

Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission
March 4, 2021 Meeting Public Comment

Date of Submission: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 3:41PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Megan Douglass
Subject: Feedback on Proposed Regional Meeting Locations

Hello,

I am writing today to ensure that you keep fairness as a central goal in the redistricting process. I would ask that you base the number of public hearings on population and that if you add meetings in rural areas you add the same number in urban and suburban areas as well. In lieu of that it would seem wise that each congressional district be granted an equal number of hearings. Finally, in thinking about this process it would be pertinent to add hearings in Battle Creek, Kalamazoo, Pontiac and Saginaw.

Thanks for your time!

Megan Douglass
Deputy Communications Director
For Our Future Michigan

Date of Submission: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 2:39PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Allen Newman
Subject: Redistricting

This is the year many of us have been awaiting. I hope the commission will perform in a fair and equitable manner that will produce a much less gerrymandered state and allow for a better representation of the population. With good effort, maybe your effort will become a model for other states.

A Michigander,
Allen Newman

Date of Submission: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 2:12PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Pamela Miller
Subject: Redistricting

Dear commissioners,

I am a concerned citizen who is interested in fair representation for every Michigander. Please, base the number of redistricting hearings on Congressional districts with each one having the same number of hearings.

Thank you very much,

Pamela Miller
8th District

Sent from my iPad

Date of Submission: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 1:54PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Cathy Sayre
Subject: Town Halls

Dear Committee Members,
I would like to share my opinion that the fair way to decide where town halls are held should use criteria of redrawing lines. If town halls are held in person the state should be divided closely to population proportions when considering host locations.
Also note with so many people using zoom type meetings this option along with in person could help expand accessibility to most residents in all locations of MI. Thank you for your work on this most important history making endeavor for our state.

Respectfully,
Cathy Sayre

 Pinckney MI 48169

Date of Submission: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 1:50PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: db cornett
Subject: Redistricting

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for taking on the task of organizing, staffing and following up on this important work. Please see it through - the voters have spoken by creating this opportunity. Time is of the essence because the marshalling of funding to oppose the peoples will are at the door.

Sincerely,

Douglas Cornett

Date of Submission: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 12:22PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: B.J. DuRoss
Subject: Redistricting

Hello To All,

Redistricting is a full-on attack on our Democracy, circumventing the will of the people by manipulating what is there to benefit one particular political party. Their inability to obtain votes the standard constitutional way shouldn't allow fine tuning to steal an election. Thank You.

B. J. DuRoss

Date of Submission: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 11:36AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Kathryn Hall
Subject: Redistricting

Please base the number of commission hearings on population, to avoid over-representing rural areas. This is very important to me. Be fair!!!

Kathryn Hall
Voter
Hamburg, Michigan

Date of Submission: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 10:47AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: David N
Subject: Redistricting

Dear Commissioners,

The redrawing of our (Michigan's) legislative district must be fair to everyone! The commission must make sure the process of redistricting is fair to Democrats living in urban areas. The number of hearings should be based on population to avoid over representing rural areas. This is fair. Each Congressional district should get an equal number of hearings. This is fair. Hearings should be held in Battle Creek, Kalamazoo, Pontiac, and Saginaw. We, the citizens of Michigan, have lived the nightmare of a Republican manipulated system. We, the citizens of Michigan, have voted to correct gerrymandered districts. You must follow the will of the voters of Michigan and redraw Michigan's legislative district to make it fair to all Michiganders!

Sincerely,

Kay Niendorf
Howell, MI

Date of Submission: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 10:23AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: [REDACTED]
Subject: Redistricting

To the Redistricting Commissioners, To make certain the process is fair to everyone please base the number of hearings on redistricting on population. Thank you, Judith Volk, District 8

Date of Submission: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 10:47AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Kevin Yake
Subject: Feedback on Proposed Regional Meeting Locations

To All concerned,

I am a resident in a rural area. I plan to attend the meetings to ensure that your redistricting efforts are fairly and properly represent my interests. You're not off to a good start scheduling every single meeting in a Democratic location. So, every Republican in the heavily red areas of the state has to drive for hours to a meeting that the democrats can walk to?

MOVE THE MEETINGS TO A LOCATION THAT GIVES AN EQUITABLE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE FOR EVERYONE!

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Date of Submission: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 9:18AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Rwrna
Subject: Redistricting

I am a Michigan Resident and ask that the commission base the number of hearings on population, to avoid over-representing rural areas. I suggest that each Congressional district get an equal number of hearings. I especially want hearings in Battle Creek, Kalamazoo, Pontiac, Brighton and Saginaw.

Thank-you for hearing my concern

Robert Wrona

Brighton, Michigan

Date of Submission: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 8:02AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: arlene callaghan
Subject: Redistricting

To the Commissioners,

I implore you to keep the current districting. As our demographics change here in Michigan, the districts will work it way out. The election MUST be on solid ground.

Arlene Callaghan



Date of Submission: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 7:13AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Cathleen Burton
Subject: Redistricting

To the redistricting commissioners

I am asking that the commission base the number of hearings on population, to avoid over-representing rural areas. I suggest that each Congressional district get an equal number of hearings, especially for hearings in Battle Creek, Kalamazoo, Pontiac, and Saginaw.

We need to make this fair for everyone, and not allow one political party to manipulate the system to their advantage.

Thank you

Cathleen Burton
Howell, MI 48843

Date of Submission: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 7:13AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Woodys Barber Shop
Subject: Redistricting

Commission,

It is my strong belief that you were formed in order to make every voter in the state more equitably represented. That means that the number of voters of higher population areas should have access in accordance to the votes that they represent. The meetings should be held to assure that outcome.

Greg Soave

[REDACTED]
Brighton, MI 48114

Date of Submission: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 5:59AM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Peggy L Van Sickle

Subject: Redistricting

Dear Redistricting Members.

I am writing to suggest that you hold meetings in current Congressional Districts, as well as rural areas. I know that rural areas have been neglected in the past and believe that they should receive the same representation as the rest of the state, but I also believe that there should be meetings held in large districts as well. Areas like Battle Creek Pontiac, Saginaw, and Kalamazoo should have meetings. I don't want to see any unfair packing of districts that would drown out the voices of others. I want and expect that districts will be representative of the people that live in the districts that are drawn. No more gerrymandering. No more discombobulated districts, No more packing and skewing the districts.

Blessed Be,

Peggy L Van Sickle

Date of Submission: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 11:11PM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Donna Smith

Subject: Redistricting

Commissioners-

I would ask that you base the number of hearings on population, to avoid over-representing rural areas. Over-representing rural areas is what started the problem and led to inaccurate representation of districts. Each Congressional district should get an equal number of hearings. Areas like Battle Creek, Kalamazoo, Pontiac, and Saginaw should be represented and meetings should be held there.

Thank you,
Donna Smith

Date of Submission: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 10:41PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Dennis Helfman
Subject: Redistricting

Just like Montana and South Dakota should not carry more weight than the populated city areas, the Redistricting Committee should allow equal representation of views from urban and rural areas.

Dennis Helfman
PINCKNEY, MI

Date of Submission: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 10:15PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Sharon Reisedge
Subject: Redistricting

Please base your hearings on population. Thank you...

Sent from my iPad

Date of Submission: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 9:57PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Mary Heffelfinger
Subject: Redistricting

I am asking that the commission base the number of hearings on population to avoid over representing rural areas. Each congressional should get the same number of hearings. We especially need hearings in Battle Creek, Kalamazoo. Pontiac and Saginaw. Thank you. Mary Heffelfinger

Date of Submission: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 9:44PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Mary Jane Hirschert
Subject: Redistricting

Dear Redistricting Commissioners:

Please base the number of hearings on population, to avoid over-representing rural areas. We suggest that each Congressional district get an equal number of hearings. We especially want hearings in Battle Creek, Kalamazoo, Pontiac, and Saginaw.

Sincerely,

Mares Hirchert

[REDACTED]
Hartland, MI 48353
[REDACTED]

“We can let the circumstances of our lives harden us so that we become increasingly resentful and afraid, or we can let them soften us, and make us kinder. We always have the choice.”

~Dalai Lama

Date of Submission: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 8:51PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Myrna Angelucci
Subject: Redistricting

Please allot the hearings equally so that every voter is fairly represented. Voting is a sacred right guaranteed by the Constitution and tampering with the system to favor one party is a breach of that document.

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 8:48PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Susan Lux
Subject: Redistricting

Dear redistricting committee members:
I come from a primarily rural district but am a proud Democrat (which is tough out here). Please let your district lines be drawn according to population and not political bias. My democratic vote should count just as much as a Republican vote. I'm only asking that the districts be fairly drawn. Please do not succumb to political pressure. We have had to endure so much political pressure in the last four years. We are counting on you guys to deliver a much welcomed improved, fair representation.

Thank you in advance.

Susan Lux
Hamburg Township

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 8:48PM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Glenn Fye

Subject: Feedback on Proposed Regional Meeting Locations

To whom it may concern,

Please schedule a public meeting.

Regards,

Glenn

Sent from my iPad

Date of Submission: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 8:37PM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Lindenthoburn

Subject: Redistricting

Hello. I am writing to request that you schedule your hearings that you do so in a way that is based upon population. Sincerely,

Linden Thoburn

[REDACTED]
Brighton, MI. 48116

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 8:23PM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: RubenEvelyn Gallegos

Subject: Redistricting

Please base your hearings on population and let each congressional district get an equal number of hearings.

Thank you,

Evelyn Gallegos

[REDACTED]
Brighton, MI 48114

Date of Submission: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 8:08PM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Ramzia Rida
Subject: Redistricting

Dear Commissioners:

Please ensure that the number and location of the hearings you hold are based on population, to avoid over-representing rural voters and under-representing those who live in urban areas. It seems reasonable and fair that each Congressional district should get an equal number of hearings. In particular, hearings should be held in Battle Creek, Kalamazoo, Pontiac, and Saginaw.

Sincerely,
Ms. Ramzia Rida
Brighton, Michigan

Date of Submission: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 8:04PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: pamela kane
Subject: Redistricting

Please assure the redistricting will be more equitable and fair for our district in Livingston county. We live in Hartland township and the distortion of the district lines are ridiculous.

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 8:03PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: [REDACTED]
Subject: Redistricting

To Whom it May Concern.

If the redistricting committee is going to be holding hearings regarding the redistricting initiative that was passed by the voters, I hope you will hold hearings according to the population count and not based on one hearing for each district. A district with 10,000 people should not get the same meeting time(s) as a district that has 100,000 people. The object of your position is to make representation Fair for everyone not just a few. And Republican pressure should not come into play in this whole process.

And each new district should have the same or close to the same number of voters, so that each representative represents close to the same number of constituents.

The voters wanted representation to be fair. Michigan is tired of being a gerrymandered state. So please take your position seriously and do everything in your power to make sure that you are doing the job that the voters intrusted in you.

Thank you.

Linna Leslie

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Date of Submission: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 7:15PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: jan u
Subject: Redistricting

Please base the number of redistributing hearings on population, to avoid over-representing rural areas. We suggest that each Congressional district get an equal number of hearings. We especially want hearings in Battle Creek, Kalamazoo, Pontiac, and Saginaw.

Thank you,
Jan Underwood

Date of Submission: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 7:08PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Roger Salais
Subject: Redistricting

Dear Mangers, I am not in support of Redistricting due to it always favors Republicans! Which is another way of cheating or i.e. cherry picking address!

“Stop The Steal”

Rogelio R Salais
[REDACTED]
Fenton, Mi. 48430
(A Hispanic Air Force Vet)

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Date of Submission: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 7:01PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Diana Dombrowski
Subject: Redistricting

We need to make sure the redistricting process is fair to everyone.

I am asking that the commission base the number of hearings on population, to avoid over-representing rural areas. I suggest that each Congressional district get an equal number of hearings, especially hearings in Battle Creek, Kalamazoo, Pontiac, and Saginaw. Thank you,
Diana Dombrowski

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Date of Submission: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 7:00PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Christy M
Subject: Redistricting

Greetings Redistricting Commission,

I am a concerned resident of Livingston county. Please ensure the number of hearings you hold for Redistricting are based on population, to avoid over-representing rural areas. Each Congressional district should get an equal number of hearings.

As a rural resident, I believe it's only fair.

Thank you
Christy M Mazzara
Hartland Township, MI

Date of Submission: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 6:58PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Mark S. Redker
Subject: Gerrymandering issues

Hello it appears HB 1 before congress will take care of the issues. We may want to wait see possible negative or adverse details that results.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy Tablet

Date of Submission: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 5:04PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Jake Mitchell
Subject: Brace/Morgan – Get a no from me!

Pretty astonishing a duo with extensive ties with past gerrymandering are being considered for the independent redistricting committee.

Kinda strikes me as the guy who sold the cigarettes leading the lung cancer support group.

As a Michigan citizen, I'd much prefer to see an independent appointment. I understand that having familiarity with the process is important, but asking the guys who helped break the system to help fix it seems too much.

Thanks for taking the time to read this!

Jake

Date of Submission: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 2:53PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Tom Creswell
Subject: Hiring previous gerrymandering consultants

Please do not hire the same people who have created the issues we are currently suffering under. The definition of insanity is to do the same thing and expect a different result
Thank you
Tom Creswell

Date of Submission: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 12:16PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Gturnwald
Subject: Your choice

To Michigan Redistricting Commission,

What power this commission wields. It is an important and I'm certain difficult job you hold...so important. I want to express my disappointment in your top choice of Mr. Brace and Mr. Morgan. Even if they claim to be "bi-partisan" they still make their livings gerrymandering. How or why is that even a thing? As a state, every citizen's voice needs to be heard...neither party should benefit from the redistricting. Gerrymandering goes against what I believe is every citizen's right...it's not representative democracy. I urge you to take the partisanship out of the equation. It's undemocratic and morally wrong. With the vast array of technology available, there has to be a computer program with software that will take it out of human hands and thereby be truly non partisan.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and consider my thoughts. I will be watching for your decision on Thursday.

Sincerely,
Gail Turnwald

Date of Submission: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 10:27AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Joseph Werner
Subject: No more gerrymanderers in MI redistricting

Dear Commission Members,

I am writing in strong opposition to Kimball Brace and John Morgan as candidates for the redistricting consulting firm. We do not want our district lines drawn by people who support the oppression of certain groups by drawing lines strategically to advantage other groups. This consulting firm needs to be truly bipartisan and honest. Please consider this when choosing consulting committee members.

Sincerely,

Josie Mitchell

Upper Peninsula of Michigan

Date of Submission: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 9:48AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Jodi pietila
Subject: (no subject)

To whom it may concern;

As a concerned citizen of Michigan, I am emailing today to urge you to reconsider the locations for the public meetings for the discussion of redistricting here in Michigan. Please include more rural areas for these public meetings. Some rural areas to consider would be Hartland, Calumet, Crystal Falls, and Webberville. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jodi Pietila

Date of Submission: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 8:09AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Lisa Zimmerman
Subject: Get rid of Gerrymandering

To whom controls such important things like the future of our democracy,

Please know as a citizen of Michigan, I was so pleased when we passed the end of Gerry Meandering. It is crucial to ensure no voting suppression and a fair and equal election.

Please do all that you can to STOP gerrymandering in this state.

You have the power. Listen to the people.

We don't want any more gerrymanderers working on Michigan redistricting.

Thank you.

~Lisa

Date of Submission: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 8:09AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Cheryl.wasilewski
Subject: Get rid of Gerrymandering

Hello:

I am reaching out as a concerned citizen of this state. As we are in a year of redistricting that will have an impact on our state and country for many years to come, I would ask that you consider moving some of your meetings to more rural areas to allow people from around the state to participate. You have 5 meeting or ½ that are in the Detroit metropolitan area and other large cities. To ensure fairness to hear from all of the impacted constituents, I encourage you to host meetings in other more rural locations.

Best,

Cheryl Wasilewski



Date of Submission: Monday, March 1, 2021 9:37PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Nathan Patterson
Subject: Gerrymandering and Michigan

Hello,

I'm a believer in our democracy if it's simply that - a democratic society that uses unfair practices to swing the vote one way or another intentionally just doesn't work for me.

Please consider not using Kimball Brace, famous for doing just what Americans should not want. They're proud of what they've accomplished, and outwardly speak of their gerrymandering practice.

Thank you,

Nathan Patterson

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Nathan W. Patterson

Grand Haven, MI

Mobile Phone: [REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Monday, March 1, 2021 7:08PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Kyle Kempster
Subject: No gerrymanderers working on redistricting

Hello,

This email is to let you I know that I do not want any gerrymandering firms working on redistricting our state.

Thank you,
Kyle Kempster

Date of Submission: Monday, March 1, 2021 7:08PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: johan cawood
Subject: Public Comment

This is a public comment falling under the OMA of 1976 PA 267 MCL 15.263

Johannes Cawood
[REDACTED]
Farmington Hills, MI 48336

February 12, 2021

Michigan Independent Citizen Redistricting Commission

Subj: Public Comment

Distribution: To all members of the commission and to be made public

Honored Commissioners,

I am a born and raised Michigander from the tiny town of Columbiaville. I joined the military right out of high school, married a girl in Japan 20 years ago, and now have 3 boys. I used my GI bill and military retirement to earn my Master's in Public Administration though have worked mostly in the automotive industry. I am a proud American and a very left leaning liberal. I have never worked for a political party in any way.

I told you about my background because I am concerned about what has happened at other redistricting commissions. There the political parties sent people to go to the public meetings and present themselves as honest concerned citizens to promote policies that would benefit their party. One such tactic was to be “very concerned” about making sure that minority voters would receive representation and promoting “diversity dense” districts so that persons of color would be elected to office. This of course led to packing of districts and unfairly disenfranchising people of color. This is a federal judge’s opinion, not mine. The judge ended up throwing out the commissions map for being racially discriminatory. So I ask the following.

- 1) Please create a mission statement and repeat it at the beginning of every meeting.
 - a. Exmpl: “Our mission is to ensure that the outcomes of elections match the voters will.”
 - 2) Please understand that you are affecting the distribution of power. There are people who will try to influence you for their gain at the expense of the public.
 - 3) Please learn about the Efficiency Gap, a mathematical way to measure partisan gerrymandering.
 - a. The Brennan Center for Justice is one of many sources of information.
 - 4) Please be kind to each other and try to reach consensus through shared principles.
- On a closing note, a community of interest could be defined as a not for profit entity organized under Sec. 501(c). There are 28 different types of 501(c) under the IRS code, from civic organizations to credit unions. You could pick which types you felt were appropriate.

Please read this letter as part of public comments at your next meeting.

Sincerely,

Johannes Cawood
SGT USA(Ret.)

Date of Submission: Monday, March 1, 2021 6:46PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: David Van Winkle
Subject: Michigan redistricting commission vendor selection

Dear commission members,

As members of the Michigan redistricting commission, you serve an important function in our Michigan governance. I am grateful for your service and commitment. Thank you.

It has come to my attention that in this coming week you will be making a selection of a vendor to support the redistricting process approved by the majority of Michigan residents. It has also come to my attention that one of the leading finalists is a joint application by two consultants who are known to produce gerrymandered results, albeit from different sides of the aisle. This consulting Application submitted by Kimball Brace and John Morgan should be rejected. The will of the people of Michigan will

not be honored by selecting consultants with expertise in gerrymandering to produce new District mapping, even if the consultants profess to create a neutral result.

Gerrymandering was rejected by the Michigan public, and gerrymanders should also be rejected. When countering cheating, one doesn't hire cheats, whether they come from either of the Democrat or Republican side. I urge you to select a vendor who can serve the will of the Michigan public by performing a truly neutral division of districts consistent with natural geographic and civic distribution rather than a desire for either side to "win".

Sincerely

David Van Winkle MD

██████████
Grand Haven, Michigan, 49417

Date of Submission: Monday, March 1, 2021 6:46PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Susan
Subject: Redistributing Michigan

I heard that there will be some decisions made soon regarding who to hire for redistributing in Michigan. Obviously this is really important. As a life-long Michigan resident, I would like to live my concern with your top choice in firms Brace/Morgan the "bipartisan team". They may promote themselves as presenting a balanced approach but it seems that they are all for Gerrymandering and I am Not!!

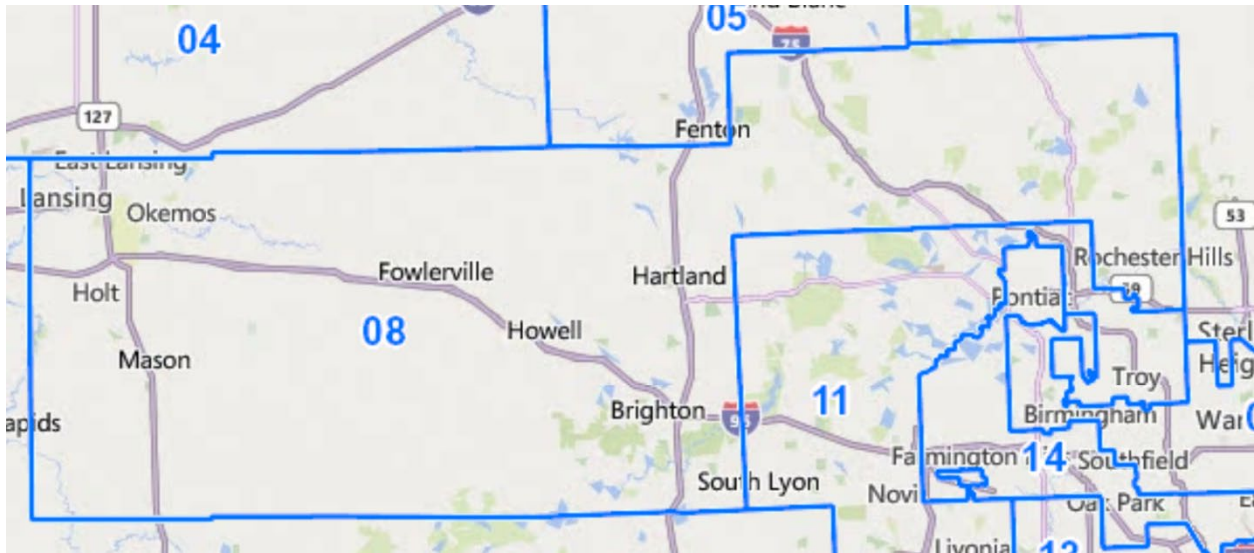
Let's give everyone a fair voice in the State of Michigan.

Susan Van Winkle
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Grand Haven, MI, 49417

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Monday, March 1, 2021 3:26PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: tag
Subject: Cong. Dist. 8

Please assure me that Congressional District #08 (below) will receive your attention. It currently covers 4 different counties and extends from Lansing in the west to Rochester Hills to the east and from Flint in the north to South Lyon in the south.



Really? Need I say more.
tom garvale

Carpe Diem

Date of Submission: Monday, March 1, 2021 10:05AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: PEGGY BOBO
Subject: Feedback on Proposed Regional Meeting Locations

Good Morning,

I am writing to you today to request that public meetings for the redistricting of Michigan be scheduled in a number of rural Michigan counties for the residents/citizens to be informed regarding the proposed changes happening within the state.

These rural public meetings will allow residents to understand the changes and allow them to verbalized question as well as concerns.

Respectfully,
Peggy Bobo

Date of Submission: Monday, March 1, 2021 9:59AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Renee Blanchard
Subject: Feedback on Proposed Regional Meeting Locations

Good Morning,

I am writing to you today to request that public meetings for the redistricting of Michigan be scheduled in a number of rural Michigan counties for the residents/citizens to be informed regarding the proposed changes happening within the state.

These rural public meetings will allow residents to understand the changes and allow them to verbalized question as well as concerns.

Respectfully,
Renee' Blanchard

Date of Submission: Monday, March 1, 2021 10:40AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: James hodge
Subject: Feedback on Proposed Regional Meeting Locations

Sirs:

I know little of the ins and outs and the political maneuvering of the redistricting game. I do know what George Washington said those many years ago. He wisely foresaw that when and if the power of the political parties become more important than the welfare of the nation it will be the end of America. We see this quite often from the some of the small people that inhabit the halls and offices of our nation's capitol.

I ASK AND I PRAY THAT THOSE OF YOU INVOLVED IN PRESERVING THE INTEGRITY OF DISTRICT BOARDERS KEEP PRESIDENT WASHINGTON'S VISION IN MIND.

Jim Hodge

Date of Submission: Sunday, February 28, 2021 6:13PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Samir George
Subject: Feedback on Proposed Regional Meeting Locations

Don't do it!!!

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Sunday, February 28, 2021 6:08PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Steve Williams
Subject: Feedback on Proposed Regional Meeting Locations

Dear Commissioners,

Please expand your meeting locations to include the rural areas of Michigan. We pay taxes just like the city folk and deserve the same access to this new process.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Steve Williams



Hancock, MI. 49930

Date of Submission: Sunday, February 28, 2021 6:02PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Henry Vaupel
Subject: Feedback on Proposed Regional Meeting Locations

Dear Commissioners,

Please consider scheduling public meetings in more out state areas that ar accessible to that do not live in urban areas. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Hank Vaupel

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Sunday, February 28, 2021 5:29PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Denise Thornton
Subject: Feedback on Proposed Regional Meeting Locations

Commissioners,

I encourage you to schedule public meetings where residents in rural MI will have the opportunity to hear from the Commissioners and easily express their thoughts and concerns related to their Communities of Interest.

Thank you,

Denise Thornton

Precinct Delegate Genoa Twp #5

Sent from my iPad

Date of Submission: Sunday, February 28, 2021 4:48PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Swood
Subject: Feedback on Proposed Regional Meeting Locations

Would like meetings to keep us up to date.

Date of Submission: Sunday, February 28, 2021 4:19PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Isecord
Subject: Feedback on Proposed Regional Meeting Locations

Again I ask you to provide meetings in every county for people to ask questions and understand redistricting of our state.

Kind regards,
ivan Secord
Precinct Delegate - Green Oak Township

Date of Submission: Sunday, February 28, 2021 3:59PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Ina Zeemering
Subject: Feedback on Proposed Regional Meeting Locations

Howell Michigan good place for public hearing

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Sunday, February 28, 2021 3:53PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Mitchell Zajac
Subject: Feedback on Proposed Regional Meeting Locations

Hello, I am writing to encourage you to schedule public meetings where residents living in rural Michigan will have the opportunity to hear from the Commissioners. I have a big concern that the process of establishing the "communities of interest" will leave the rural residents of this great state behind if they/we do not have the ability to provide you with their/our input.

Thank you.

-mz

Mitch Zajac

#AreYouIn #OneLivingston

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"America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves." - Abe Lincoln

"Just because it's what is done, doesn't mean it's what should be done."

Definition of success: "When you are loved by family and friends, admired by your peers, using your talents constructively, and consistently contributing to improving civilization."

Date of Submission: Sunday, February 28, 2021 3:53PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Barbara Steve-Nowak
Subject: Redistricting

Hi there,

As you schedule hearings for our upcoming redistricting process, I think it's important to schedule an equal number of hearings in every congressional district. Rural conservatives have been over-represented in our state for a long time-- one of the reasons the roads are so bad in Oakland County! This new redistricting commission is a chance to wipe the slate clean and give an equal voice to all Michiganders: urban, suburban, and rural.

Thanks for your consideration,

Barbara Steve-Nowak
South Lyon, MI

Date of Submission: Thursday, February 25, 2021 5:32PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Michael Stanley
Subject: Suggestion re: communications

One of the most important lessons I have learned while following the work of the Commission is that the shape of a district is not necessarily an indicator of whether it is a fair and balanced district. Initially, I had thought that a weird shape automatically indicated malign gerrymandering.

I believe a large swath of the state population share this (mistaken) view. Several public commenters have also expressed it in their communications.

It will be an important element of voter acceptance of your end product that voters understand why weird shapes may be required to comply with the Voters Rights Act as well as the priorities enumerated in the Michigan Constitution.

Keep up the great work!

Mike Stanley



Date of Submission: Thursday, February 25, 2021 3:58PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Tammy Vudures
Subject: Redistricting Meetings

To the Redistricting Commission,

Please schedule meetings in rural communities so we can also hear of the plans and have a voice. I live in Shiawasee county and no meetings have been scheduled in this county.

I would appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Thank you,

Tammy Vudures

Date of Submission: Thursday, February 25, 2021 12:44PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Abcclark
Subject: Please re-post the VRA RFP

My name is Abigail Clark and I am a Michigan voter that strongly encourages the Commission to re-post the RFP for a VRA attorney. I think there is greater awareness of the need for submissions now, and the Commission will receive some strong applicants.

Thank you for your consideration,

Abigail Clark



Lansing, MI 48912

Date of Submission: Thursday, February 25, 2021 11:37AM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: david Bunce

Subject: Re: 2.25.21 Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission Meeting Confirmation

Thanks. The commission is doing an excellent job and are getting detailed advice. Not easy by a long shot but so critical in our electoral system. My deep thanks. I'm waiting for a regional meeting in our area to provide input along with others who are similarly concerned about accuracy and fairness. It's unfortunate that census data is lagging which is so crucial to the process. Thank you for the hard work conducted in a civil manner.