

Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission
May 6th, 2021 Meeting Public Comment

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 12:55 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Kenneth R. Hissong
Subject: Public comment ability

As a resident of Hamtramck, I urge you to reconsider the ability of non-Michigan residents to influence your work.

Voters and residents of states other than Michigan have no business commenting on a "Pure Michigan" endeavor.

Kenneth Hissong
[REDACTED]
Hamtramck, MI 48212

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 12:49 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Joyce MacLeish
Subject: Redistricting

We live in the 9th Congressional District. It is difficult to not have a contiguous district. Please be sure those who are commenting to your group, live in the district of discussion.

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Joyce MacLeish

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Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 12:47 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: MJ Marchetti
Subject: Full name and address

Seriously? No need for a name or address? Have any of you ever gone to a local hearing in your "community of interest" where you didn't have to state your street address and name to prove your identity?

This is an outrage. We demand this be changed. Haven't we been through enough without this flaw? In the words of Joe Biden, c'mon man!

Mary Jo Marchetti

[REDACTED] Independence Charter Township, MI 48346

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 12:23 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Nancy Jenkins
Subject: Commenting

I just learned that in order to make a comment on the redistricting process and in particular communities of interest, a person only needs to provide their name and email address. I request that you also require the person's physical address. This will allow you to make sure that only Michiganders are involved in the process. This issue is very concerning, and I hope you will correct this oversight ASAP.

Thank you.

Nancy Jenkins-Arno
[REDACTED]
Clayton, MI 49235

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 11:36 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Amy Zemple
Subject: Public Comment Portal

To Whom it May Concern:

It has been brought to my attention that the MICRC public comment portal opened to the public Wednesday, and the only information required from commenters are their name and an email address. I find this incredibly unacceptable. There is NO reason that anyone outside of Michigan should be providing their feedback on the redistricting of our state.

This is a gross mismanagement of this comment portal and as a citizen of this state, I hope that you will immediately implement a solution where commenters are required to provide a valid address in order to provide feedback.

Please provide confirmation of receipt of this email.

Amy Zemple
Canton, MI

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 11:02 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Joan Kotcher
Subject: Out of state influence

I urge that every person who submits comment must disclose their full name and address so that the Commissioners and their staff know that the people they're taking suggestions from have the best interests of our great state in mind!

Joan Kotcher
[REDACTED]
Rochester Hills, 48309

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 10:28 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Carly Nelson
Subject: Empower Michiganders in Our Future

Please ensure that Michiganders have the say in our future, not special interest and extremists from all over the country. Every person who submits a comment about redistricting should be required to disclose their full name and address to ensure Michigananders are empowered with our future.

Sincerely,

Carly Nelson
[REDACTED]
Grand Haven, MI

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Carly Nelson
[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 10:23 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Jay R. Hackleman
Subject: (No Subject)

Commissioners--

It is imperative that everyone submitting comment on your plans and maps disclose his full name and address--just like I have in this email.

Otherwise, there is no measure of the comments coming from the Michigan citizens who are designed to benefit from your work! Could comments be generated by bots?

To ignore this simple step undermines your mission as an impartial, commission serving at the direction of the State of Michigan Constitution.

Yours truly,

Jay R. Hackleman [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Grosse Pointe Park, Mich. 48230 USA

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 10:04 AM

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

Name: Burt Mason

Subject: Redistricting Comments

To whom it may concern,

Redistricting is a States Right Issue and as such it is important that any public comment being considered regarding redistricting in Michigan be from Michigan Residents. We must include the name, address of place of residence, telephone number and email address from every person submitting a comment. They should also have to certify (Check a box) that they are a resident of Michigan and not simply own property here in the state.

You might even want to have the person commenting include their current Congressional District on their comment as this may be important down the road. Comments from people living in Northern Michigan may be more relevant when proposing changes to the 1st district than comments from those living in Wayne County for example.

Please review the contact information you are expecting from those making comments and ensure that we know conclusively who is making the comments. There should be legal penalties for people falsifying their place of residence when commenting.

Thank You

Burt Mason

[REDACTED]

L'Anse MI 49946

1st Congressional District

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 9:58 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Jay Maddock
Subject: Identity of ides contributors

Please change your requirements of contributors...
so they must include some identification and address
so we know they are from Michigan...
and not just some political campaigners trying to
influence the study outcome in their favor...
Thanks for the help
Jay Maddock National City, MI [REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 9:54 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Gmail
Subject: Address Must be included

I am requesting that this commission request full name and ADDRESS be included on emails. This is integrity!
This commission for MICHIGAN is ONLY hearing from MICHIGAN residents.
Thank you,

JoAnne Kean
[REDACTED], Mason Mi 48854

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 9:45 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Anna Pennala
Subject: Deeply concerning

Dear MICRC,

Why in the world would you consider allowing feedback given to the commission without the need for names and emails that can be verified as Michigan residents?

It is the priority that residents of our great state have our voices heard regarding redistricting, not those who do not reside in our state!

It is imperative that everyone who provides a response give their name and address! This will ensure the integrity and honesty that is hopefully sought after by your committee and the residents of the state of Michigan.

Please require names and addresses. Don't mess up our state by letting this detail slide by, or worse, intentionally be used to disenfranchise Michigan residents.

Thank you,

Anna Pennala

Brighton MI

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 9:33 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Patricia Petersen
Subject: redistricting maps

I feel that anyone who submits any comment or map for redistricting should include their current residential address.

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 9:17 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Michael Richards
Subject: Public Comment Portal

Good morning,

While I appreciate the Michigan Citizens Redistricting Commission giving people the opportunity to advocate for communities of interest in launching their public comment portal, there is a BIG problem: the MICRC is only requiring name and email address to submit comment, propose maps, and comment on the map drawing process.

Anyone from anywhere can submit comments on communities of interest to the commission, regardless of whether they live in our state.

That means that people outside of the state of Michigan will have the same say in drawing our lines that citizens that pay Michigan state taxes have. We cannot allow this!!

As a Michigander, I demand that every person who submits comments must disclose their full name and address so that the Commissioners and their staff know the people they're taking suggestions from have the best interests of our great state in mind.

Thank you,
Christina Jankauskas
Macomb, MI 48042

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 9:09 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Rob Blitchok
Subject: Demand

Dear Redistricting Commission,

I demand that all persons that submit comments to your commission state their name and provide their physical address.

Thank you.

Robert Blitchok
[REDACTED] Grandville, MI 49418

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 8:58 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: pjpotvin
Subject: Comment identification

Dear Board Members,

Please expand the personal identification requirements to include: full name, legal address and be a Michigan resident.

Thank you for expanding the state of Michigan requirements for comments to Michigan Redistricting.

Best always,

Phil Potvin

Rep 102 Retired

Sent from my Galaxy

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 8:56 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Carol Knoblauch
Subject: Community of Interest Portal

To the Committee,
The Public Comment Portal has been released for the purpose of giving Michigan residents the opportunity to speak to the commission during the public comment period. The portal requires only name and email address. The portal should require full disclosure for everyone submitting comments: Full Name, full address (city and state). The submissions of public comment are for the redistricting of the State of Michigan and the only public comment to be considered by the commission should be from the people in the state. The only way to know this is to require the full disclosure by those submitting comments and only comments submitted by citizens of Michigan should be considered in the process of redistricting.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Carol Knoblauch
Michigan resident
Lenawee County

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 8:52 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Michael Arnold
Subject: redistricting

We do not want persons from out of state making suggestions on new boundaries. We must be able to require a full name, address, and phone #'s to verify people live in this great state. Let's keep Michigan pure!

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Michael D. Arnold
Branch Co. GOP Vice-Chairman

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 8:48 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Herb Friske
Subject: Full identification needed

Dear Board of Commissioners:
I understand that there is currently no requirement for people to disclose their address when submitting comments and suggestions to the Commission. This should not be! You should not be influenced by people who are not

residents of Michigan.

Please require everyone to disclose their place of residence so you can reject all communications from outside of our State.

Sincerely,
Herb Friske


Petoskey, MI 49770

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 8:46 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Audnbob
Subject: Public Comment Portal

What criteria have you established to assure those submitting comments are legitimate Michigan residents? Perhaps there should be a validation process where the name and address of the person contributing a comment is run through the QVF to assure they are actually a registered voter.

Bob Copes

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 8:43 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Emelina Brincat
Subject: Full disclosure

Commissioners,

It is necessary that all people give their full names and addresses in consideration of proposed redistricting our great state of Michigan.

Uphold integrity!!!
Emelina Brincat
Precinct delegate

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 8:35 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Patrick Meyers
Subject: MICRC Public Comment

Hello,

My understanding is the MICRC has set up a public comment portal to allow comments on Michigan's redistricting plans and this portal does not collect information on the commenter to ensure they are residents of the State of Michigan. Public comment is an important part of this process, however I am very concerned that these comments are not restricted to current Michigan citizens. In these politically charged times, I am confident you will get significant comments from outside the state from people trying to influence Michigan's redistricting. This is frankly a Michigan issue and public comment needs to be restricted to Michigan citizens.

Please quickly reconsider this and change your public comment plans to restrict comments to Michigan citizens.

Ben Brock

[REDACTED]
Saint Johns, MI 48879

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 8:21 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Patrick Meyers
Subject: Full name and address

Good morning,

I am asking for a simple commonsense request - please require any person or group who submits comment to you the Commissioners must disclose their full name and address so that you the Commissioners and your staff know the people they're taking suggestions from have the best interests of our great state in mind. It is not a difficult thing to do and it will allow for great transparency.

Thanks

Patrick Meyers
[REDACTED]
Mason MI 48854

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 8:19 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Karen Pietila
Subject: Comments on redistricting

Redistricting committee:

As a concerned citizen of Michigan, I would strongly request that everyone who submits a comment regarding the important subject of redistricting must disclose their full name and address, not just an email. It would be very detrimental to allow non-citizens of the great state of Michigan to have any influence on this very important subject.

Thank you,
Karen M. Pietila
Milford Michigan

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 8:13 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Susan Levine
Subject: Michigan Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC)

For a comment in the portal to be considered, it must be associated with a name and a valid Michigan address. It's imperative for success of this effort and it only stands to reason, having much in common with voting.

Susan Levine
Grand Rapids, MI

RE:


The Michigan Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) released their public comment portal today, giving people the opportunity to advocate for communities of interest, but there is a BIG problem: the MICRC is only requiring name and email address to submit comment, propose maps, and comment on the map drawing process. Anyone from anywhere can submit comments on communities of interest to the commission, regardless of whether they live in our state. That means that coastal liberal elites will have the same say in drawing Michigan's lines that Michiganders have. We cannot allow this.

Please email redistricting@michigan.gov right now and demand that every person who submits comment must disclose their full name and physical address.

Sent from my iPad

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 8:08 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: G. Walsh
Subject: Please require responders to disclose address!!!

Please require responders to disclose their address so we don't get people from out of state.

Thank you,
G. Walsh

Auburn Hills MI 48326

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 8:05 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Charles Mayer
Subject: redistricting

Dear Committee, It is an absolute imperative that anyone giving input into redistricting resides within the area under question. No one in Alaska, Oregon, Georgia, or California has a right to tell us in Michigan how to redistrict. Therefore, name, email and address need to be submitted with each recommendation. Transparency is everything; if you have a comment, then you will not mind giving name and address.

Marian Mayer

[REDACTED]

Thompsonville, Mi 49683

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 7:55 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Judy Olson
Subject: New district mapping

Everyone submitting comments must give full name and VALID Michigan address in order to have their opinions considered.

Opening this to non state citizens begs for chaos and unfairness.

This is so obvious it shouldn't have to be stated.

Thank you.

Judy Olson

Grosse Pointe

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 7:54 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Diane Bristol
Subject: Outsider comments

People outside Michigan should have no say in our district voting lines. Please require those sending in comments to provide their name and valid/verifiable address.

Thank you,

Diane M Bristol

[REDACTED]

Midland 48642

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 7:54 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Michael Neibel
Subject: Redistricting ID

To whom it may concern:

Please make sure that all those who write in regarding redistricting in Michigan are required to post their full name and address to make sure they live in the districts they choose to comment on.

Respectfully

Michael Neibel

[REDACTED]
Roseville, Mi 48066

[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 7:49 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Timothy Holland
Subject: Redistricting Public Comment

Good morning,

I noticed that when submitting public comments every person wishing to do so is only required to provide a name and email address. The commission must require every person who submits comments to provide their full legal name and address to ensure integrity in the process. We cannot have influence on our redistricting process coming from outside of our state.

I hope the commission will take my thoughts into consideration to ensure integrity in our process. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Tim Holland

[REDACTED]
Holt, MI 48842

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 7:41 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: melody M
Subject: Redistricting

Do not allow anyone without a full name and address to register their comments about redistricting. Michigan residents only!!
Melody Manwell of Battle Creek, MI

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 7:40 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Karen Stites

Subject: Comments on Michigan Redistricting

Dear Michigan Citizens Redistricting Commission:

As a citizen residing in the great state of Michigan I would like to insist that every person who submits comment to your public comment portal must disclose their full name and address when they make the comment. This is so that the Commissioners and their staff know the people they're taking suggestions from have the best interests of our state in mind. We do not want input from anyone outside of Michigan to affect the decisions made. Thank you for your action on this matter.

Respectfully,

Karen Stites

Owosso, MI

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 7:37 AM

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

Name: Gregory Bond

Subject: Comments on Michigan Redistricting

I want to take a moment to make my voice heard that nobody who is not a resident of Michigan should be able to provide commentary on the redistricting of Michigan. Only those people who are residents have the right to have their comments heard and considered.

Outsiders who's only interest is to sway the political landscape have no business and no right to have their comments heard much less considered.

Gregory Bond

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 7:31 AM

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

Name: Kris Yeutter

Subject: Ask for Michigan residency

Dear commissioners,

I am a lifelong Michigan resident. I implore you to protect the integrity of the comments that pour into you. We have all seen what happens when outsiders come into a state's business and distort the voice of the true residents.

Please require that people submit full name, address, AND any other evidence that shows they reside in this state and are speaking as Michiganders. Thanks you for giving us confidence in the commission's work.

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Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 7:08 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Ed Vermet
Subject: Address must be included!

I don't want non Michigan residents commenting on our redistricting!!

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 7:01 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Faye Graves
Subject: Redistricting Map

To Whom it May Concern,

I am a delegate in the Kent County 3rd district. It has come to my attention that the online redistricting map drawing has an online "public comment portal" that people may suggest communities of interest. I also found out that it does not require a person who goes online to prove that they are a resident of Michigan. Please help to fix this problem so we do not have outside influence on or districts. Please let me know what your plans are to correct to error. I feel this could cause an unbalance in our districts which would affect our elections. After all the problems in the last few elections I personally would like to see things more balances as would the people I represent.

Regards,

Faye Graves


Lowell MI 49331

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 7:00 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Frank Clark
Subject: Redistributing standards

I am writing to demand that the redistributing committee seek advice only from residents of Michigan. Therefore, it is necessary to have the name, address, city and zip code from every commenter to confirm that that person is indeed a resident of Michigan.

Sincerely,

Frank Clark



Grand Rapids 49548

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 6:59 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Sarah Brooks
Subject: Public Comment

MICRC,

I understand that during the process of submitting comments, proposed maps, and commentary on maps, only a person's name and email address is required. I believe this goes against the spirit and nature of the redistricting commission that the voters elected to implement. All comments and maps should be submitted with full names and addresses of the commenter, so residents are aware of who - from the State of Michigan or otherwise - is trying to influence the creation of voting maps.

Thank you,

Sarah Brooks

[REDACTED]
Hemlock, MI 48626
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 6:59 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Abbie Helminen
Subject: Redistricting

Hello MICRC-

I was recently informed that the only requirement for allowing input on this process is email. In order to provide a transparent process for such an important time in our transition, address should be required for an opinion to be considered. Your desire to be transparent Depends on the input of the Michigan constituents. Thanks!

Abbie Helminen
Howell mi

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 6:41 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Kenny R Hylton042
Subject: Redistricting

Public comments regarding redistricting of the State of Michigan MUST come from Michigan residents only.

No one out of this state has any business offering opinions on how our representation in the federal government should be made.

Take comments from Michigan residents only. Require names AND addresses of those commenting on plans for redistricting.

Thank You.

Kenny Hylton

[REDACTED]

Westland, Michigan 48186-4109

Sent from my iPad

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 6:31 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Richard Ross
Subject: Who can comment on redistricting in Michigan?

To Whom It May Concern,

For people to comment on the public comment portal to advocate for communities of interest in the redistricting process in Michigan, one only has to give their name and email address. This leaves the process open to anyone anywhere. That leaves the process open to non-Michiganians discrediting the entire public comment process.

For a person to comment they must give their full name, address and email address to better assure that only Michigan residents reply.

Respectfully,

Richard Ross

[REDACTED]

Owosso, MI 48867

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 6:29 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Rebecca A Kangas
Subject: Redistricting Michigan

MICRC redistricting committee,
As a Michigan citizen who has an interest in redistricting, I am asking that it be required that every person who submits comments must disclose their full name and address, not just an email, so that Commissioners and their staff know the people they're taking comments from Michigan residents only, that would have the best interests of our great state in mind!

Regards,
Rebecca Kangas
Howell Michigan

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 6:28 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Lorna Johnson
Subject: Redistricting Requirements

Dear committee

I just learned that MICRC is only requiring name and email address to assist in the redistricting process. That is absolutely insane! They should have to prove their residency with full name, address and documents to participate in something so very important in our awesome state of Michigan. I demand that these requirements be changed.

Sincerely

Lorna Johnson
Howell, Michigan

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 6:19 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Dave Thacker
Subject: (No Subject)

If the following is true...then it is my position that only those residing in Michigan should be allowed to present their comments.
Dave Thacker. Grand Rapids MI

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The Michigan Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) released their public comment portal today, giving people the opportunity to advocate for communities of interest, but there is a BIG problem: the MICRC is only requiring name and email address to submit comment, propose maps, and comment on

the map drawing process. Anyone from anywhere can submit comments on communities of interest to the commission, regardless of whether they live in our state. That means that coastal liberal elites will have the same say in drawing Michigan's lines that Michiganders have. We cannot allow this.

Please email redistricting@michigan.gov right now and demand that every person who submits comment must disclose their full name and physical address.

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 6:15 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: William Daavettila
Subject: Redistricting

It has been brought to my attention that the MICRC is only requiring names & emails for citizens input on redistricting. They must require full addresses to ensure the integrity of this process. Michigan residents deserve a fair & honest process. We need to be sure Michigan residents are being heard.

Thank you

Bill & Lynette Daavettila

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 6:07 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Jeremy Grey
Subject: Redistricting

Hello,

It has come to my attention that currently people from any place within the United States can make comments on suggestions for the redistricting of our state. I am asking that you, please, demand that anybody who makes comment give you their name and address and that you only take comments from Michigan residents. It is important for people in our state, like me, that we have confidence in the choices that your commission is making. This cannot occur if people who don't have the best interest of our state are trying to influence you decisions. Please, please, do what is right for our state and not for some person with ulterior motives from outside of Michigan.

Thanks!

Jeremy Grey
Jenison, Michigan

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 6:04 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Kathleen Daavettila
Subject: Communities of interest comments

I demand that every person who submits comments regarding communities of interest must disclose their full name, and home address!! I want to know that the commissioners and your staff know the people you are taking suggestions from have the best interest of our state in mind!

Thank you

Kathleen

[REDACTED]

Fowlerville

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 6:02 AM

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

Name: Kathy Niemiec

Subject: (No Subject)

I am writing to state that redistricting needs to include full name and address. That is a must so as only Michigan residents have the say in this matter.

Thanking you in advance to your attention to this.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Niemiec, trustee

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 5:59 AM

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

Name: Debora L DuVernay

Subject: Demand Address

Ensure voting integrity! You need to demand addresses of all people commenting on redistricting! It's common sense!

David and Debra DuVernay

[REDACTED]

Algonac, MI. 48001

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 5:52 AM

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

Name: Elaine Suter

Subject: email submissions

I feel it is imperative that when suggestions are submitted that people must be from the State of Michigan. Therefore, I believe that submissions should include a full name and address when writing to the commission. We need to be sure the people from the State of Michigan are the only ones with input to decisions being made.

Thank You

Elaine Suter

[REDACTED]
Byron, MI 48418

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 5:40 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Robert S. Remelius
Subject: Redistricting

Good morning,

While preparing to submit a comment on the MICRC website, I noticed that last names and addresses are not required. Will these comments be given less emphasis, since there would be no confirmation that these people are actually Michigan citizens? It seems common sense, to me, that only comments from Michigan citizens should matter in our redistricting discussions. Because of this, and as a Michigan citizen, I am submitting my demand that full names and addresses be required to submit comments, to prevent outside influence. Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Rob Remelius
Grosse Pointe Park, MI

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 5:24 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: John Curell
Subject: Redistricting

Name and address needs to be submitted with commits in order to insure integrity and true interest.

John D Curell

[REDACTED]
Shelby Twp., MI

Sent from my iPad

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 5:01 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: David R. Munroe, Attorney
Subject: Comments

Require commentators on redistricting to supply their names and addresses. In state commentators only, please.

David R. Munroe
[REDACTED]
Bellaire, MI 49615

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 3:57 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Stephanie Johnson
Subject: MICRC Requirements

To whom this may concern on the Redistricting Committee:

I was recently made aware that the requirement for submitting proposal regarding redistricting in my great state is a name and email address. I find this to be appalling as people from outside of Michigan, who may not have the best interest at heart for the local Michiganders, could potentially have a say in proposing maps, and submitting comment on the map drawing process. Please demand that EVERY submission includes a full name and address so that the integrity and honesty of your mission is upheld and the residents of this great state are are not receiving a disservice.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Pietila
Howell, Michigan

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 3:21 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Cara
Subject: Only Michigan Residents should comment

Redistricting Commission,
Please change your allowance of emailed comments regarding Redistricting in Michigan to only allow citizens whose primary address is in Michigan. Therefore those who submit comments must include their full name and address. That information should be confirmed before being included.

Cara McAlister
[REDACTED]
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 2:17 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Steve and Sue Smith
Subject: Verification of comments

Please verify those submitting emails with comments and suggestions are Michigan residents. You must demand address be available with email .

Thank you,
Steve & Sue Smith
Niles, Mi. 49120

Sent from my iPad

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 12:05 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Julie LaPrise
Subject: Transparency on where suggestions come from

Please, as a Michigan resident myself, I ask for verification that suggestions from anybody be proven to be from actual Michigan residents and NOT outside sources. Their names plus valid addresses absolutely make sense in 100% transparency when it comes to dealing with anything pertaining to specific state decision.

Sincerely,
Julie LaPrise
[REDACTED] White Lake MI 48383

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone
Get Outlook for Android

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 12:04 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Marlene J. Palicz
Subject: Redistricting

Greetings :

With regard to redistricting of Michigan, I believe it is obvious that only Michigan residents should have a say in the matter. Further, they should have a valid postal address, not a P.O. Box.

Thank you for your consideration,

Walled Lake Precinct Delegate
Marlene Palicz
[REDACTED]
Walled Lake MI 48390-3664

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 12:03 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Meganwomacks182
Subject: Only Michigan Residents

Every person who submits comment must disclose their full name and physical address for it to be a considered in redistricting. This should never be applicable to any non-Michigan residents!

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 11:55 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Crystal Todd
Subject: Redistricting portal

To whom it may concern,

As a Michigan resident, it is extremely concerning to me that you are not requiring proof of residency to make submissions. Only Michigan residents should be able to have any input in redistricting, and as such, proof of residency in Michigan should be a requirement. Please amend this portal to require input of a full legal name and a physical Michigan address to make a submission.

Thank you,
Crystal Todd

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 11:35 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Kaitlin Pietila
Subject: Redistricting

As a Michigan citizen, I demand that every person who submits comments must disclose their full name and address, not just an email, so that Commissioners and their staff know the people they're taking comments from have the best interests of our great state in mind!

Kaitlin Halonen
Howell, MI

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 11:34 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: greg elliot
Subject: Redistricting input

As a citizen of our state, I am writing to share my input. I have serious concerns about the current arrangements for gathering input--not requiring that individuals are actual Michigan residents before accepting their input.

This is illogical and unacceptable. Michigan residents are who this impacts, they are the only ones who should have input in the process.

Thank you for reading my input.

Please make the necessary changes to require all persons seeking to have input to have to disclose the city and state of their residence --and then dismiss input coming from outside of Michigan.

Thank you for your consideration.

Susan Elliott

Mason, Michigan



Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 11:30 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Leslie Baker
Subject: Public Comment Tool

Hello:

I think it's very important a person's last name and address be required so we know the people are actual residents.

Please seriously consider making this change.

Thank you.

Leslie Baker

Brighton, MI

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 11:28 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Carol Pietila
Subject: MICRC Requirements

Redistricting Committee,

I was recently made aware that the MICRC is only requiring name and email address to submit comment, propose maps, and comment on the map drawing process. Please tell me this is NOT the case! We deserve better!

Please make sure EVERY person who submits comments is truly a concerned Michigander. They MUST disclose their full name AND address. This will ensure integrity and honesty in the mapping process.

Sincerely,

Carol Pietila

Brighton, Michigan

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 11:25 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Jon Rocha
Subject: Concerned Citizen

To whom it may concern:

It has come to understanding that there is an open comment submission for the redistricting of our State. However, the committee has asked only for the name and email of an individual to comment and offer suggestions for communities of interest on the map drawing process.

What this fails to do is provide security in the integrity of those submissions. Any person from around the world can email submissions for OUR district without ever having step foot in the district. This needs to be rectified.

Please add a VERIFIABLE address to those submissions so that we have clear and concise submissions from WITHIN each district.

Jon Rocha
Portage, Michigan

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 11:13 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Grace N
Subject: To require last name and residential address when providing feedbacks

Dear commissioners:

I really appreciate your effort on the redistricting program to ensure a fair representation through elections. I care about our communities, so I have the following recommendation:

In order to reflect better representation of the redistricting, please require people to submit their last names and addresses when submitting feedback to the Commission.

Regards,

Grace Norris

Sent from my iPhone XR

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 10:57 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: ELLEN S. SIMON
Subject: Submission requirements

Thank you Michigan Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) for giving people the opportunity to advocate for communities of interest in Michigan. I am, however, alarmed you are only requiring name and email address to submit any comments, proposed maps, and comment on the map drawing process. Therefore, anyone from anywhere can submit comments regarding communities of interest to the commission, regardless if they live in Michigan or not. It's like going home after work and finding someone has removed your front door!

This must have been an oversight. So I kindly request the Commission require that every person who submits comment must disclose their full name and address so that the Commissioners (and their staff)

know who the people are submitting suggestions and that they have the great State Of Michigan's best interests at Heart.

Sincerely

E. S. Simon

[REDACTED]
Rockford MI. 49341

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 10:53 PM

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

Name: Eva

Subject: Redistricting rules

Redistricting committee,

I think it is an abomination that you are not requiring people that want to give input concerning redistricting to give their name and address along with emails to prove that they are Michigan residents! You should reconsider this if you are truly interested in the well-being of the citizens of the great state of Michigan! This should be an absolute to protect the integrity of the redistricting committee and our state.

Thank you,

Eva Helminen

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 10:50 PM

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

Name: Lisa K Ellison

Subject: Concerned citizen

I heard that you are only requiring a name and email address in order to comment on the map drawing process. This is concerning to me because someone from China or India could submit a comment and it will be considered the same as others. Every person who submits a comment should have to disclose their full name and address so that the Commissioners and their staff know the people they're taking suggestions from have the best interests of our great state in mind.

Thank you for looking into this matter.

Lisa Ellison

Grand Rapids, MI

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 10:48 PM

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

Name: Kristin Tervo

Subject: Public Comments

As a Michigan citizen who has an interest in redistricting, I demand that every person who submits comments must disclose their full name and address, not just an email, so that Commissioners and their staff know the people they're taking comments from have the best interests of our great state in mind!

Regards,

Kristin Tervo

Calumet Michigan

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 10:43 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Lori Daniels
Subject: Redistricting

I do not want people other than Michiganders to decide or have a say in how we redistrict our State. Everyone MUST be a resident and the only this can be done is that they must disclose their full name and physical address!!

Thank you,
Lori Daniels

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 10:35 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Phill O'Halloran
Subject: Comments on redistricting must be from Michigan residents ONLY

I am opposed to the Redistricting Commission permitting comments by email only. This allows people from outside of our state to influence our selections of redistricting lines. This is unacceptable.

Please require commenters to provide their current home address.

Thank you,
Philip O'Halloran

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Lake Orion, Michigan

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 10:32 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Kathy McLean
Subject: Comments

I have a great concern about the way this commission is receiving suggestions on the redistricting maps. Every person who submits comment must disclose their full name and address so that the Commissioners and their staff know the people they're taking suggestions from have the best interests of our great state in mind!

Sincerely,
Kathy McLean
Curran, MI

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 10:31 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Rob Pallarito

Subject: Full address needed for comment

Dear Commissioners

Please require that full names and addresses be required when considering comments for redistricting purposes. This is to ensure only comments from citizens of Michigan and of the area in question are considered.

Thank you

Robert Pallarito

[REDACTED]
Frederic, MI 49733

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 10:29 PM

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

Name: annemarie pietila

Subject: People must show where they live

For the redistricting to work, people participating MUST show where they live and contact information. There is no way this can be done any other way.

Annemarie Pietila

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 10:27 PM

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

Name: Katie S

Subject: Public Comments

I'm happy to see that the public portal for comments on redistributing was opened. I'm highly concerned that commenters do not have to prove they are Michigan residents. Please correct this immediately and require that full names and addresses must be submitted so only those who live in Michigan will have a say in how our maps are drawn.

Katie Seppanen

Howell, MI 48855

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 10:19 PM

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

Name: Linda Ulrey

Subject: (No subject)

Only citizens whose primary residence is in Michigan and are registered voters in Michigan should have the right to have input /comment on the redistricting commission work. I absolutely object to anyone outside of those meeting the above criteria having a say in how our state works and is represented via redistricting.

L. Ulrey

[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 10:17 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Helen Hermes
Subject: Redistricting

Michigan Citizens Redistricting Commission,
To make sure **only Michigan citizens** participate in redistricting, a complete verifiable identify must be received by the commission. The following information must be required:

Full Name
Address (No PO Box) City / Township Zip Code
Phone Number
Email
Thank you,

Helen Hermes
[REDACTED]
Clyde, Michigan 48049

[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 10:16 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: jodi pietila
Subject: Public comment portal flaw

Dear Commissioners,
Thank you for releasing the public comment portal today! It's awesome that I, as a citizen of Michigan, can have a voice in the redistricting process! However, the public comment portal has one issue. The portal only asks for the first name and email address. Please correct this to include a full name, residential address, and email. I am certain no one on this commission wants people from outside of Michigan to be giving input on redistricting here in Michigan. That would be rather unethical. I am also certain this would be a quick fix! Thank you for your time and consideration!
Jodi Pietila
Hartland, MI

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 10:14 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Evensgood
Subject: Residency for People Who Comment

Hello,

I am dumbfounded that the redistricting commission would not think to require people submit their addresses when making comments on this redistricting process. How on Earth do you determine which comments are from Michigan residents? You take their word for it?

This is painfully naive. People from outside of Michigan will undoubtedly try to infiltrate this process. It's inevitable. You must require people to submit valid Michigan addresses in order to have a say in this process. Doing otherwise invites skeptics to invalidate this entire process. It's just common sense.

Thank You,
Ken Beck

[REDACTED], Canton, MI 48188

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 10:12 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: DeAnna H
Subject: The citizens of Michigan demand full disclosure

Hello Commisssioners,
I'm a Michigan resident who is very concerned about the validity of comments that will come in without full disclosure of the person making the comments. Without knowing their full name and legal address, there will be no way to tell if they live in Michigan or are an out of state resident.
I'am a resident of Michigan and I demand that every person who submits comment must disclose their full name and address so that the Commissioners and their staff know the people they're taking suggestions from have the best interests of our great state in mind!
This should not even be up for discussion.
Thank you, DeAnna Huizinga

[REDACTED] Hudsonville, MI 49426

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 10:10 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Nicole Stinson
Subject: Redistricting

Hello,

I am curious, why is it that your webpage does not ask people who make comments for their addresses?? It seems like anyone from any state can weigh in on our redistricting. This should only be allowed by people who actually live in Michigan. Please explain to me why this is or make a point to ask people to verify their residency. Thank you,

Sincerely
Nicole Stinson
Lake Orion Michigan

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 10:07 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: coffeegulper
Subject: Full name and address must be required

Good news to hear that a public portal has been made available for comments. The problem is that without validation comments should be thrown out.


Please make sure to require this information.

John Kirk
Haslett
Precinct delegate
Sent from my Galaxy

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 10:07 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: covert_agent
Subject: (No subject)

Hello,
Please ensure that every person who submits comment must disclose their full name and address so that the Commissioners and their staff know the people they're taking suggestions from, to ensure that other communities are not dictating our local communities.

Thank You,
Sandy Walker


Lake Orion, MI
Sent via the Samsung Galaxy, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 10:03 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Sonja Patrick
Subject: Verification process needs to be conducted for every person commenting on the redistricting process.

My name is Sonja Patrick
Address: 234 Dundee Dr, Battle Creek, MI 49014
Calhoun County (currently in the 3rd Congressional District)
People are still extremely upset about the 2020 election. There are still so many unanswered questions and voters are being ignored completely when they try to come forward with new pieces of evidence. I really don't think it is a good decision to only ask for a name and email address before letting someone comment on the redistricting. Anyone, from anywhere would be able to provide their own suggestions to push the district lines how it may benefit them.
I already feel this Independent Redistricting Commission is a scam and I am definitely not the only person who feels like this. I have never, never, never seen a person claiming to be an Independent, caucus with anyone, except for Democrats. Please keep your word to us and keep this process fair by requiring a physical address before allowing someone to comment on anything throughout this process.
Thank you for your time, God bless and stay safe
Sonja Patrick

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 8:55 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Jesse L Massengill
Subject: Re: Who has Input

To whom it may concern-

ONLY residents of Michigan should have any input when it comes to where the new lines will be drawn. This is part of what ensures fair and balanced voting rights. Quit playing politics!!

Karen Massengill
Resident of Holland MI

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 8:48 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Milagros C. Flores
Subject: Comments

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Please make it a rule that anyone making a comment or comments disclose that they are residents of Michigan and with supporting evidence, so that all those offering suggestions are truly Michiganders who have the State's interest at heart and not someone from another state. trying to influence our redistricting process.
Thank you for your kind attention.

Milagros C. Flores

[REDACTED]
Troy, MI 48085
[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 8:48 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: John Hutchinson
Subject: Disclosure

Hello,

I'm writing to demand that everyone who submits a comment must disclose their full name and address so that the Commissioners and their staff know the people they are taking suggestions from have the best interest of our great state in mind!

Thank you,

John Hutchinson

[REDACTED]
Novi, MI. 48376

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 8:45 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Rebekah Curran
Subject: MI Lines for MI Residents ONLY!

To Whom it May Concern,

I understand the MI Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) has released their public comment portal today, giving people the opportunity to advocate for communities of interest.

Why are you only requiring name and email address to submit comment, propose maps, and comment on the map drawing process?

Why are you allowing anyone from anywhere to submit public comment?

I'm demanding that every person who submits comment must disclose their full name and address so that the Commissioners and their staff know the people they're taking suggestions from have the best interests of our great state in mind!

Blessings,
Rebekah Curran

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 8:45 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Ty Krauss
Subject: Full disclosure

Please note this demand that every person who submits comment must disclose their full name and address so that the Commissioners and their staff know the people they're taking suggestions from have the best interests of our great state in mind!

Ty W. Krauss

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 8:44 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Rebekah Curran
Subject: MI Lines for MI Residents ONLY!

To Whom it May Concern,

I understand the MI Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) has released their public comment portal today, giving people the opportunity to advocate for communities of interest.

Why are you only requiring name and email address to submit comment, propose maps, and comment on the map drawing process?


Why are you allowing anyone from anywhere to submit public comment?

I'm demanding that every person who submits comment must disclose their full name and address so that the Commissioners and their staff know the people they're taking suggestions from have the best interests of our great state in mind!

Blessings,
Rebekah Curran

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 8:44 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Janet Ziecina
Subject: Michigan Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) Suggestion portal

Please require that anyone who leaves a comment/proposal in the Portal must provide their name and full address so the Commission can determine that these suggestions are from people who have a legitimate interest in the results.

Thank you,
Janet S. Ziecina

Rochester, MI 48306

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 8:39 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Shelly Ochodnicki
Subject: Transparency

To Whom It May Concern,

We must have full transparency in this process. We must have the full name and address to all who participate. True Michiganders.

Thank you,
Shelly L. Ochodnicki

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 8:34 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Joe and Anne DeLisle

Subject: Who has a say?

I have just learned that the Redistricting public comment portal only asks for a name and email. This is not at all impartial for Michiganders!

We MUST require a full name, address with zip code and email address!!!

If we cannot send emails to our elected officials without this information, we certainly cannot allow this process to take place without properly establishing Michigan citizenship from those who wish to comment.

Respectfully,
Anne M DeLisle
Grand Blanc, MI

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 8:25 PM

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

Name: Tami Carlone

Subject: Input on Comments Process

Dear Redistricting Commission,

Please only accept input from Michiganders. We are the make-up of the citizens of the state and the communities of interest and others should not have a say. Every person who submits comment must disclose their full name and address so that the Commissioners and their staff know the people they're taking suggestions from have the best interests of our state in mind.

Sincerely,

Tami Carlone, CPA

Howell, MI

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Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 8:11 PM

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

Name: Mark Antakli

Subject: Details regarding comment submittals

To whom it may concern,

Redistricting comments must include a Michigan Residents Full Name and Address. The Residents Details should be confirmed in Michigan's Voter Files. Non-Michigan Voters should not participate in any aspect related to redistricting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Antakli

[REDACTED]
BL. HLS., MI 48304

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 8:10 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Tinagalley97
Subject: Full Address requirement for comments

I have noticed there is no requirement for full name and address to comment on redistricting. This needs to be changed immediately.

Only Michigan residents should have a say in the redistricting of our state. The way it is now, anyone from any state can submit comments. The commissioners and staff need to know that suggestions are only coming from people who have the best interest of Michigan in mind.

Please make this change immediately.

Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 8:09 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Heather McDougall
Subject: Accountability and fairness

Dear Redistricting commissioners-

I understand that you will be accepting emails without requiring an address of primary resident showing that the comment was indeed from a Michigander. When you took this position, it was to give power to the voters and not paid-for politicians. How is this fair? My voice could very easily be watered down by a massive influx of paid submissions from anyone, anywhere! Please rethink this process so that it is fair to Michiganders.

Very sincerely,

Heather McDougall
[REDACTED]

Grass Lake, Michigan

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 7:59 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Michelle Smith
Subject: Website/Portal MUST Include Names

Hello-

It is imperative that the redistricting site and portal submission page include a mandatory spot for full name and address of person submitting the request or proposal, only Michigan residents should be involved in this process. Please make this correction immediately and protect our redistricting process from outsiders.

Thank you,
Michelle Smith
[REDACTED], Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 7:56 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Diane Erickson
Subject: Caution

Please know that the responses regarding redistricting are coming from full time Michigan residents.
Thank you

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 7:51 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Carl Sullivan
Subject: Citizen Input

Glad the commission is looking for citizen input. However, I understand that addresses are not being required. Thus people from outside of our state can give input. This needs to be restricted to citizens of Michigan. Adding this requirement will also highlight people that try to "stuff the ballot box" with multiple inputs.

Add an address requirement for every person giving feedback.

Thanks

Carl Sullivan

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 7:48 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Amy Ackley
Subject: Public Comment Portal

Public comments regarding redistricting must be limited to Michigan residents only. Full name, physical address, and email address must be required for comments and proposals to ensure that people outside our state do not interfere with the redistricting process or contribute to decision making. Thank you.

Amy Ackley

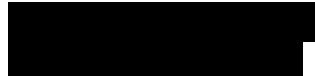
Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 7:47 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Doug Reimel
Subject: Redistricting

Hello everyone

Please take the necessary steps to insure that only Voters and Residents of Michigan participate in the redistricting. To make sure this happens please make all commenting done with name, address, current congressional district and zip code.

Thank You

Douglas Reimel



12th Congressional District
Michigan State Rep 12
Michigan State Senate 6
Wayne County Commission 14

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 7:44 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: dave.lloyd
Subject: Redistricting Comments

Please require anyone making redistricting comments include their full name and address

Regards,
David Lloyd
Novi, Michigan

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 7:42 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Matthew Hutnick
Subject: Redistricting

Good Evening,

I am emailing you today out of great concern for our redistricting. I would request that every person who submits comment must disclose their full name and address so that the Commissioners and their staff know the people they're taking suggestions from have the best interests of our great state in mind!

Matthew Hutnick
University of Detroit Mercy
Student Government President
[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 7:35 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Ang Mills
Subject: Public portal requirements for redistricting

Good evening,

It has come to my attention that the portal requirements for public comment on the redistricting of our state only include having an interested party give their name and email address.

While this may have seemed logical on the surface, it is concerning to me, as a Michigan resident, that if we have parties outside of our state inserting their voices into our state redistricting conversation, that it be known. I'm sure it was just a small matter of overlooking this detail; one would assume those in charge of such an important matter would also want to know of those whose input is coming in is from out of state and how their priorities intersect with those of us who actually reside within our state.

Is this something that can be remedied? Thank you for your time and grace in this matter.

Angela Mills
Monroe County, MI
1st Precinct Delegate

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone
Get Outlook for Android

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 7:33 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Dwayne Harvey

Subject: Foreign input

I heard that you will not require address information from individuals who you take input from. This would give someone from Seattle as much input as me, a native Detroiter, and I find that very unfair. I urge you to value the voice of the people and take the necessary measures to insure there is no foreign input in your decision making process. Thank you,

Dwayne Harvey

Sent from ProtonMail mobile

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 7:32 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Robert Timby
Subject: Requiring address from commenters


I demand that the commission require physical address from commenters on the comment process. Furthermore, that their address and full name of the commenters are corroborated by information from the voter rolls.

Rob Timby

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 7:31 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: jduck62157
Subject: redistricting

why can people out of state have a say in our redistricting. It means the liberals from out of state have a say in what is going on here.

Jerry Duck


Edwardsburg, MI 49112

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S10e, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 7:30 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Tom Mercier
Subject: OUT OF STATE COMMENTS

The only individuals that should be allowed to comment on MICHIGAN'S Redistricting need to be restricted to Michigan Residents of voting age. The full name and addresses of those wishing to comment needs to be included so that ONLY Michigan Citizens be allowed to comment otherwise the big city non Michigan bad actors who have no care for Michigan will overshadow the votes and comments of Michigan-ganders..

Sincerely,

Thomas Mercier

[REDACTED]

Dryden, Michigan 48428
A Michigan Citizen and a Michigan Voter

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 7:27 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Leah Davis
Subject: (MICRC) public comment portal

Michiganders Demand that every person who submits comment must disclose their full name and address so that the Commissioners and their staff know the people they're taking suggestions from have the best interests of our great state in mind!

Thank you,
Leah Davis
[REDACTED]
Swartz Creek MI
48473

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 7:24 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: David J Yardley
Subject: Michigan Residents Only

I formally request that every person who submits a comment must disclose their full name and address so that the Commissioners and staff know the people they're taking suggestions from have the best interests of Michigan in mind and are indeed from Michigan.

Thank you,

David J. Yardley
[REDACTED]
St. Joseph, MI 49085

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 7:24 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: WENDY M CHETKOVICH
Subject: Advocating For Our Own Communities


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Wendy M Chetkovich
Addison, Mi

Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail on Android

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 7:24 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Thomas E May
Subject: Identify Comments

In my opinion, anyone offering comments should identify themselves to ensure they are from Michigan and have good intentions.

Thomas May

Wixom Mi 48393

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 7:23 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Paula
Subject: Redistricting Feedback

Hello,

This email is addressed to the Independent Citizens for Districting Commission.

Thank you for building the public portal to collect feedback on this redistricting process. I am concerned about the forum not requiring the respondents to provide their address to ensure they are only submitting a single response and are actual citizens of Michigan. As you know with the electronic world we live in and the heightened level of activism in this country and throughout the world, we could be collecting information from non citizens who don't pay taxes nor live here.

Please require respondents to submit their full name and permanent address. Do not share this information with the public necessarily but surely ensure that these respondents are submitting only a single response and are taxpaying citizens here in MI with a vested interest in these communities. I cannot fathom how this is not a mandated part of the submitted along with some level of verification that they are citizens.

I live here with my family. The decisions made by this Commission affect our daily lives, not those that live elsewhere. We all need to have fair say so a single submission of residents is critically important to keep the integrity of this process. You are expected as our representatives to ensure the fairness and integrity of this process.

Thank you for listening and all your hard work thus far. We know you are volunteers and working hard. We know you care and want to do the best you can while listening to feedback as demonstrated by building the public portal.

Paula and Brian Droste
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Dewitt, MI 48820
[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 7:18 PM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Kerry Rehbine
Subject: Redistricting

I demand that every person who submits comment must disclose their full name and physical address.

Kerry Rehbine
[REDACTED]
Troy, MI 48098

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 7:15 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Ruihua Han
Subject: Disclosure of full identity to comment

Dear Sir/Madam,

As I understand that right now people can just input their opinions with their names and emails. This may cause people out of states affecting our Michigan's political process. We have to have commenter leaving their Michigan residential address to avoid this fraudulent behavior. We michiganders deserve to have our state to ourselves. Thanks for listening.

Best regards,

Ruihua Han

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 7:13 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Carl Hubinger
Subject: Redistricting

Only those registered within the State should count toward redistricting.
Carl H.

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 7:12 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Ray Johnson
Subject: Comment Submissions

To Redistricting Commission,

Anyone submitting comments concerning redistricting in Michigan needs to be required to give their full name and complete address. Not just their name and email. Only citizens who reside in our state must be allowed to give input.

Ray Johnson

[REDACTED]
Dearborn, MI 48124

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 7:09 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Gemkeno
Subject: Comments on redistricting should require addresses

And more weight should be given to comments from Michigan citizens.

EM
Midland, Michigan

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 7:07 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Connie DePue
Subject: Portal Information

Thank you for creating the portal. I do have a request.

Please make last name and address a required field so as to make sure that those participating are actual residents of Michigan and not someone from out of state flooding the information.

Thank you,

Connie DePue

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Vestaburg, MI 48891

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 7:06 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: adam savalli
Subject: Redistricting

The Michigan Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) released their public comment portal today, giving people the opportunity to advocate for communities of interest, but there is a BIG problem: the MICRC is only requiring name and email address to submit comment, propose maps, and comment on the map drawing process. Anyone from anywhere can submit comments on communities of interest to

the commission, regardless of whether they live in our state. That means that coastal liberal elites will have the same say in drawing Michigan's lines that Michigander's have. We cannot allow this.

every person who submits comment must disclose their full name and address!

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 7:00 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Isecord
Subject: Request from Ivan Secord

Hello Sarah Anderson, External Affairs Director,

I am requesting that every person who submits comments be required to disclose their full name and address so that the Commissioners and their staff know the people they're taking suggestions from have the best interests of our great state in mind!

Please let me know if this will be the practice for all these forthcoming meetings.

Ivan W. Secord – Precinct Delegate
Green Oak Township

[REDACTED]

Luke 18:27 But He said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 7:00 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Melanie Kurdys
Subject: Who decides?

Thank you for opening comments on redistricting. Gathering citizen input is an important step in this new process.

I think you may have missed an important control factor. I understand commenters do not have to provide an address of residence. I suppose people could lie, but still, it seems comments from Michigan residents must be given priority. And as our state is quite large and diverse in size, it seems regional, even county residents should have priority in their area.

You have quite a challenge ahead of you in this endeavor. Breaking new ground is always challenging. I sincerely hope you take constructive comments to heart and conduct a process we can all respect.

Best, Melanie Kurdys
[REDACTED]
Plainwell, MI. 49080

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 6:56 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Ron Howdysshell
Subject: Redistricting Comments

I think you should require those wishing to comment on districts or the process should be required to include their address and district. I see no reason to accept input from those outside the state or even outside the district.

Ron Howdysshell

[REDACTED]
Chelsea, MI
District 7

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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[REDACTED]
Chelsea, MI
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Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 6:48 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Dominic Jakubowski
Subject: Young Michigander's Opinion on Outside Maps

Hello Redistricting Team,

My name is Dominic Jakubowski and I am a 20 year old citizen of Michigan. I am interested in civics and politics, and especially this commission because it will have an impact on my future. If these maps are gerrymandered in one direction or another the likelihood of young people like me leaving the state is high, because of the economic and societal implications. With that being said, I saw that the commission is allowing map suggestions from outside the state. I think that is a very poor choice and against the purpose of the ballot initiative. People voted for this initiative, because they wanted us, Michiganders, to draw maps not people from outside of the state. With that in mind, you should require addresses,

names, and contact information to be available for anyone that submits maps. Please keep this mind and I wish you all the best. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Very Respectfully,
Dominic

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 6:46 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Nancy S. Tiseo
Subject: Comment requirements

I writing you to share my concerns!! As a resident of Michigan Im asking you to ONLY INCLUDE and consider comments regarding redistricting from Michigan residents!! Comments from out of state individuals do not belong in the discussion pertaining to redistricting!!

Nancy Tiseo
Macomb County
[REDACTED]
Precinct Delegate

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 6:44 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Mary Haan
Subject: You have got to be kidding

We need the citizens of Michigan to be the priority here and nobody else. just use common sense and not play games. mary Haan

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 6:42 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Bronwyn Haltom
Subject: Only Michigan

Hey my name is Bronwyn Haltom, I live in Kalamazoo County. I was born and raised in Oshtemo, we have strong communities of interest here. I think it's extremely important that only Michiganders provide input on redistricting. Please change this policy.

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 3:18 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Susan Smith
Subject: LWVMI Written Comment to MICRC re Drawing District Maps

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Sue Smith. I'm the Vice President for Advocacy for the League of Women Voters of Michigan. The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization that promotes civic engagement.

Today, I would like to bring to your attention the confusion that exists among the public concerning the map drawing process, in hopes that you can clarify the situation.

During the March 4 Commission meeting, EDS gave a presentation to the Commission in support of its bid for the map drawing contract. During their presentation, Mr. Fred Hejazi from Citigate GIS, a partner of EDS, demonstrated how they would draw the district maps if given the contract.

During his 20 minute demonstration, he described the process they use as follows:

1. Start with the current maps.
2. Adjust the current maps based on census population changes.
3. Do this by adding and subtracting precincts to the current maps.
4. Once the current map includes the appropriate number of people, add the Communities of Interest.

Since that time, several individual commissioners have stated that the Commission did not intend to start with the current maps.

Still, EDS spent 20 minutes demonstrating to the Commission their process of drawing the maps in which EDS clearly stated that they started with the current maps.

Given the confusion among the public and the importance of this issue, the League is requesting the Commission to clarify their intent.

Will the Commission instruct EDS to start with Communities of Interest and not the current maps?

Thank you for considering our request.

Susan Smith
League of Women Voters of Michigan

Date of Submission: Monday, May 3, 2021 3:327 PM

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

Name: Kendra Bembry

Subject: State of Michigan Unemployment Agency Fraud

Hi. I am sharing my opinion as an Ohio resident. I am a United States Honorably Discharged Military veteran who was working as a State of Michigan Unemployment Agency Telephone Agent. I was wrongfully terminated/forced resignation "for doing my job to assist the residents of Michigan". One of the reasons you have the economic distress in your state is because there is targeting and wrong information to no information being dispersed causing no assistance and loss of properties and some cases casualties to the pandemic. I had no bad quality assurance but the more I assisted, the more I got reamed. This is lightly putting the circumstance as I observed. It is a disgrace when so many people cannot work and I tried to assist.

Date of Submission: Monday, May 3, 2021 11:48 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: johan cawood
Subject: Fair and competitive

Dear commissioners,

I am again exploring you to devise a way to evaluate the fairness and competitiveness of maps that can be done mathematically so that any maps submitted can be easily compared.

If you don't have a system to do this? How will you know if a map is good/bad/partisan/ or fair??

Johannes Cawood

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Date of Submission: Monday, May 3, 2021 3:39 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Hedi Kaufman
Subject: Newly developed computer algorithm for creating redistricting solutions

Hello!

My name is Hedi Kaufman. I live in Monroe County. After 20 years as a township trustee, I hung up my political hat last year, but not my interest in matters political. I recently learned about a computer algorithm for redistricting. It creates fair maps which meet various and varying criteria: the Voting Rights Act, population deviation, compactness, competitiveness, fairness, etc.

This computer algorithm, developed by Prof. Matthew Petering, PhD (U of Michigan), provides a methodical solution to drawing/re-drawing district lines for state senate, state house, and US congressional districts. Dr. Petering's e-mail address is matt.petering@districtsolutions.net; he is eager to share his work.

A brief presentation given for the State of Wisconsin is included in the link below. There is an interesting bit on "Redistricting Roulette" at 00:03:10 which lasts about 2 minutes.

Dr. Petering addresses the audience from 00:10:45 - 00:50:50 regarding Wisconsin districts; he can do the same thing for Michigan districts. Considering the amount of time real people need to spend to make new maps, these 40 minutes will save thousands of person-hours if his work is utilized. Please give it your attention. Here's a link to the presentation he made with his local state senator:

Thank you for joining Professor Petering and me yesterday afternoon in our discussion on Fair Maps. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to view and share the recording.

Date of Submission: Monday, May 3, 2021 2:26 PM

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

Name: Joe Fresard

Subject: Community of interest: Lake St. Clair Shoreline Community

Hello,

I'd like to suggest a community of interest to be considered in your redistricting process.

The people of the cities and townships bordering Lake St. Clair (Clay Township, Ira Township, Harrison Township, Chesterfield Township, New Baltimore, Clinton Township, St. Clair Shores and the Grosse Pointes) have a common history, culture, and interest in the well being of the lake.

Lake St. Clair has had many very concerning environmental challenges over the years (<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/MapJournal/index.html?appid=62acbfbc78d64c9fa03a48019033c7e8>) but thus far has not had been able to speak to their US Representative in a single, united voice. By having all of these people in one congressional district, we could begin to truly address these issues. Improving the water quality of Lake St. Clair would not only greatly benefit these places, but also improve the environment for everywhere downstream.

This community also shares more than just a common interest in protecting Lake St. Clair, though that is crucial interest. It shares a common history and common culture that persists to this day. These lands were occupied by the people of the Huron Tribe, who fished along these shores. French settlers moved in, many with Catholic Missions, and began farming in ribbon farms, fishing, and fur trapping. Later, these lands would become some of the first in Michigan to become US territory, under the Treaty of Greenville. Today, the influence of the early settlers is still seen in much of the geography, designed around the early ribbon farms. Catholicism is still the predominant religion of the area, and of course, the culture of boating and fishing is as strong as ever.

I hope you consider keeping this community together so that we can preserve our lake for future generations

Thank you

Date of Submission: Monday, May 3, 2021 11:41 AM

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

Name: Samantha Morin

Subject: Redistricting of Powell Township

Good Afternoon,

Attached is my signature for Powell Township to be redistricted to the 109th district. Our township meeting is at 7pm in Big Bay, MI and unfortunately I would not be able to travel to the hearing in Marquette and get back to Big Bay by the time of the meeting.

Thank you,

Samantha Morin

Powell Township Clerk

clerk@powelltownship.org

906-345-9345 ex 12

Date of Submission: Monday, May 3, 2021 11:32 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Jacqueline Stewart
Subject: Mapping Communities of Interest

In the discussion of Communities of Interest on 4/22 Exec Director Hammersmith suggested it is important that COIs map their community using the Public Comment Tool. How detailed is the DistrictR tool? Can you say what the unit is? Commissioner Clarke suggested it would be useful to know "from street to street" where the community is. So, will DistrictR accommodate this kind of detail?

Can you answer that publicly?

Thank you,

Jacqueline Stewart

Date of Submission: Monday, May 3, 2021 10:09 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Gloria King
Subject: RESOLUTION – To Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission Regarding Communities of Interest

Good morning,

Please be informed that at the West Bloomfield Township Board meeting held on Monday, April 26, 2021, the attached Resolution to Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission Regarding Communities of Interest was approved. This Resolution has been signed by Township Clerk Debbie Binder.

Gloria L. Kling
Deputy Clerk to
Debbie Binder
Charter Township of West Bloomfield
Clerk's Office
4550 Walnut Lake Road
West Bloomfield, MI 48325
Direct: 248-451-4855
Fax: 248-682-3788

Date of Submission: Monday, May 3, 2021 8:44 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Lmanmade
Subject: Loss of Congressional district

Dear Commission,

You have a big job ahead of you drawing fair and equitable districts here in the State of Michigan. The latest census concludes that we will be losing a congressional district. While this is a great loss for our state I would like to offer for your consideration my congressional district, district 7. It is heavily gerrymandered and effectively peels back the voting power of several minority communities.

Good Luck!
Lorri Mann
London Twp. MI

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 29, 2021 1:39 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Katie Corr
Subject: Accessibility

Good Afternoon Commissioners!

Thank you for taking on this enormous task and thank you for being deeply thoughtful when making your decisions.

I was hoping to get some clarification on something brought up at this week's meeting and I wanted to throw in my two cents (for what it's worth;)

At the request of the Commission, Julianne Pastula researched and gathered information related to the Americans with Disabilities Act. There were questions related accessibility during upcoming public hearings.

I don't believe there was a formal decision on this, as the issue wasn't addressed by the other members of the commission this week. I would like to share a few of my thoughts on the matter. To be clear, this is NOT a criticism. I'm sure you have a good understanding of accessibility so forgive me if this feels redundant. I think it would be a great idea to clarify your thoughts with the public. I wasn't quite sure where you landed on this topic, so it would be wonderful to get a little more information so we can all be on the same page:)

I'd like to caution you against making any blanket decisions/statements when it comes to providing accommodations. I don't believe you have. Just something to keep in mind. As we know, people with disabilities are not "one size fits all" when it comes to what is needed for equal access.

An individual may need to have a seat reserved near a bathroom because of a physical/medical disability. A person with Autism may need to be allowed in early so they can adjust to the environment and reduce their anxiety before the meeting starts. If there are any pamphlets or handouts during the

meetings, a blind individual may need a copy in braille, etc., etc. There are a million scenarios that are impossible to predict because our privilege means we've never had to consider them. It would be an injustice to say, "Well, we could do such and such, but it's not 'required'". I think that could put you in a sticky situation. Accommodations are relative to the individual. When it comes to their disability, they are the experts. They know best what accommodations are needed to ensure they have equal access.

I would strongly encourage you to consider accommodations on a case by case basis and to avoid setting up one policy for all.

I have not yet checked your website for this specifically, but if you haven't already, I believe it's wise and necessary to provide a section where people can not only request accommodations, but find additional information related to the request. It would be great for persons with disabilities to have a better understanding of the process; how to request, if there is any documentation required to receive accommodations, the expected timeline for processing the request, who to contact if there is a dispute, etc. I don't know if you are considering a sub committee dedicated to reviewing accommodations or know someone who might fill that role. Many places do require documentation before a service is provided. It's common practice at Universities, places of employment, and community/state/federal agencies who provide services. With this documentation, you will be able to demonstrate the legitimacy of the request if accusations of preferential treatment are made.

Getting feedback from the disability community is so important during this process. State and federal decisions dictate the quality of their lives in ways most of us will never understand.

Again, I would like to thank all of you for the deep consideration that happens before decisions are made. I see it every week and it is so refreshing to witness people with different political leanings and backgrounds working together for a common goal.

Thank you!

Kathryn

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 22, 2021 1:58 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Kim Hunter
Subject: The Need to Test Commission Website

Dear Commissioners

With regards to the prototype website I saw during the April 22 Commission meeting, you must test the website with people of a variety of ages and technical expertise.

My experience tells me that, despite the best of intentions, websites are designed in tech "bubbles" with many unexamined assumptions about the public's ability to interact effectively with the sites. Sometimes, barriers to broad public interaction are addressed virtually as an afterthought with surveys.

But those who have trouble interacting are often unwilling to complete surveys and simply leave the site.

Testing of a site by people who know nothing about the site or the issues is the only real way to get good, broad, truly fair, equitable and accessible websites. The site must be tested by a range of people, including those with disabilities, those whose first language is not English and people who are challenged by tech interaction because of lack of experience.

Thank you if you have been planning for this or have conducted tests.

Sincerely,

Kim D.Hunter

Detroit

313-287-2992