

Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission
February 25, 2021 Meeting Public Comment

Date of Submission: Wednesday, February 24, 2021
Method of Submission: SurveyMonkey public comment submission form
Name: Clint M Reamer

Since within the 21st century it is possible to identify party affiliation or voting patterns at the residence level, it is important that when drawing the lines that the following standards be applied (amongst others):

- 1.) That district lines do not make sudden jogs or redirection unless conforming within certain already established boundaries (city/county limits, main streets [not side roads or other deviations] , terrain, etc.). No line should deviate in order to include a portion of a neighborhood, either by request or by intent, unless established within existing boundaries (city/county limits, main streets [not side roads or other deviations] , terrain, etc.).
 - 2.) Race should not play any part in the drawing of any district lines, whatsoever.
 - 3.) Income status should not play a role in the drawing of any district lines, whatsoever.
 - 4.) Over "Packing" of areas in order to dilute the vote from an adjacent district should not be allowed.
 - 4.) Splitting up of a neighborhood across more than one district with purposes to dilute the vote within either district, should not be allowed.
-

Date of Submission: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 11:00PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Rebecca Berringer
Subject: Redistricting

Hello,

I am asking that you hold meetings on redistricting in rural parts of Michigan as well. The cities listed do not represent the vast majority of Michiganders and will make it difficult for citizens to attend. All meetings should be public; no closed door meetings.

Thank you,

Rebecca Berringer

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Date of Submission: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 7:02PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Sherry Sweeney
Subject: Redistricting

We need public meetings in places other than democrat strongholds. Please schedule additional meetings in more rural Michigan areas.

Date of Submission: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 2:53PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: mary harp
Subject: (no subject)

Hello,

I'm writing to you today to ask you to hold more open meetings in rural areas of Michigan. Every citizen has the right to be able to attend these meeting.

Thank you,
Mary Harp

Date of Submission: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 9:01AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Allen McCullough
Subject: Pay raise for commissioners?

Just curious.

My State House Representative Jack O'Malley has said that the ICRC members voted themselves a pay raise from \$44,000 to \$55,000.

Could someone expand on this? I tried to find out about this on the internet, but nothing came up about it. The pay raise, if it went through, doesn't bother me. With many others, I worked diligently in 2018 in Benzie County to get Prop 2 on the November ballot, and thoroughly support it.

I'm not fan of Jack O'Malley ! But I need some info to discuss the pay raise that he's making an issue over when he has next "Coffee Hour" this month.

Thanks.

Allen McCullough
[REDACTED]
Interlochen, MI 49643
[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Monday, February 22, 2021 10:15PM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Scott Urbanowski
Subject: Written public comment for February 25 meeting

Dear Commissioners:

After seeing Edward Woods III's well-organized presentation at the February 18 meeting regarding public hearings, I wanted to share a few more observations and ideas regarding these hearings. All of the proposed second-round hearings are in communities where a first-round hearing is also taking place. Just because a first-round hearing isn't held in a particular community, doesn't mean a second-round hearing can't be held there.

I agree with Commissioners Lange, Orton, and Szetela that we should add at least one more hearing in northern Michigan. I reiterate my suggestion from my previous comment (from the February 4 meeting) that there should be hearings in both Marquette and Sault Ste. Marie, given the geographic expanse of the Upper Peninsula.

Commissioner Lange expressed concern about whether the budget would allow you to pay for transportation to a hearing. As you begin your community outreach, I suggest asking if any community organizations would be willing to pay for transportation.

Hearings should be as accessible as possible. Individuals with disabilities should be able to access hearings and attend in person, if they so choose. Facilities should be located near public transit, if the community is serviced by a public transit system. In addition, people who drive to a public hearing should not be required to pay for parking. Parking validation should be provided, where appropriate. In Grand Rapids, DeVos Place is currently hosting a vaccine clinic. (Full disclosure: I volunteer at this clinic and received my first dose there.) Hearing attendees might have to compete with clinic patients and volunteers for parking.

Residents should be given the option of participating in hearings virtually.

Thank you for reading my comments as well as the comments of fellow Michigan residents.

Scott Urbanowski
Kentwood

Date of Submission: Monday, February 22, 2021 9:08PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Janine Kiilunen
Subject: Public meetings for redistricting

Redistricting Committee,

Hello, I am writing today to request that you plan to hold a redistricting meeting for rural areas as well as urban. We are all affected by this outcome so I am sure you would like to have input from all Michiganders. I would like to see a meeting in Livingston County as well as Houghton County in the U.P.

Please be sure that these meetings are publicly held as we all have interests in this! The commission cannot define this without community participation!

Thank you,

Janine Kiilunen

Date of Submission: Monday, February 22, 2021 5:25PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Heather Herbst
Subject: Open Session redistricting deliberations

Due to census data delay, any deliberations regarding the creation of new political legislative districts must be conducted in an open session format. What are you trying to hide? We, the Michigan residents, the Michigan TAX PAYERS, who pay YOUR SALARY, have the right to know what changes you plan to implement to our districts.

Have some integrity.

Date of Submission: Monday, February 22, 2021 3:30PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Yahoo
Subject: Redistricting publicly

Dear committee, please hold only public redistricting meetings in Livingston county and also in houghton county so the people may be heard.

Sarah Pietila

Date of Submission: Monday, February 22, 2021 3:10PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: David Halonen
Subject: Livingston County needs proper consideration

Hello, I'm writing with concerns for the redistricting plans for Michigan. It appears that the my county, Livingston, is not in the "top" locations for regional meetings. I believe Livingston County should be, as it's one of the more populated counties in the state and has long been recognized as one of the top growing as well.

Stay free,
David Halonen [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
"Balanced diet" is code for less burgers.

Hello, I'm writing with concerns for the redistricting plans for Michigan. It appears that the my county, Livingston, is not in the "top" locations for regional meetings. I believe Livingston County should be, as it's one of the more populated counties in the state and has long been recognized as one of the top growing as well.

Stay free,
David Halonen [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
"Balanced diet" is code for less burgers.

Date of Submission: Monday, February 22, 2021 2:46PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Suzi Macaluso
Subject: public hearings for redistricting Michigan

I implore you to schedule public meetings where residents living in rural Michigan will have the opportunity to hear from the Commission and easily express their thoughts and concerns related to their communities of interest.

Thank you for taking this issue seriously,
Suzanne Macaluso
[REDACTED]
Howell, MI 48843
[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Monday, February 22, 2021 2:34PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Tammy Labriola
Subject: Regarding meetings

I am writing you as a concerned rural Michigander. I heard there is the possibility of closed door meetings during the redistricting of Michigan. I oppose to the closed door sessions. Everything needs to be open to the public. I feel there are way to many "back door deals" that happen and these need to be avoided. I also living in rural Michigan think it is horrible that you are leaving us out of meeting locations. We ARE MICHIGAN too and only holding these in the big areas is really turning your nose up at all of us who are not in a big city. We are just as important as the big cities!!! I hope you will keep an open mind and think about the ENTIRE future of ALL Michiganders.

Sincerely,
Tamella Labriola

Date of Submission: Monday, February 22, 2021 11:59AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Dave Post
Subject: Gerrymandering

Hello,

I live in Hillman in Montmorency County on the east line border with Alpena County. I would like to express my dislike of Gerrymandered Districts. Our current Senator is Jim Stamas from Midland. This Senate district was Gerrymandered in 2000 to put Northeast Lower Michigan attached to Midland and Gladwin Counties. This attachment of Gladwins County to Arenac County is a complete Gerrymander and has left Northeast Michigan with a Senator that represents the interest of Midland County. A Northeast Lower Michigan Senate seat should be the priority and that seat should exclusively represent our interest in Northeast Lower Michigan.

Our State Representative District, the 105th is the same. Why Montmorency County is in the same district as antrim County is beyond me. A district should be created to singularly represent the interest of Northeast Lower Michigan.

Montmorency County needs better representation and our area has interest that the West side or middle (Midland, Gladwin) of the State cannot share in Lansing because the other areas always take precedence over our interest.

Date of Submission: Monday, February 22, 2021 11:45AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Dave Post
Subject: Public redistricting meetings

Good morning,

I am urging you to please hold all deliberations in public and to schedule public meetings where residents living in rural Michigan will have the opportunity to hear from the Commission and easily express their thoughts and concerns related to their communities of interest.

I appreciate your help in making sure all those who voted for this, have an opportunity to participate.

Sincerely,
Lisa Graham
Resident of Michigan

Get Outlook for iOS

Date of Submission: Monday, February 22, 2021 10:36AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Rob Harris
Subject: RE: independent redistricting commission

To whom it may concern:

I am emailing you today to request the following: 1) conduct all your deliberations in public; and 2) encourage you to schedule public meetings where residents living in rural Michigan will have the opportunity to hear from the Commission and easily express their thoughts and concerns related to their communities of interest.

In 2018, the voters of Michigan voted overwhelmingly to turn over redistricting authority to a newly created independent redistricting commission. Those who advocated for the Commission promised the Commission would be “open and fully transparent” to allow Michigan residents' participation.

This past week the Commission began to discuss two issues — 1) the locations for the Constitutionally required regional meetings and 2) the possibility of a “closed session” to discuss a legal memo from the Commission’s attorney related to the delay in census data.

The dates and locations that have initially been proposed to the Commissioners are:

- Gaylord on May 4th
- Marquette on May 6th
- Benton Harbor on May 11th
- Muskegon on May 12th
- Grand Rapids on May 13th
- Ann Arbor on May 17th
- Lansing on May 18th
- Midland on May 19th
- Flint on May 20th
- Southfield on May 24th
- Dearborn on May 25th
- Novi on May 26th
- Detroit on May 27th

- Warren on June 2nd
- Port Huron on June 3rd

As you can see, almost all of the meeting locations are tentatively scheduled in Democrat strongholds.

As for the closed session, even the former legal counsel to Democratic Governor Jennifer Granholm believes that both the Open Meetings Act and, more importantly, the constitutional language creating the redistricting commission prevent such a closed session from taking place.

Robert D. Harris, MBA - President

Harris Financial Services - [REDACTED] Fenton, MI 48430

[REDACTED]

www.InvestHarris.com

"Like" us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/HarrisFinancial and connect with us on LinkedIn at www.Linkedin.com/in/RobHarrisMBA

ringme_15

RDH photoRegistered Representative, Securities offered through Cambridge Investment Research Inc., a Broker/Dealer, Member FINRA/SIPC. Investment Advisor Representative with Cambridge Investment Research Advisors, Inc., a Registered Investment Advisor. Harris Financial Services and Cambridge Investment Research Inc. are not affiliated.

NOTICE: The information contained in this electronic mail message is confidential and intended only for certain recipients. If you are not an intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any disclosure, reproduction, distribution or other use of this communication and any attachments is strictly prohibited. If you have received this communication in error, please notify the sender by reply transmission and delete the message without copying or disclosing it. We cannot accept trade orders through e-mail. Important letters, e-mail, or fax messages should be confirmed by calling 810-629-4900. This email service may not be monitored every day, or after normal business hours.

Date of Submission: Monday, February 22, 2021 9:54AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Anna Pennala
Subject: Updates

Hello Redistricting Commission!

I am requesting that you plan to hold a redistricting meeting in rural areas also! I would imagine that you would like input from all Michiganders seeing as the outcome of this will affect us all! I would like to see a meeting in Livingston County and Houghton County (YES – The UP, not just Marquette!)

Please make sure that these meetings are publicly held! Private meetings would again limit input from everyone!!!

I believe it is vitally important that all of the meetings hear everyone's input, especially about communities of interest! How can the commission define this without community participation?

Thank you!

Anna Pennala

Date of Submission: Monday, February 22, 2021 9:30AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Cheryl Gransden
Subject: Meetings in rural areas.

I am interested in attending the redistricting meetings, however, I have noticed there are none scheduled for Livingston county. Perhaps this is an oversight.

I would request one for our area and look forward to hearing from you as to when and where it will be.

Thank you
Cheryl Gransden

Date of Submission: Monday, February 22, 2021 7:55AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Andrew Lobbestael
Subject: Comments on districting
Redistricting Commission,

I know there are many different thought on how to slice up a population for districts. I am hopeful that this commission can create districts absent of gerrymandering and without political bias. I recommend that you follow the following guidelines as you create the new districts:

1. Comply with applicable laws.

2. Create districts that are regularly shaped and contiguous. An objective way to measure this is to create districts with low perimeter to area ratios. Regular shaped districts will have low ratios, while carved up and gerrymandered districts have high ratios.
3. To the extent practical, follow municipal (county, township, city) boundaries.
4. Do not feel burdened by trying to keep currently elected representatives within their existing district. If two elected representatives end up in the same new district, that's okay to me.
5. Narrow strips of voters between two large pockets of voters should be avoided. It is clear gerrymandering and potentially disenfranchises the voters within the narrow strip.
6. One of the basic premises of representation is to have one of your neighbors represent you. In my mind, this means being represented by some who is geographically close.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrew Lobbestael

Date of Submission: Sunday, February 21, 2021 9:33PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: richard
Subject: (no subject)

Please schedule public meetings!
Thanks

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Date of Submission: Sunday, February 21, 2021 9:16PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: G L
Subject: Public meetings on redistricting

How about a public meeting in more rural areas?

I'd suggest Clare as one option, Traverse City area as another, Alpena as a third, West Branch as a fourth. Please don't leave rural Michigan out of the process.

Glenn Laffy

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Sunday, February 21, 2021 7:58PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Dan Wholihan
Subject: Meeting Schedule

Dear Commission:

I was looking at the proposed dates and saw the list of places. I'd like to attend one of these meetings, but with my schedule, I can not travel a long distance to many of these places during the day.

I think there should be a meeting location in Livingston County, if possible. We are a sizable county of about 190,000 people, and should have our voices heard. Brighton, Hartland, or Howell would be excellent locations for a meeting, and would also give a different perspective than Ann Arbor or Lansing.

Thank you:

Dan Wholihan
Brighton, MI

Date of Submission: Sunday, February 21, 2021 5:45PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Sean Bertolino
Subject: Meeting Locations

Commissioners,

I would like to express my concern with the current meeting location suggestions. While the locations are spread across our State, they are within population dense areas and do not seem to take into consideration Michiganders living in more rural communities. Some suggestions could include Livingston County, Gaylord area, or maybe eastern or western UP.

Fair representation is important especially as we try to ensure new redistricting lines are drawn impartially and with the community in mind. Unfortunately, these proposed locations not only favor areas of high population but also those of the Democrat Party, which is contrary to the will of the people of Michigan to create the Redistricting Commission in the first place.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. In addition to email, my phone number is [REDACTED]. Thanks again.

Date of Submission: Sunday, February 21, 2021 5:36PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Carol Brown
Subject: Meetings

Redistricting Commission,

I have seen the regional meeting locations and am requesting that some public meetings be held in rural areas so people in these areas can share in them and hear from the Commission.. Locations need to benefit all people not just those in urban areas. Thank you for your careful consideration of this necessary request.

Carol Brown

[REDACTED]
Lapeer, MI 48446
[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Sunday, February 21, 2021 5:11PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Henry Ryan
Subject: Redistricting

I'm email you the Commission today and I highly encourage you to schedule public meetings. Where the residents living in rural Michigan will have the opportunity to hear from the Commission and easily express their thoughts and concerns related to their communities of interest.

Sincerely,

Henry L. Ryan

Date of Submission: Sunday, February 21, 2021 5:11PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Mikecolu
Subject: Use the delay in census maps as an opportunity to prototype new district maps

To: The Michigan Redistricting commission

I know you are struggling with how to adapt to the delay in results from the 2020 census data.

A possible approach that you may want to consider is to take a prototyping approach to the design process. This would mean to essentially do a trial run while waiting for the results of the census. To do this you could draw new districts using results of the 2010 census and the principals for the independent redistricting commission. By going through the process of listening to community (user) input and using it to draw maps based on the 2010 census, the commission will have the opportunity to learn the process and build teamwork among the members, all with reduced pressure because the resulting maps will simply be prototypes. It may make the most sense to apply this process to State of Michigan

legislative and senate districts where the number of districts need is known, rather than Federal house districts where the precise number of districts may be uncertain. In addition to providing the commission with the opportunity of working through the process, the prototype district maps produced will likely serve as better models for the final districts.

I wish you good courage (Bon Courage) through this design process.

Mike Colucci

[REDACTED]
Saginaw MI 48603
[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Sunday, February 21, 2021 3:01PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Keith Cowgar
Subject: Meetings

Good Afternoon,
Would it be possible to have a meeting somewhere in the Livingston County area for those of us that live in rural areas outside Wayne and Oakland Counties.
Thank You,
Keith Cowgar
Green Oak Township

Sent from my iPad

Date of Submission: Sunday, February 21, 2021 2:42PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Joanie Econom
Subject: Redistricting Commission Meetings

Redistrict Commissioners,

After viewing the meeting locations that several of us wish to attend. I am asking that your group please consider locating additional meetings in Livingston County.

Sincerely,
Joanne Econom

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Sunday, February 21, 2021 2:12PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Stacey Lahoi
Subject: Public Meetings

Dear Commission Members:

Please consider moving upcoming public hearing redistricting meetings to rural Michigan cities where citizens of those areas are equally represented to share their thoughts and concerns related to their communities of interest.

Thank you.
Stacey Laho
Brighton, MI

Date of Submission: Sunday, February 21, 2021 2:06PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Harry Bowman
Subject: Meetings should be on zoom and valuable to all. Need to have a Brighton Mi Meeting.

Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail on Android

Date of Submission: Sunday, February 21, 2021 2:06PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Harry Bowman
Subject: Meetings should be on zoom and valuable to all. Need to have a Brighton Mi Meeting.

Date of Submission: Sunday, February 21, 2021 1:37PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Tom Sullivan
Subject: Meetings should be on zoom and valuable to all. Need to have a Brighton Mi Meeting.

We'd appreciate the Commission holding a public hearing in Livingston County. I am sure our many rural areas would also appreciate public hearings where the citizenry could provide direct input into the process. Thank you.

Tom Sullivan

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Sunday, February 21, 2021 1:24PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Isecord
Subject: Meetings

Please schedule redistricting meetings in every county

Kind regards,
ivan Secord

Date of Submission: Sunday, February 21, 2021 1:16PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Sharon Tiemann
Subject: Public Meetings

Please, please schedule public meetings where residents living in rural Michigan will have the opportunity to hear from the Commission and easily express their thoughts and concerns related to their communities. Thank you!

Date of Submission: Sunday, February 21, 2021 1:06PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Jackie
Subject: Public Meetings

To whom it may concern;

Please make your meetings public to ensure that the public, the MI residents especially in rural areas have the ability to hear from the commission and the ability to express their concerns related to their communities.

I ask this of you as an elected official to do your duty for the best interest of our state our government and our residents.

Thank you,

Jackie Zaplitny


Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Sunday, February 21, 2021 12:59PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Tracy Pratt
Subject: Redistricting Cities

Good Morning Commission of Redistricting in Michigan, as I look at the 15 Cities listed for upcoming public meetings concerning the discussion of Redistricting in Michigan I am disappointed that there are no outlying public meetings in smaller rural towns or villages only meetings in very large Metropolitan'. As a longtime voter and older single individual living in a small community south of Lansing, I would like to see you add more public meetings in smaller towns as I know there are more individuals like me.

Thank you & Best Regards
Tracy Allstead

Date of Submission: Sunday, February 21, 2021 12:59PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Tracy Pratt
Subject: Redistricting Cities

Good Morning Commission of Redistricting in Michigan, as I look at the 15 Cities listed for upcoming public meetings concerning the discussion of Redistricting in Michigan I am disappointed that there are no outlying public meetings in smaller rural towns or villages only meetings in very large Metropolitan'. As a longtime voter and older single individual living in a small community south of Lansing, I would like to see you add more public meetings in smaller towns as I know there are more individuals like me.

Thank you & Best Regards
Tracy Allstead

Date of Submission: Sunday, February 21, 2021 12:01PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Connie J. Rose
Subject: RURAL PUBLIC MEETINGS REQUEST

Redistricting Commission:

This email is to request that the Redistricting Committee schedule meetings in RURAL locations for Republicans to allow them the opportunity to attend and become informed on the redistricting for the State of Michigan. It is imperative that ALL of our Michigander residents have the opportunity to hear from the Commission as well giving them a platform allowing them to express their thoughts and concerns as they relate to their communities.

It was clear that Voters Not Politicians campaigned for Proposal 2 in 2018. The Commission is to be INDEPENDENT and hear from BOTH REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS EQUALLY. Regarding the proposed meeting dates (shown below) it has been noted that most meetings have been scheduled in DEMOCRATIC strongholds, 20% Republican versus 80% Democratic. This is not in accordance with the Commission's directive in the redistricting of Michigan.

Gaylord on May 4th (R)
Marquette on May 6th (D)
Benton Harbor on May 11th (D)
Muskegon on May 12th (D)
Grand Rapids on May 13th (D)
Ann Arbor on May 17th (D)
Lansing on May 18th (D)
Midland on May 19th (R)
Flint on May 20th (D)
Southfield on May 24th (D)
Dearborn on May 25th (D)
Novi on May 26th (D)
Detroit on May 27th (D)
Warren on June 2nd (D)
Port Huron on June 3rd (R)

Therefore, I am requesting that either the Commission revised their proposed meeting schedule or add additional meeting dates to have an even split (50/50) among Republican and Democratic stronghold communities.

Thank you for this consideration in advance and looking forward to a fair, constructive redistricting of Michigan.

Date of Submission: Sunday, February 21, 2021 11:50AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Lance Schuhmacher
Subject: Public Meetings

I have seen the list of tentative sites chosen to hold public hearings for redistricting. I see it is woefully inadequate in providing locations in the Northern part of Michigan. There is only one scheduled in the Upper Peninsula and only one scheduled in the Northern Lower Peninsula.

Please schedule more hearings in rural Michigan so residents there will have the opportunity to hear from the Commission about their thoughts and concerns related to establishing communities of interest.

Lance Schuhmacher

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Date of Submission: Sunday, February 21, 2021 11:40AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Joe Mazur
Subject: Meetings

Please schedule more meetings throughout rural Michigan to allow ALL Michigan residents voices to be heard. This is a very important issue and it is important to hear from all segments of voters.

Joe Mazur

Date of Submission: Sunday, February 21, 2021 11:30AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: P Mac
Subject: Scheduling Public Meetings Regarding Redistricting

Redistricting Commission

I have reviewed your redistricting meeting schedule and it is unacceptable. You do not include Michigan's outer rural areas or even the not so rural but not in a major city. It is your responsibility to give all voting Michigan residents an opportunity to attend these meetings and holding them in only metro areas is not getting the job done.

Please schedule MORE meetings to include ALL Michigan residents.

Pat Macaluso



Date of Submission: Sunday, February 21, 2021 11:15AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: ginny benson
Subject: Meeting

To the redistricting committee,

Thank you for your service, it is my greatest hope that even in this divisive, tumultuous time, you folks will come together and create a fair and equitable redistricting plan, that will allow all Michiganders to be heard and represented.

Looking at your schedule of public meetings, I see that all meeting locations are in cities. Please realize that most of Michigan is outside the city, and that rural people have very different concerns than people living inside cities for the most part. Because of this, it's important to get input from rural areas as well. I live in Oxford, in Oakland County, and the nearest meeting for me, is an hour away. For many other people, the meetings are even farther away. Please consider more rural areas, and the difficulty of many people in those areas, to reach meetings in cities, in order to give their input. More rural areas should be added to the schedule.

Thank you for your time,

Ginny Benson

[REDACTED] Oxford, MI 48371
[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Sunday, February 21, 2021 10:45AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Jonathan Porta
Subject: Please schedule meetings in rural Michigan as well

Hello,

I wanted to ask you to consider planning some public meetings in rural Michigan so that we can hear from the Commission regarding our communities of interest.

Thank you for your consideration,
Rachel Porta

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Sunday, February 21, 2021 10:36AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Carol Griffith
Subject: Schedule of Public Meetings

Please schedule meetings in areas of rural Michigan where Michiganders can easily express their thoughts and opinions.....they are entitled to be heard with the same ease as the outreach in more populated areas/cities.

Carol Griffith
Livingston County Commissioner District 7

Griffith Realty
Vice President/Broker Co-owner



Date of Submission: Sunday, February 21, 2021 10:36AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Dr. Michael Martel
Subject: Schedule of Public Meetings

I recently saw a tentative schedule for the redistricting meetings. I am asking that you schedule some in rural areas. This time of the year is very busy for many of us, especially those of us farmers, and associated businesses. WE cannot easily take several hours out of our day to drive to a meeting in an urban setting, and then drive back.

Michael A. Martel, Ph.D.



Date of Submission: Sunday, February 21, 2021 9:21AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Dale Jurcisin
Subject: Written Comments

The written comments to the Commission have been well thought out and succinctly delivered. I write to support the ideas of having contiguous municipalities with common interests in reasonably drawn shapes. Residing in the 11th Congressional District, I offer it as an example of an unreasonable shape with communities separated end to end by long distances and significant differences in interests. Despite early concerns of having been drawn to favor one political party, Representatives from both parties have been elected. Still I think we would be better served if the district was better drawn. Thanks for your service. Keep up the good work.
Dale Jurcisin

Date of Submission: Sunday, February 21, 2021 8:59AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Richard L Thompson
Subject: Redistricting of Huron County

Good Morning:

I would like to know; will this committee be responsible for removing the Gerrymandering that has consumed this county?

The Republican party in this county never fear any repercussion in Huron County for their costly and deadly decisions that are being made because of the Gerrymandering that is in place at this time.

Will this committee dissolve the current boundaries so that a Democrat or Independent may have a fair chance at elections?

Thank you for your time:

Rich