

Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission
March 11, 2021 Meeting Public Comment

Date of Submission: Thursday, March 11, 2021 11:40AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Jolene Knapp
Subject: Need to schedule rural public meetings

I am writing to ask the Commission to schedule public meetings, where residents living in rural Michigan will have the opportunity to hear from the Commission and easily express their thoughts and concerns related to their communities.

Everyone needs the opportunity to hear and be heard.

Thank you

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Jolene Knapp

Date of Submission: Thursday, March 11, 2021 11:08AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Mark Redker
Subject: Election Issues

I continue to suggest that a review of HB1 that is before the US Congress be incorporated in your decisions. Elections will likely be federalized including how house districts are set. You must provide for a fluid system as the Federal Government could amend or change completely your actions.

States will lose control over elections and how representative districts are drawn

Thanks
Mark Redker

Date of Submission: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 6:24PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: PATRICK LIVINGSTON
Subject: inclusion

To the Michigan Redistricting Commission

From: Patrick Livingston

Date: March 10, 2021

I understand that the study Commission is in the process of setting up feedback opportunities to allow voters in our state to provide input regarding the revision of voting districts in our state. Based on the current schedule of meetings, it seems to me that these communities should also be given consideration as possible locations for a meeting opportunity with the Commission: Kalamazoo/Battle Creek, Pontiac, and Saginaw/Bay City. I commend the Commission for your dedication to this important task and am hopeful that the result of these efforts will lead to better representation for all voters in our state.

Thanks for your consideration!

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Date of Submission: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 4:27PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: janet livingston
Subject: mi redistricting feedback

To the Michigan Redistricting Commission

From: janet livingston

Date: 3-20-21

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Thanks for your consideration

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Date of Submission: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 4:25PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: janet livingston
Subject: gerrymandering

people need to have a voice, please consider more meeting opportunities for people in these areas. y

thanks, janet livingston

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/sos/MICRC_Revised_Public_Hearings_Schedule_718254_7.pdf

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Date of Submission: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 9:20AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Kenneth Gould
Subject: Census Quality Metrics & Redistricting

Good morning. Late last year, I filed a FOIA with the US Census Bureau for data related to the 2020 US Census. I'm a retired analytics professional (Fidelity Investments) currently teaching parttime in my home state of Rhode Island. I hope to use these data to build a few case studies around legislative redistricting and the counting of hard-to-count neighborhoods.

While the Census Bureau is quite good about making many data available to the public through their online portal, they're less inclined to make disaggregated data publicly-available. And researchers need that more granular view to make informed assessments about the quality of the census. My FOIA, for instance, asks for a breakout of counts from self-response, the non-response field effort (aka, "NRFU") and any post-NRFU count imputation done through modeling. I've also asked for documentation on their count-imputation model parameters, output and validation.

Last week, my FOIA was denied for Title 13 privacy reasons. I'm not sure why there's a privacy breach on data aggregated to the Block Group level, but I'm not a lawyer and don't know all the statutory details exempting my FOIA. I filed an appeal.

I'm looking for partners to join me in the appeal (or advocate on behalf of my appeal). I'm approaching several Secretaries of State to see if there's interest.

The Census Bureau, should, of course, use everything in its toolkit (including count imputation) to arrive at the most accurate count possible. But that process should be transparent. And if certain neighborhoods rely heavily on imputation (and imputation has a range of uncertainty) then we should know the confidence range of that neighborhood count.

I suspect that count imputation, together with the Bureau's use of administration records, might, on average, bias toward an undercount – but I don't know for certain. In any event, it's good to at least

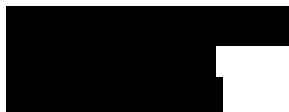
know the level of uncertainty before state legislative boundaries are redrawn and US Congressional Districts are reapportioned.

Please let me know if you would like to join my appeal or would like any more information about the details of my FOIA.

Thank you!

Ken

Kenneth Gould



Date of Submission: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 6:16AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Janine Iyer
Subject: Comments on proposed meeting locations

Hello,
I'm contacting you to request you add a meeting in Livingston County.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Janine Iyer

Date of Submission: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 2:13AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: MaryBeth Strassel
Subject: drawing lines of Congressional districts

The concept of one person-one vote is very important to us, and gerrymandering in this state and others has been the greatest enemy of this Constitutional right. Please consider giving opportunities for citizens to express their concerns on fair apportionment to areas based on population not geography, in particular Kalamazoo/Battle Creek area, Pontiac area and Saginaw/Bay City area. And as you are drawing these critical congressional district lines, please restore to this state congressional apportionment that offer equitable and fair representation to all citizens.

Thank you,
Raymond and MaryBeth Strassel
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

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Strassel



Date of Submission: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 11:46PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Marysue
Subject: Meetings

I'd like to offer a suggestion about the schedule of feedback sessions announced for the newly formed Redistricting Committee.

In addition to the communities already announced, That you schedule meetings also in mid-size communities that are often overlooked when soliciting feedback. These include but aren't limited to the Kalamazoo and Battle Creed metro area, Pontiac, and the Saginaw and Bay City metro region.

Thanks for giving attention to this request.

Marysue Turner-Livingston

Sent from iPhone

Date of Submission: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 11:37PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Bob Livingston
Subject: Request for More Meetings

To the Michigan Redistricting Commission

From: Bob Livingston

Date: 03/09/21

Thank you for this opportunity to respond to the initial formation of the Redistricting Committee and the decennial redistricting of the state.

I urge you to schedule meetings also in mid-size communities that are often overlooked when soliciting feedback. These include but aren't limited to the Kalamazoo and Battle Creed metro area, Pontiac, and the Saginaw and Bay City metro region.

Thanks for giving attention to this request.

R. J. Livingston

[REDACTED], Berkley MI 48072

Sent from iPhone

Date of Submission: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 4:18PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Pat Butler
Subject: Miichigan redistricting

To the Michigan Redistricting Commission

From: Patricia Butler

Date: March 9, 2021

Thank you for your work in studying the redistricting and working on a solution for Michigan.

I understand that the study Commission is in the process of setting up feedback opportunities to allow voters in our state to provide input regarding the revision of voting districts in our state. Based on the current schedule of meetings, it seems to me that these communities should also be given consideration as possible locations for a meeting opportunity with the Commission: Kalamazoo/Battle Creek, Pontiac, and Saginaw/Bay City and West Branch. I commend the Commission for your dedication to this important task and am hopeful that the result of these efforts will lead to better representation for all voters in our state.

Thanks for your consideration!

Patricia M. Butler,

Date of Submission: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 2:50PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Edith Lewis
Subject: Redistricting Guidelines

Good Afternoon

I am writing to urgently request that the proposed redistricting guidelines be established according to population size across the State of Michigan. Heavily populated areas are disenfranchised when their size is excluded from redistricting calculations. Equity requires inclusion of this dimension in the establishment of the new districts. Please respond accordingly so that future suits will not be necessary. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Edith A. Lewis

Ann Arbor, Michigan

It is no measure of good health to be well adjusted to a sick society
--Krishnamurti

Date of Submission: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 2:28PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Anne Laurance
Subject: Ending gerrymandering in Michigan
redistricting@michigan.gov

To the Michigan Redistricting Commission

From:

Date:

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Thanks for your consideration!

Anne Laurance
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103

Date of Submission: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 1:37PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Josh Pasek
Subject: Utilizing nonpartisan expertise in the state

I write to make sure that the commission is aware that one of the foremost academic experts on redistricting is a professor in political science at the University of Michigan. Dr. Jowei Chen uses automated software tools to draw districts that maximize key principles of nonpartisan redistricting. He also has experience assisting governments in evaluating redistricting procedures. I would strongly recommend that the commission reach out to Dr. Chen about the use of his expertise in drawing districts across the state. His website is:

<http://www-personal.umich.edu/~jowei/>

Best,

-Josh

Josh Pasek
Associate Professor of Communication & Media and Political Science
Faculty Associate, Center for Political Studies
Core Faculty, Michigan Institute for Data Science
University of Michigan
www.joshpasek.com

Date of Submission: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 1:15PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Dawn Wolfe
Subject: Please hold meetings according to population levels, not Republican pressure

Hello,

I'm very disheartened to hear you are considering holding more meetings in rural areas of the state than in our urban centers.

Rather than scheduling hearings based on land area, they should be scheduled according to population. In doing so you'll find there is a much more diverse set of "communities of interest" in our state than you'll find in the hand-picked Republican attendees in our rural communities.

There is a wealth of information out there about the fact that, nationally, the US has become a "minoritarian" government -- in other words, voters in rural areas dominate our national politics out of proportion to their numbers given the makeup of the Senate and Electoral College. Please don't make the same mistake by bowing to Republican pressure to replicate that imbalance here in Michigan -- an issue the Commission was created to fix, not further!

Quote from the linked article for your reference: Joe Biden's 2020 victory came not because he won nearly 7 million more votes nationally than President Donald Trump, but rather because he won about 200,000 votes more in a handful of swing states. Congress has seen a similar dynamic: Though Republican senators make up the majority in the chamber, they represent more than 20 million fewer Americans than Democratic senators do.

Thank you.

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Dawn R. Wolfe
Freelance Writer, Editor, & Journalist
She/Her/Hers
My MuckRack Portfolio
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/dawnrwolfe/>

Black Lives Matter

Date of Submission: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 9:17AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Bill Grubb
Subject: Comments on the proposed meeting locations

It appears to me that you are ignoring a unique part of our state with your meeting locations that have been announced. I would like you to add one in Livingston County at Cleary University.

Bill Grubb
Conway Township Supervisor

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Date of Submission: Monday, March 8, 2021 3:32PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Jan D'Amico
Subject: Comments on the proposed meeting locations

Please pay respect to Livingston County and hold a meeting for our citizens local at Cleary University.

Regards,

Janice D'Amico
[REDACTED]
Pinckney, MI 48160

Date of Submission: Monday, March 8, 2021 12:15PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Joe Mazur
Subject: Comments on the proposed meeting locations


I am writing to request that you add a meeting location in Livingston county. This county is a unique county in MI, and deserves to be heard without its residents having to travel 45 mins away to attend a meeting.

Joe Mazur
Owner- Mazur's Total Automotive- Complete Auto Repairs
Locations in Pinckney, South Lyon and Howell MI
www.TotalAutomotive.net

Date of Submission: Monday, March 8, 2021 11:07AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Jerry Walden
Subject: Upcoming meetings

Dear Committee Members,
I feel strongly that the upcoming meetings should be proportional, that is , that each voter be represented fairly. That is how this law came to be and we want to be heard according to our vote. Please schedule meetings with an equal number for all districts since they are approximately equal in voters.
Sincerely,
Jerry S Walden

Date of Submission: Monday, March 8, 2021 10:52AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Linda Kilarski
Subject: Comments on the proposed meeting locations

I urge you to hold a hearing for redistricting in Livingston County at Cleary College.
Linda Kilarski
Associate Broker
3DX Realty


Date of Submission: Monday, March 8, 2021 10:38AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Lance Schuhmacher
Subject: Comments on the proposed meeting locations

Dear Commissioners

I have been following your meetings and appreciate the fact you have added hearing locations so people in rural Michigan are closer to public hearing sites.

Adding a hearing site in Livingston County has a number of advantages in that it is centrally located along the I 96/US 23 corridor. Several people drive through our county on the way to Lansing, Flint, Detroit, Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw Counties.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lance Schuhmacher
Howell, Michigan

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Date of Submission: Monday, March 8, 2021 10:21AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Glenn Fye
Subject: Comments on the proposed meeting locations

To whom it may concern,

Please hold a meeting in Livingston county.

Regards,

Glenn

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Monday, March 8, 2021 10:17AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Penny Ryder
Subject: Number of hearings in urban areas

Please factor in population when setting up the number of hearings throughout the state. People need an opportunity for input. If hearings are set up by land mass, people in highly populated areas will have and reduced likelihood of getting their voices heard.

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Penny Ryder

Date of Submission: Monday, March 8, 2021 10:03AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Edward Diehl
Subject: Public Hearings on Congressional Districts

Dear Redistricting Commission,

I am writing to urge you to hold hearings on Congressional districts based on population. The current schedule of hearings is biased towards rural districts and urban districts are not getting a fair representation. Remember, representation is based on population, not surface area.

Thank you,

Edward Diehl
Ann Arbor, MI

Date of Submission: Monday, March 8, 2021 9:16AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Anna Pennala
Subject: proposed meeting locations – Add Livingston County

I am disappointed to see that you did not add a redistricting meeting to Livingston County. Please reconsider this. I appreciate that you have added 4 new locations, but our voice is important also.

The closest location for me to attend is approximately a half hour drive from my home.

Please add a meeting location to Livingston County.

Thank you!

Anna Pennala

Date of Submission: Monday, March 8, 2021 9:09AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Kevin Yake
Subject: Comments on the proposed meeting locations

Add a meeting for redistricting in Livingston county at Cleary university.

If I have to drive to Lansing, Ann Arbor or Novi to be heard, you won't like what I have to say.

Put simply, Livingston county is unique in its makeup and strong in its contribution to the Michigan economy. We deserve to be heard and not 'gerrymandered' into these other areas public forums that we are completely different from in terms of our 'communities of interest', priorities and world view. Ann Arbor and Lansing are fringe left wing strong holds – we have nothing in common with them in terms of the interests of our community.

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Date of Submission: Monday, March 8, 2021 8:56AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Susan Bostian (Anderson)
Subject: proposed meeting locations – Add Livingston County

I would like our County, Livingston County represented and heard in the upcoming meeting locations to discuss redistricting.
Susan Bostian
Medical First Responder
Unadilla Township Fire Department

Date of Submission: Monday, March 8, 2021 7:41AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Isecord
Subject: Comments on the proposed meeting locations

Please schedule a meeting at Cleary University in Howell.

Kind regards,
ivan Secord

Date of Submission: Monday, March 8, 2021 7:13AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: sharon suffolk
Subject: Comments on the proposed meeting locations

I am requesting that in all fairness to the residents of Livingston County that the redistricting committee meeting be held in Livingston County. Preferably at Cleary College in Howell.

Regards

Sharon Suffolk



South Lyon, MI 48178 (Green Oak Township)

Date of Submission: Monday, March 8, 2021 6:30AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Ann Bollin
Subject: Comments on the proposed meeting locations

Please adjust your public meeting schedule to include southeast Michigan rural and semi-rural areas like northern Oakland County, Livingston County and parts of Washtenaw County.

Tim and Ann Bollin

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Date of Submission: Monday, March 8, 2021 4:24AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Linda Orofino
Subject: Comments on the proposed meeting locations

"Citizens should have a voice in the place that you live. If I'm voting in my area and able to articulate the things that I want in my community, my personal life, my family, and all of those things with a ballot then I should be able to do that at an entry level and I think the commission does that. It allows everyone to get involved and become more curious. Even if it's something you don't agree with it starts a necessary conversation and stirs the pot, in my opinion, in the right way to elevate those concerns in conversation"

I started my letter out with a quote from Brittini Kellom (Bridge Detroit).

Why you ask?

Because the voices of Livingston County can't be heard unless, the redistricting committing comes to our community so we too can have our voices heard.

I'm requesting a meeting for my community.

Thank you in advance

Linda

Date of Submission: Sunday, March 7, 2021 11:38PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: donna smallwood
Subject: Comments on the proposed meeting locations

Requesting a meeting be held in Livingston County at Cleary University for our voices to be heard. Thank You.

Date of Submission: Sunday, March 7, 2021 10:34PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: fred palmerton
Subject: Comments on the proposed meeting locations

Please consider holding a meeting for redistricting at Cleary College, Howell.

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Sunday, March 7, 2021 10:11PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Isecord
Subject: Comments on the proposed meeting locations

As a Livingston County resident I am requesting a meeting here at Cleary University.

Ivan

Kind regards,
ivan Secord

Date of Submission: Sunday, March 7, 2021 9:10PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Linda Burke-Williams
Subject: Comments on the proposed meeting locations

Please have a meeting in Livingston county. I believe with the consolidated area of Livingston and the number of people which keeps on growing it's critical to address these individuals. Thanks. Linda Williams, precinct delegate

Date of Submission: Sunday, March 7, 2021 9:00PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Colleen C Quinn
Subject: Redistricting Meeting

As residents of Livingston County, we are requesting that you hold a redistricting meeting in Livingston County. Cleary University would be a suitable location.

Sincerely,

Tim and Colleen Quinn

Sent from Xfinity Connect Application

Date of Submission: Sunday, March 7, 2021 8:51PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Joanie Econom
Subject: Comments on the proposed meeting locations

Commission members,
Please, please consider adding meetings in the Livingston county area. We have plenty of available large facilities to accommodate a gathering. One place is large enough is Cleary University? This is vitally important to many of our citizens in the surrounding areas encompassing Brighton, Pinckney, Hartland, Howel.

Best Regards,
Joanie Econom

Sent from my iPad

Date of Submission: Sunday, March 7, 2021 8:49PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: The Alba bello
Subject: Comments on the proposed meeting locations


Dear counsel members it is great that your adding meetings but I believe that you need to add Livingston county on your list of places to have a meeting. Thank you TJ Albanelli

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Sunday, March 7, 2021 8:48PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Renee Blanchard
Subject: Comments on the proposed meeting locations

I am writing to request that a re-districting informational meeting be held in Livingston County so that the citizens in the county can voice questions and concerns to the committee regarding the process.

Thank you,

Dean Blanchard

Howell, Michigan 48843

Date of Submission: Sunday, March 7, 2021 8:48PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: tnorris128126
Subject: Comments on the proposed meeting locations

We here in Livingston County want our voices heard regarding this redistricting. Please schedule a hearing for us here at Cleary University so that we can be heard.

Thank you.
Russell & Tanya Norris
Pinckney, MI 48169

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Date of Submission: Sunday, March 7, 2021 8:35PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Jessica.ihc
Subject: Comments on the proposed meeting locations

Dear Sir/Madam:

I believe that it is imperative you add a stop for your proposed meeting locations in Livingston county. Livingston county is growing and should have a redistricting meeting scheduled within its borders. To require its residents to travel outside of the county for said meeting is not treating the county fairly. Currently Oakland and Washtenaw, which border Livingston county have meetings, but I am not sure as to why Livingston county was excluded. please seriously consider adding a meeting in Livingston county as I know many residents would like their voices heard.

Kind regards,

Jessica Sharpe
Concerned Livingston county resident

Date of Submission: Sunday, March 7, 2021 8:13PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: jnettien
Subject: Comments on the proposed meeting locations

Good Day

I write to you as a resident of Livingston County, requesting a Redistricting Committee Public Hearing be held in our county. Cleary University would be an acceptable and size appropriate location for this

important issue. The more input provided by residents regarding this issue, the better the Redistricting Committee may make decisions.

Thank you for your time.

Janet Nimke
[REDACTED]
Gregory, MI. 48137

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Date of Submission: Sunday, March 7, 2021 8:09PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Gwen
Subject: Comments on the proposed meeting locations

Please hold a meeting in Livingston County. Thank you. Gwen

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Sunday, March 7, 2021 7:16PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Brenda
Subject: Comments on the proposed meeting locations

I'm a resident of Livingston County and requesting that the commission hold a meeting right here in Livingston County at Cleary University. We need our voices heard.

Brenda Plank


Date of Submission: Sunday, March 7, 2021 7:09PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Sue Ringuette
Subject: Comments on the proposed meeting locations

Dear Commisioners,

I think it would good idea to have a meeting in Livingston County.

Sincerely,

Sue Ringuette


Howell, Michigan
48843

Date of Submission: Sunday, March 7, 2021 7:01PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Marshall Thomsen
Subject: Hearings

I have heard that urban areas are being put at a significant disadvantage with the hearing system envisioned by the commission. Please plan for more hearings in urban settings so that there is some sense of equity from a population perspective,

Marshall Thomsen
Lima Township, Michigan

Date of Submission: Sunday, March 7, 2021 6:55PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Tb0450
Subject: Comments on the proposed meeting locations

As a resident of Livingston County, I would like to request a public hearing within the County, traveling to Lansing, Novi or Ann Arbor is not practical to provide input.

Thank you.
Tim Boal.
Howell, Mi.

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Sunday, March 7, 2021 6:55PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Bob & Kitty Padget
Subject: Comments on the proposed meeting locations

I would like to address the proposed meeting locations with the commissioners and ask you WHY Livingston County will not be chosen to be on the roster for a commission meeting? Our voices are as important as Ann Arbor, Novi or and other city around Livingston County. Howell, Brighton or Hartland are available to host your commission. Our voices are as important as any in this state of ours. We urge you to make plans to come to Livingston County. On behalf of many I speak for please consider Livingston County.

With Respect,
Cathy Padget

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Date of Submission: Sunday, March 7, 2021 6:36PM

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

Name: Cheryl Gransden

Subject: Comments on the proposed meeting locations

I see you have added some locations, but you have still left out Livingston County. I ask you add Livingston county to your list of meeting locations.

Cheryl Gransden

Date of Submission: Sunday, March 7, 2021 6:21PM

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

Name: Stacy E

Subject: Public hearings

This committee must commit to a fair number of public hearings based on population size and not land area. It is unfair to have 5 public hearings in one district up north and just have one in southeast Michigan. We see what the Republicans on this committee are doing to control the process and ask the rest of the commission to push back and ensure that all voices are heard. It is unfair to have a small number of large meetings during a pandemic for parts of the state that are much more populated than others.

Sincerely,

Stacy Ebron
Pittsfield Township, Michigan Resident

Date of Submission: Saturday, March 6, 2021 7:51PM

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

Name: Michael Stanley

Subject: Public meetings

I write to express my belief that the commission will ultimately solve the conundrum of where to conduct the mandated minimum of public meetings.

I agree that using current federal congressional districts is misguided since they are going away and will most likely be replaced by 13.

I think the idea to hold town halls hosted by a few commission members as a compliment to the full commission public hearings is a great strategy. May I suggest that existing Michigan Senate districts be considered as a framework for the town halls? The fixed number of senate districts is a manageable set to distribute among the commissioners. This strategy may be the most likely to expose currently unidentified communities of interest as well. Admittedly, after the commission's work is complete, those state senate districts will also look totally different. But gerrymandering is felt most acutely at the state level.

As another suggestion for public information: the commission will need to underscore that EDS is bringing a pair of competing gerrymandering artists and that they will be working under the commission's direction, not politicians.

Thanks for all you are doing. Keep up the great work!

Mike Stanley



Date of Submission: Saturday, March 6, 2021 10:36AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Theresa Mitchell
Subject: Redistricting

Hello Commissioners,

I am requesting that you reconsider the current list of forums as it does not allow larger cities fair access to be a part of the forum. Please move to increase the number of forums in Southeast Michigan. I ask that you work to educate the community at large of the work of the Commission so that they can effectively participate in meetings and forums and support the work of the Commission.

Respectfully,

Theresa

Date of Submission: Saturday, March 6, 2021 10:36AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Lobbestael, Andrew
Subject: Why hire an outside firm?

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Name: Terri Lamb
Subject: Why hire an outside firm?

I am writing today to voice my opinion about the redistricting hearings. I support each Congressional district getting an equal number of hearings.

Thank you,
Terri Lamb
48169

Date of Submission: Friday, March 5, 2021 4:10PM

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Name: Nancy Heine

Subject: Meetings

I believe these meetings should be determined by population not by size of the land area. That makes no sense and does not look to be fair representation.

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Date of Submission: Friday, March 5, 2021 1:50PM

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

Name: Rosalyn M. Ogburn

Subject: Requesting more Community meetings in SE Michigan

Hello Redistricting Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a request before the committee. As a Wayne County & Detroit resident I do believe we should have the space for residents to be able to engage in person meetings but due to our city transportation barriers long distance locations may obstruct people from attending meetings out side our city.

In the 9th house district, which is where I live has 69,000 plus residents and our district line are very uneven and explanation of this process is required and should be addressed to residents.

I am asking that more meeting are held in South East Michigan area and in those districts that boundaries are visually targeted more heavily.

Also I have noticed the lack of diversity on this committee and ask as you all move forward to consider all communities and demographics of residents to participate.

Roslyn M. Ogburn

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Name: Markee, Kimberly

Subject: Elections and Redistricting

When making changes to the boundaries, please consider the municipalities. Each municipality should be considered, and the boundaries are best and less costly if you use the same boundaries that each jurisdiction or municipality uses. If you cross lines, it can create additional ballots for the municipalities causing them to add workers to support the additional ballots that will occur to residents if the boundaries are not the same as the municipality boundaries. It can also cause a municipality to have an election when they normally would not have, if the boundaries cross between municipalities. An election could cost a municipality \$75,000 to \$1,000,000 or possibly more depending on the size of the municipality.

Thank you for taking this into consideration.

Kim Markee
Clerk


Waterford MI 48329



Date of Submission: Friday, March 5, 2021 1:06PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Dennis Black
Subject: Public Comment

I would like increased accessibility and locations in and around the 13th congressional district. --
Dennis Black
Political Director, MOSES Action
Principal Consultant, Arcane Solutions