anyone beyond that.

**Why are you offering choices on the Hispanic districts, but not on the African American districts?**

Given the rapid growth of the Hispanic population during the ten year cycle, which is very different than other minority growth patterns, we simply thought providing a number
of alternatives would be appropriate. If there are other alternatives for other minority
groups, then those can be proposed and acted on by the Committee and the legislature.