

**Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC)
Mapping Process and Procedures**

V10.10

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Public Hearings and Debriefing Sessions

(October 20th – October 26th)

Public Hearings

Wednesday, October 20 – TCF Center, Detroit

Thursday, October 21 - Lansing Center, Lansing

Friday, October 22 – DeVos Place, Grand Rapids

Monday, October 25 - Treetops Resort, Gaylord

Tuesday, October 26 - The Dort Center, Flint

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1. Research and Review:** Prior to each public hearing, Commissioners shall independently review each Draft Proposed Map's districts for the public hearing area.
- 2. Listen and Note:** During each public hearing, Commissioners shall participate in active listening, take notes as needed, and consider feedback from the public.
Note: All personal notes are public records and may be subject to FOIA.
- 3. Public Comment Map Display:** Public comment participants wishing to share their map located in the Public Comment Portal with the Commission during their 90-second public comment must indicate the Map ID number on their public comment sign-up card. The Map ID number will be provided to EDS to display their map during the participant's public comment. The time clock for the public comment will not start until the map is displayed. Following their public comment, the Commission may ask follow-up questions, as needed for clarification.
 - a. Members of the public may only provide one Map ID number and present on one map during their 90 seconds of public comment. All comments on additional maps may be provided in writing through the Commission's Public Comment Portal.
- 4. Follow-up Questions:** Concluding a public comment participant's 90-second allotment, a Commissioner may ask follow-up or clarifying questions to the participant during the public meeting.
 - a. Questions may only be asked through the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson if additional information retrieved from the public comment participant would assist the Commission in determining or refining boundaries of Communities of Interest or mapping boundaries. Commissioners will refrain from making remarks or engaging in discussion in the public forum to dispute or contest a public comment participant's statement.
 - i. The Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson may declare a Commissioner's follow-up question or remark to be non-germane and decline to ask the question.

- b. Any follow-up question to a member of the public may only occur during the public hearing or public meeting and **may not** occur during breaks or outside of a MICRC public meeting or hearing.
 - i. If a member of the public approaches a Commissioner to provide follow-up information during a break or outside of an MICRC public meeting or hearing, the Commissioner must immediately dis-engage from the conversation.

DEBRIEFING SESSIONS

On the date of the subsequent public hearing, the Commission will hold a public meeting for the purpose of conducting a debriefing session on feedback received during the previous public hearing.

1. **Research and Review:** Prior to each debriefing session, Commissioners shall independently review each Draft Proposed Map and public comment provided during the previous public hearing.
2. **Discussion:** Commissioners will review and discuss substantive feedback and themes received during the previous public hearing.
 - a. **Considerations for debriefing discussion:**
 - i. Suggested changes to COI boundaries
 - ii. Additional COIs for consideration
 - iii. Suggested changes to draft proposed maps for each type
 - iv. Input from RPV, VRA and Line Drawing Consultants
 - b. No map or COI changes or adjustments will occur during public hearings or debriefing sessions. Commissioners will note or log suggested mapping edits. Noted changes will take place during post-hearing deliberations (Oct. 27 – Nov. 5)