COI and Public Comment Process and Considerations
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Key COI Terms and Definitions

Community of Interest (COI): "Communities of interest may include, but shall not be limited to, populations that share cultural or historical characteristics or economic interests. Communities of interest do not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates."

Final COI: COI submissions reviewed and incorporated by the Commission into district maps.

Proposed COI: All COI submissions presented from the public to the Commission for consideration.

COI & Cluster Analysis and Review Process

STEP 1
Commissioners shall review the data of the COIs and clusters using the Clusters for Michigan COI report.

- The line drawing consultant will display a COI Cluster over the selected region, as well as all individual COIs within the cluster. The description of the cluster will be read aloud to the Commission.

- Clusters will be displayed sequentially in numerical order (A1, A2, A3 etc.). The Commission will proceed through all steps of this process for each cluster, one cluster at a time.

STEP 2
The line drawing consultant will add the display of the draft district lines for the selected region (while still displaying the cluster and individual COIs). Commissioners will assess how the draft district lines interact with the COI cluster and individual COIs in the following format.

- For each district (beginning in sequential order within the region and district type), a Commissioner will begin discussion among the full Commission noting possible changes to the draft district lines. Changes may be discussed to accommodate COI boundaries.

- Commissioners beginning the discussion for each draft district will be selected in rotating alphabetical order.

- **Considerations for discussion:**
  - How will changes to district lines impact the district's population?
  - How will changes to district lines impact the district's diversity and racial data?
  - How will changes to district lines impact surrounding districts and COIs?

STEP 3

After deliberation about potential adjustments to a district, the Chairperson will direct the Secretary or Commission Staff to add proposed district changes to a log of proposed adjustments. Actual adjustments to draft maps will not be made until all COI clusters have been examined.

The log will note:
- The proposed change and rationale.
- The district to which a change is being proposed.
- The COI(s) and its' cluster being considered for the change.
- Input on impact of diverse communities.

Commissioners will proceed through each district within the region, and then proceed through each COI Cluster within the region (using the above Steps 1-3) until all COI clusters within the region have been reviewed.

STEP 4

After reviewing all COI clusters in a region, the Commission will review the log of proposed adjustments for each district.

- The Secretary or Commission staff will read aloud proposed changes, reviewing districts one at a time (in sequential order of the district and proposed adjustment).

- Each district's proposed adjustments will be weighed and deliberated by the Commission.

- After deliberation about what adjustments will be approved, the Chair will direct the line drawing consultant to execute the change. The change will also be reflected as "accepted" in the proposed change log.