

# COI Clusters for Michigan



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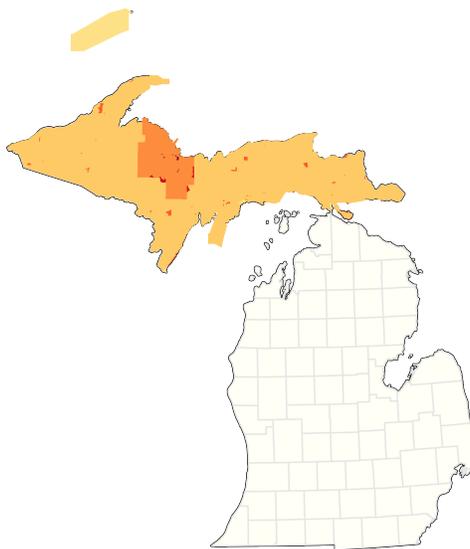
## 1 COI clusters

This is an initial round of *COI clusters*, or "emergent COIs," extracted from public commentary from March through July. We will produce a second and final round incorporating August submissions as well, to be delivered on September 1. We chose a data resolution that produced 36 clusters, which are numbered A1–A36. This choice can be varied, but it's important to consider usability by the commission, balanced with ensuring sufficient richness of the supporting data.

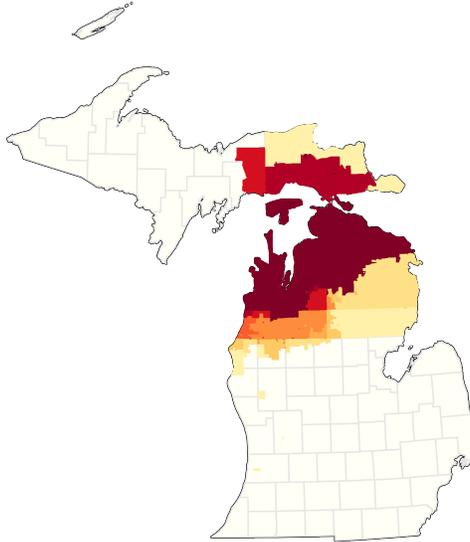
We begin with summary descriptions of the COI clusters around the state, followed by heatmaps, followed by the raw testimony that supported each cluster.

### 1.1 Summary descriptions and heatmaps

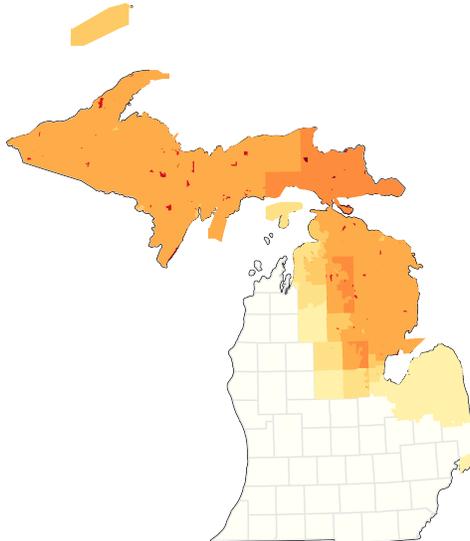
**Cluster A1.** (7 submissions) **Core Upper Peninsula.** Submissions emphasized a strong Upper Peninsula regional identity. This region also identified three main zones: communities bordering Lake Superior, communities bordering Lake Michigan, and those that border the Wisconsin border. Main concerns in this area were about environmental threats and the prosperity of tribal communities. Regional economies depend on Marquette County and many public services are available closer to Marquette City.



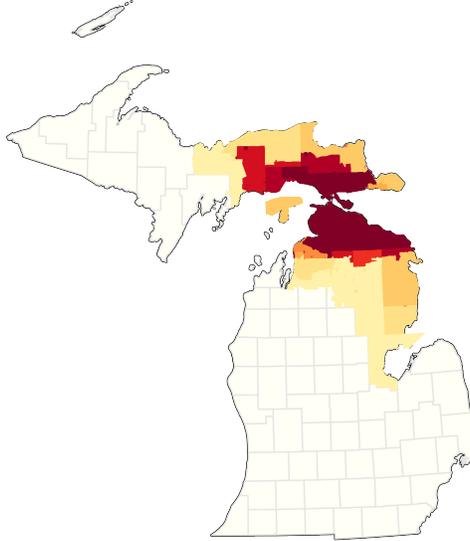
**Cluster A2.** (30 submissions) **"Upper Mitten" East.** This area is united by a seasonal, tourism-based economy and agriculture. There are a lot of outdoor, recreational opportunities. Residents regularly travel to nearby counties for goods, services and hospitals. Concerns include a lack of nearby essential services and keeping the coastline and watersheds clean.



**Cluster A3.** (5 submissions) **Rural Northeast.** This region saw many submissions talking about the local universities, particularly Central Michigan University, and the recreation and transportation services and infrastructure available in the area.



**Cluster A4.** (18 submissions) **Mackinaw.** This cluster is made up of small towns and rural communities. Tourism is primary, agriculture is secondary. Broadband access is an issue and access to hospitals is a big concern. Residents must travel to nearby counties for health care.



**Cluster A5.** (29 submissions) **Grosse Pointe / East Detroit / Five Points.** This area was heavily concerned with unemployment issues; employment here is dependent on the auto industry/Chrysler Plant. The area is characterized by middle- and working class families who want to see more investment in recreation, arts, and youth.



**Cluster A6.** (14 submissions) **Hamtramck and waterfront communities.** This is a multi-ethnic and multinational region. Environmental concerns regarding industrial waste and pollution. Residents report high cost of living, gentrification. Shared traditions, festivals, and centers.



**Cluster A7.** (23 submissions). **Oakland County East.**

Royal Oak/Ferndale are middle class to wealthy suburbs. Shared recreation activities, strong local economy and commerce. Cluster also includes Detroit north suburbs with resource needs. Multi-ethnic and multi-religious diversity. Concerns with cost of living, lack of resources.



**Cluster A8.** (13 submissions) **Macomb County West.** White working class, LGBT. Immigrants, Asian businesses.

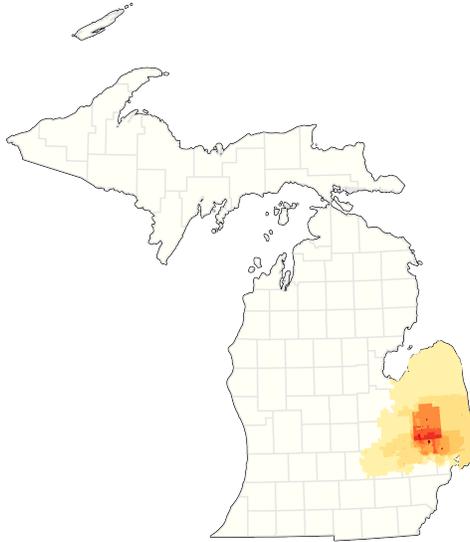


**Cluster A9.** (18 submissions) **St. Clair Shores.** Dependence on the infrastructure, economy, recreation and lifestyle surrounding Lake St. Clair. Environmental conservation of the lake. Lakeshore communities including Grosse Pointe.

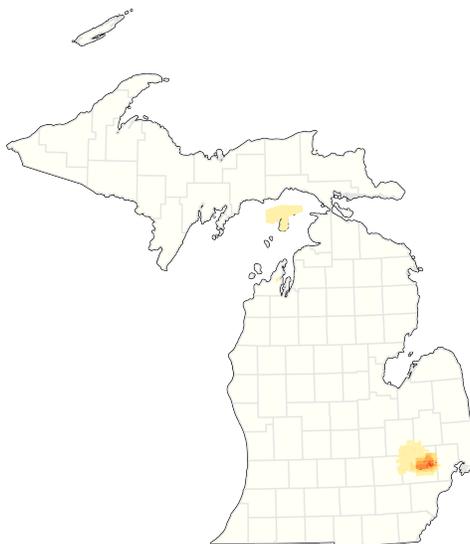


**Cluster A10.** (1 submission) Eliminated. (One submission, merged into Cluster A8.)

**Cluster A11.** (10 submissions) **Lower Thumb.** This area is made up of small towns and farming communities. There is an shared local economy and rural lifestyle. Heavily shaped by shared school districts.



**Cluster A12.** (9 submissions) **Pontiac Area.** This area shares businesses, community spaces and services. Some argue for keeping Pontiac and the Greater Rochester Area together.



**Cluster A13.** (15 submissions) **Central Oakland.**

Submissions emphasized the mix of residential and commercial areas, along with the presence of a diverse immigrant Asian community.

*A13 may be mergeable with A7/A8.*



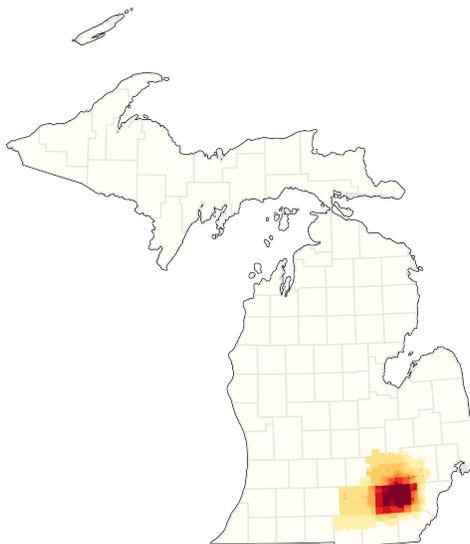
**Cluster A14.** (12 submissions) **Farmington Area.** This area shares community services, centers, libraries, school systems and resources.



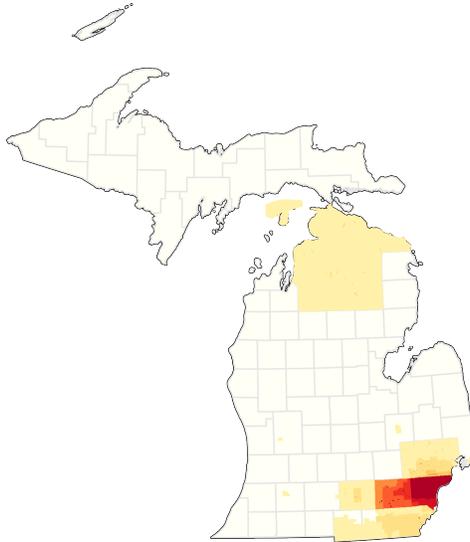
**Cluster A15.** (6 submissions) **Huron River Valley.** Watershed conservation and shared amenities and resources were cited by some submitters.



**Cluster A16.** (22 submissions) **Greater Ann Arbor Area.** This area is a mix of urban areas, suburbs, and small farming communities. Ann Arbor and the University of Michigan serve as a locus for employment, education, health care and recreation.



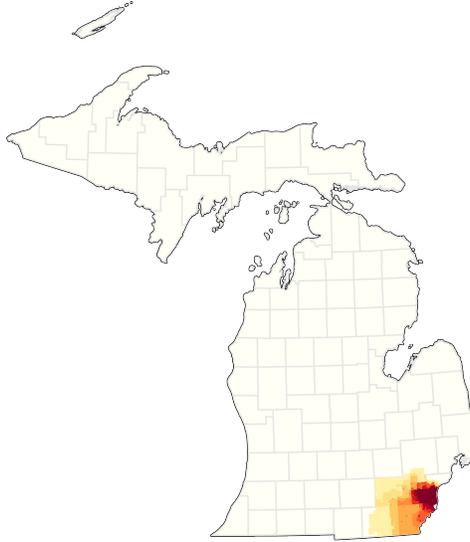
**Cluster A17.** (9 submissions) **Western Wayne.** Commenters cite a clear distinction between rural areas and university areas. *This cluster could be merged with A16.*



**Cluster A18.** (10 submissions) **Southwest Detroit/Dearborn.** Several submitters urge commission to keep Dearborn and Dearborn Heights together as one community.



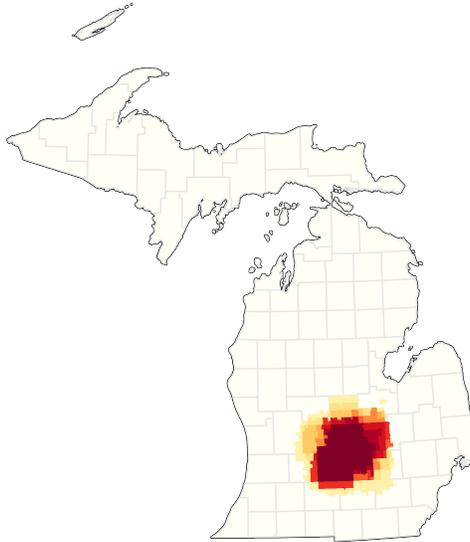
**Cluster A19.** (21 submissions) **Downriver Area.** This is a diverse community with a large Arab population. Residents mention pollution concerns.



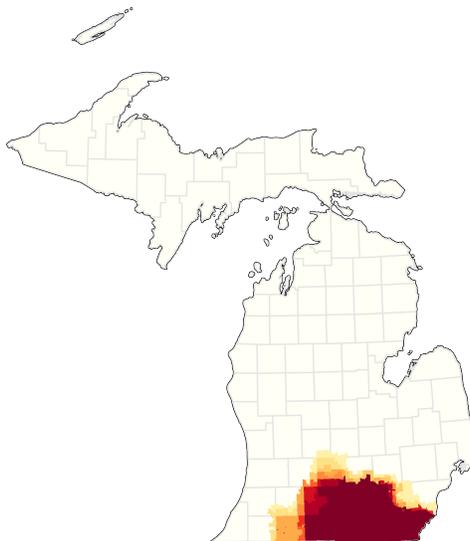
**Cluster A20.** (7 submissions) **Erie Shores/Monroe Area.** This area is described as a "bedroom community" and some commenters mention environmental concerns. Residents are concerned with infrastructure maintenance.



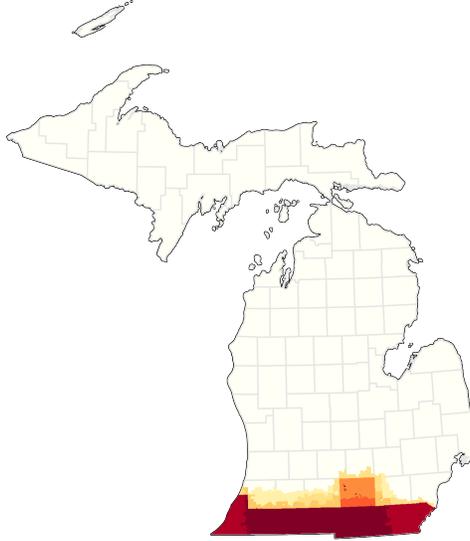
**Cluster A21.** (44 submissions) **Greater Lansing Area.** Residents are concerned with keeping the Lansing area whole. Some commenters emphasize ties to the Lansing metro from suburban areas and rural farming communities.



**Cluster A22.** (50 submissions) **Hillsdale Area.** Rural and agricultural economy where counties are interdependent. Public services were cited, for instance VITA (volunteer income tax assistance program). School districts are important. Some submitters make use of resources in Ann Arbor, but consider the community to be distinct.

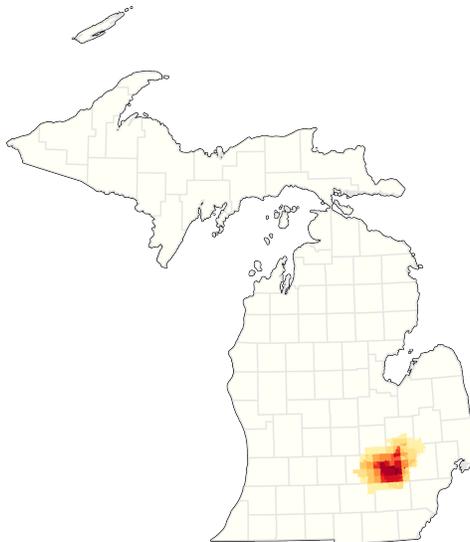


**Cluster A23.** (12 submissions) **Southern Border Counties.** Distinct rural identity. Submitters cite interstate commerce and economy across the Ohio border. Agricultural industries, shared health care services and recreation opportunities.

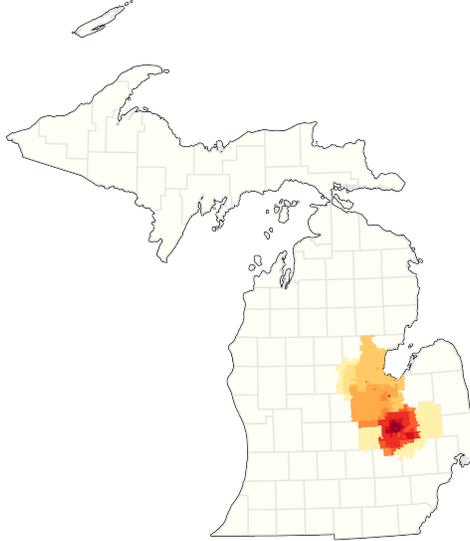


**Cluster A24.** Cluster A24 is a single disconnected submission and is suppressed from the visualization.

**Cluster A25.** (26 submissions) **Livingston Area.** Recreational activities on Dunham Lake. Wildlife and conservation. Family-oriented communities.

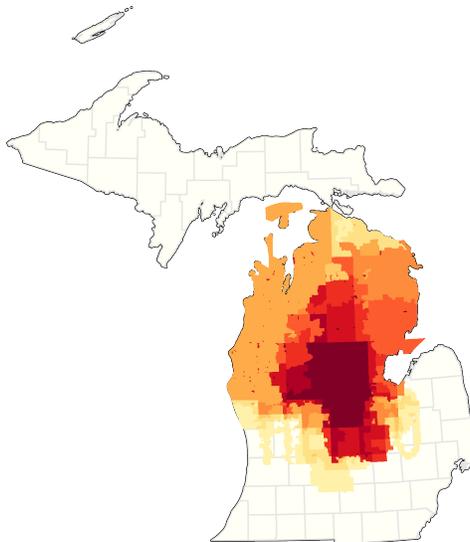


**Cluster A26.** (12 submissions) **Flint/I-75 Corridor.** Concerns over flooding and infrastructure needs. The Tri-cities (Saginaw, Bay City, and Midland) and Flint are mentioned as key urban areas. Historically associated with auto industry. Regional colleges are mentioned.

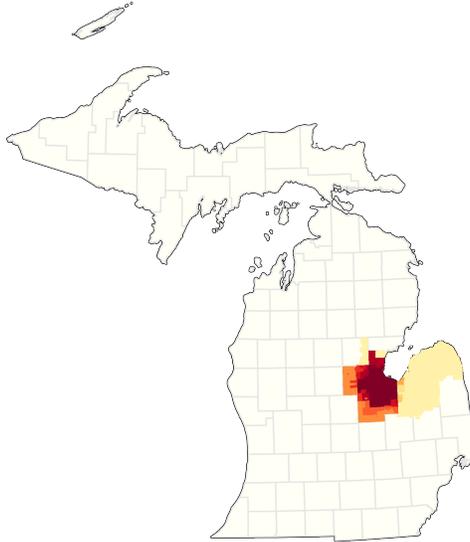


**Cluster A27.** Suppressed from visualization—two submissions both cover nearly the whole state.

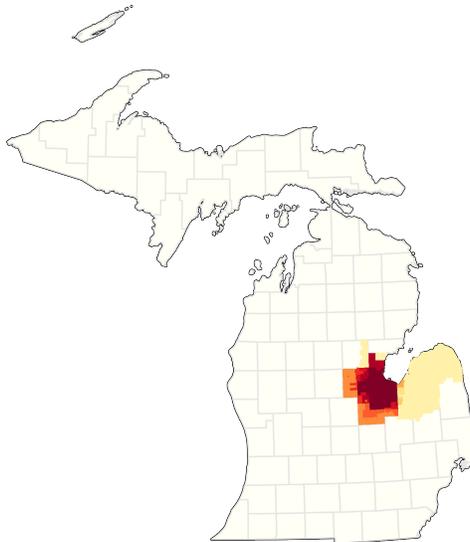
**Cluster A28.** (14 submissions) **Central/Mt. Prospect area.** Combination of rural, small towns, and medium-sized cities. They share resources with the Grand Traverse Bay Area, and report several farming communities.



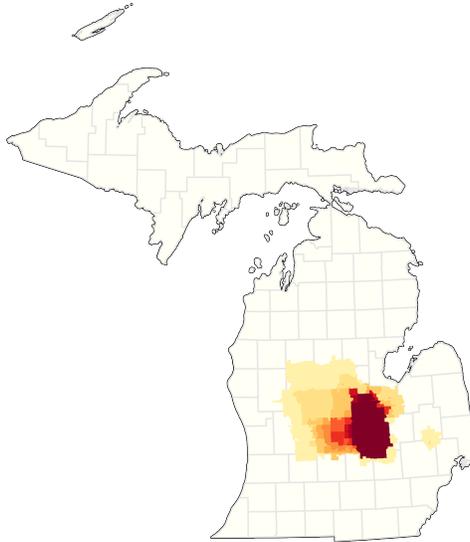
**Cluster A29.** (18 submissions) **Tri-Cities.** Regional economy mixing urban, suburban and rural areas in the Tri-cities of Saginaw, Bay City, and Midland. Residents have pollution concerns, particularly in the Tittabawasee and Saginaw Rivers. Several submitters cite Delta College and SVSU as regionally important.



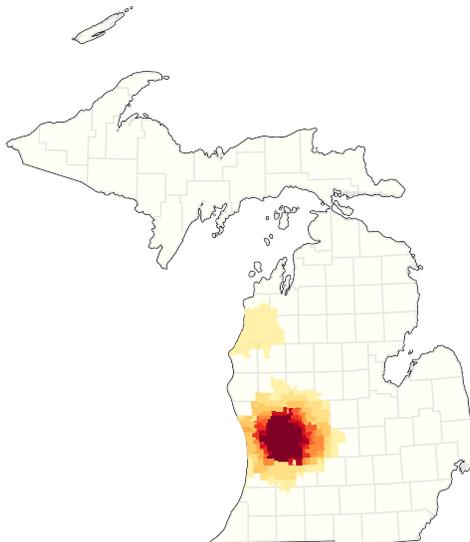
**Cluster A30.** (16 submissions) **Central/Rural college zone.** This cluster centered around environmental concerns, especially those affecting river conservation. Submissions were made up of small towns and rural communities. These communities have a shared local economy and are united by their colleges and universities, including Central Michigan University, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, Mid-Michigan Community College, and Alma College.



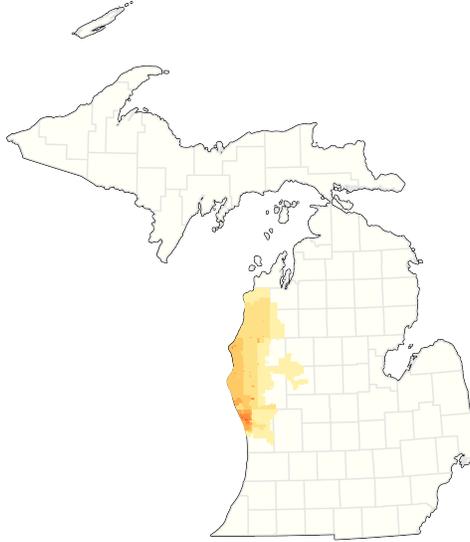
**Cluster A31.** (26 submissions) **Shiawassee Area.** Rural farming community with several submissions drawing distinctions from the values of nearby Lansing. Shared traditions and festivals. School districts share resources.



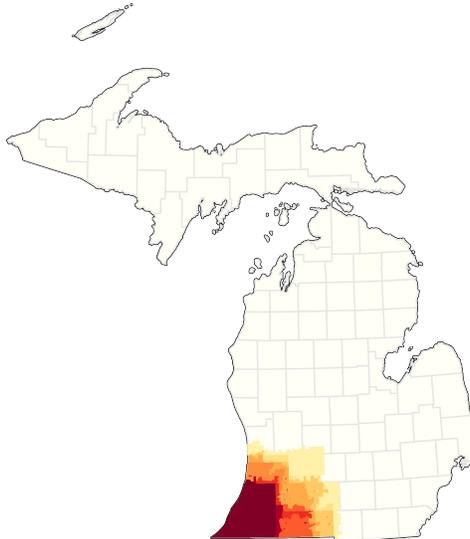
**Cluster A32.** (58 submissions) **Grand Rapids area.** Within the greater Grand Rapids area, special importance was placed on school districts, shared public services, and infrastructure needs. *We suggest splitting this in two parts: a subcluster with K-12 and suburban themes and another with affordability/urban themes and higher concentrations of minority voters.*



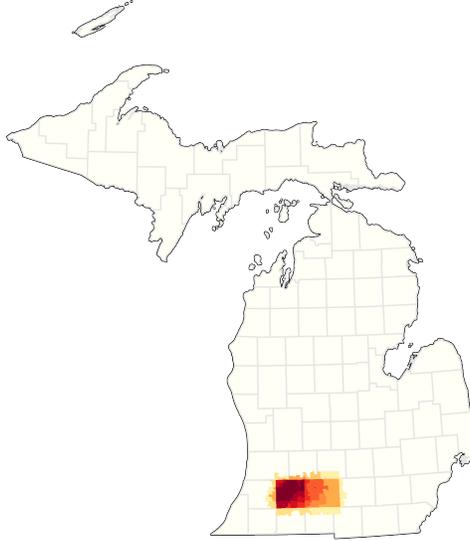
**Cluster A33.** (12 submissions) **Muskegon and surrounding lakeshore.** Lakeshore community with agricultural and tourism industry, outdoor and recreational activities, environmental and watershed concerns. Shared cultural events.



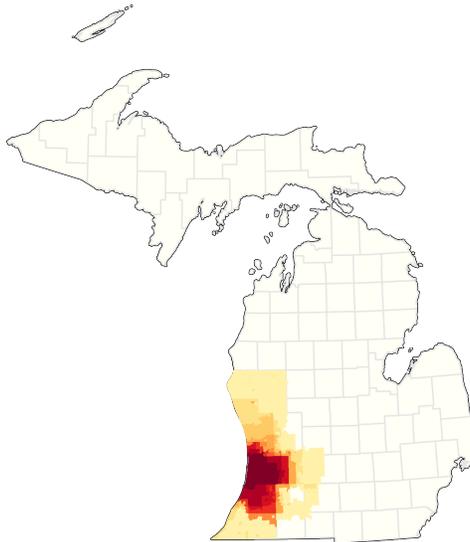
**Cluster A34.** (32 submissions) **Benton Harbor and Southwest region.** Benton Harbor is a small city with a concentrated Black population. The region has shared health care and agricultural systems. Environmental concerns regarding lakeshore conservation. Berrien, Cass and Van Buren share a tourism-based economy.



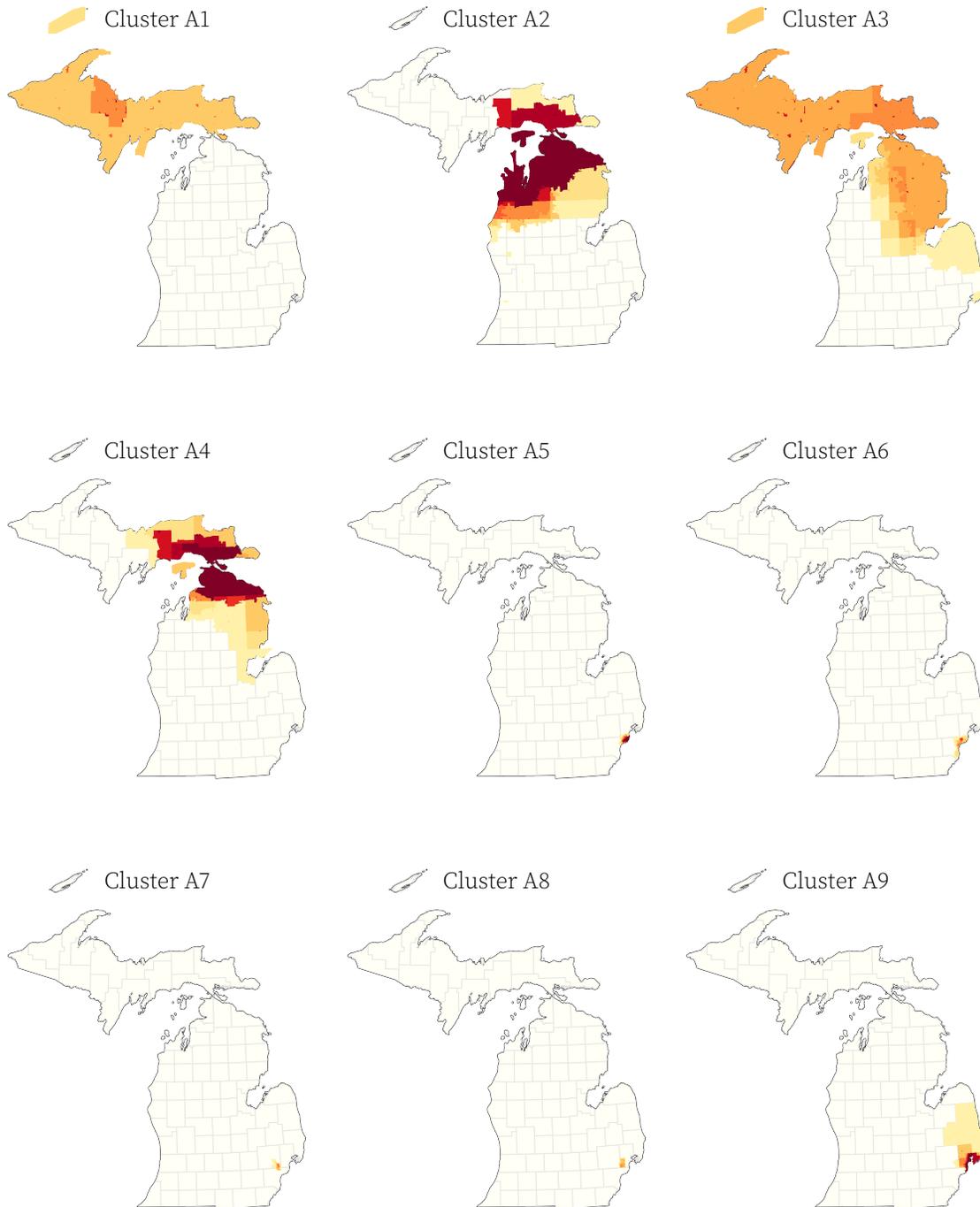
**Cluster A35.** (19 submissions) **Kalamazoo/Battle Creek area.** Universities and shared infrastructure, especially transit, make these areas economically interdependent. Area has many recreational opportunities. Focus on K-12 school districts and suburban atmosphere.



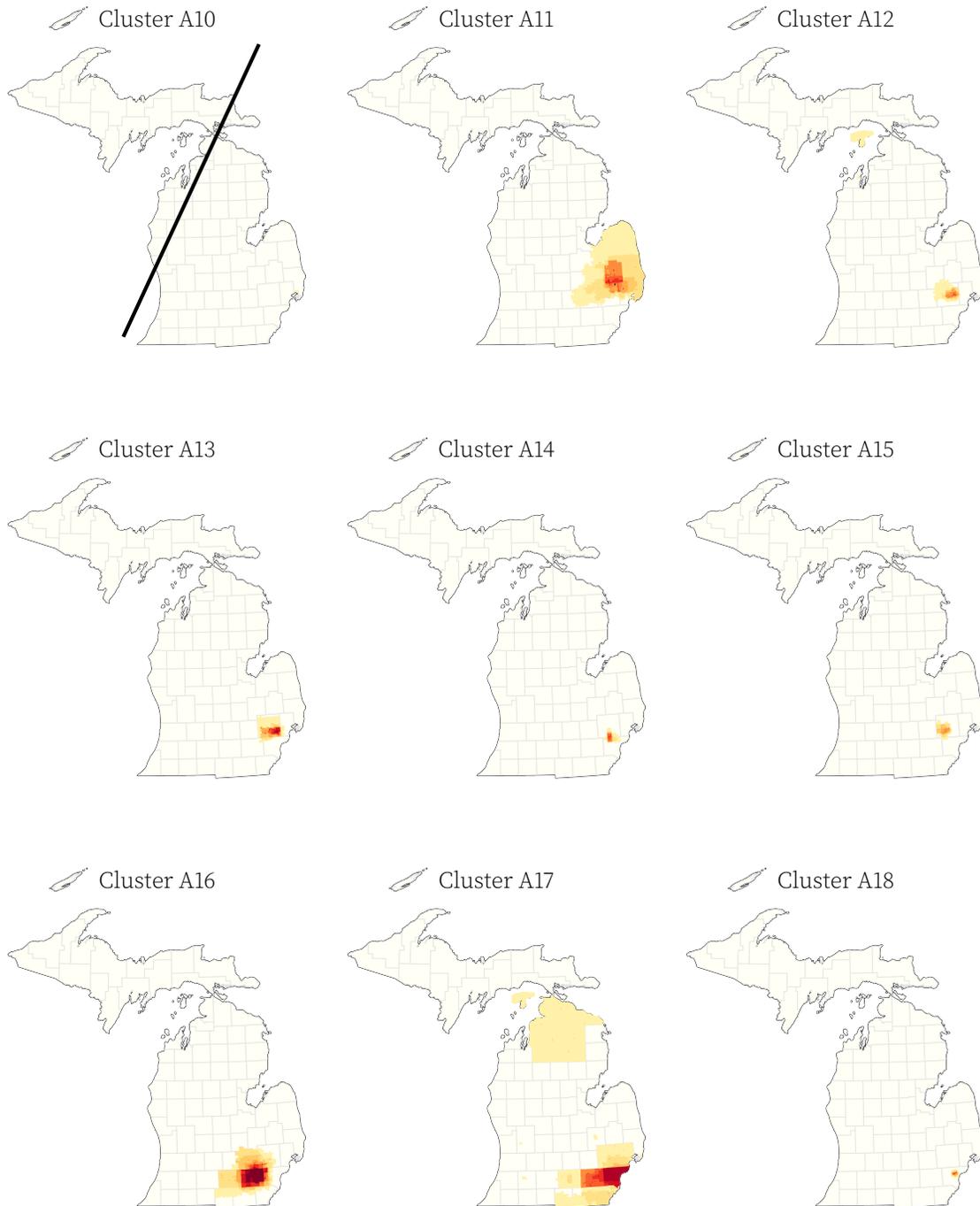
**Cluster A36.** (19 submissions) **Rural Allegan/Van Buren.** Shared rural identity reported between Allegan and Van Buren Counties. Economies draw heavily on agriculture, tourism, and manufacturing.



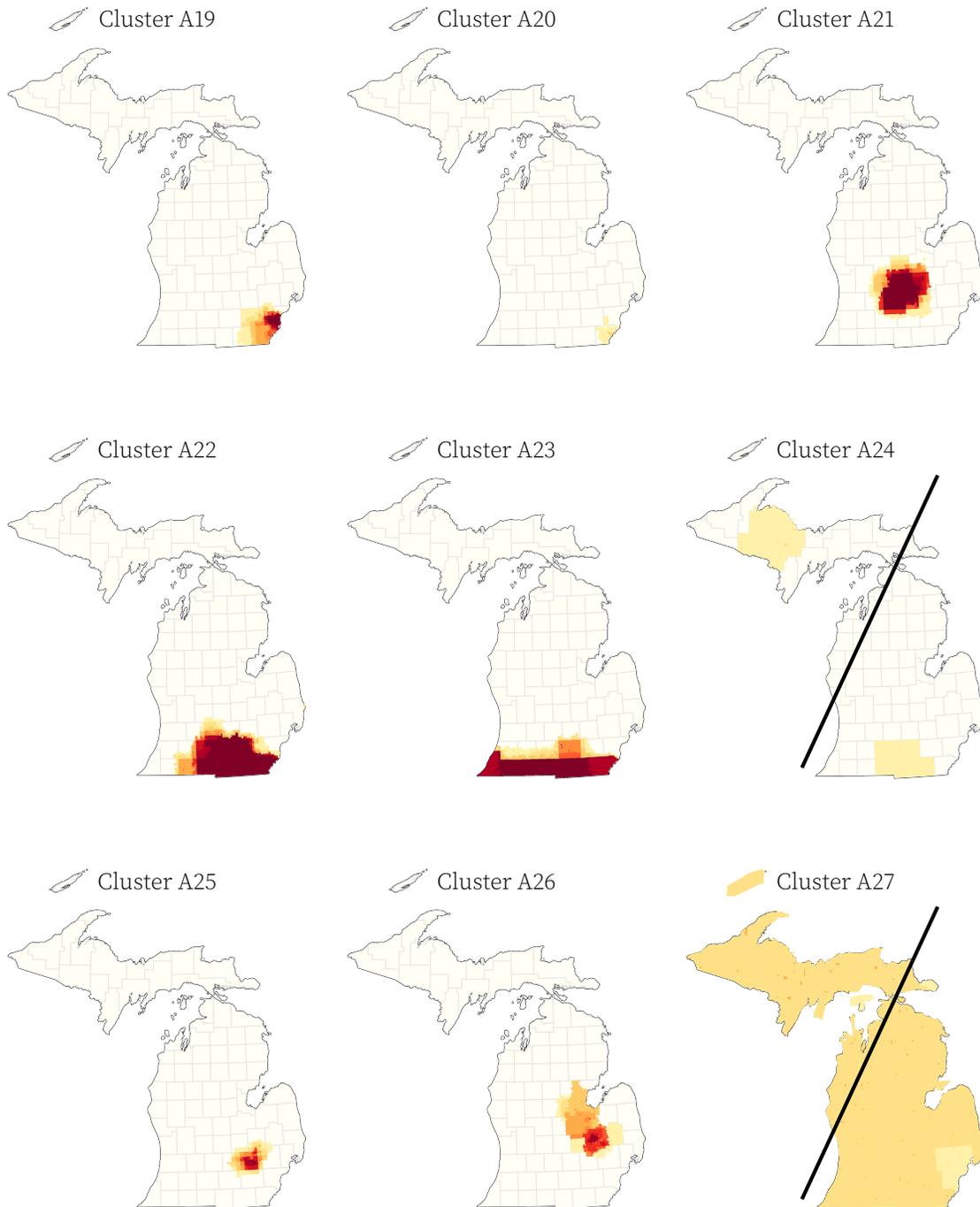
Summary figures follow, with the same heatmaps shown in sequence for easy surveying.



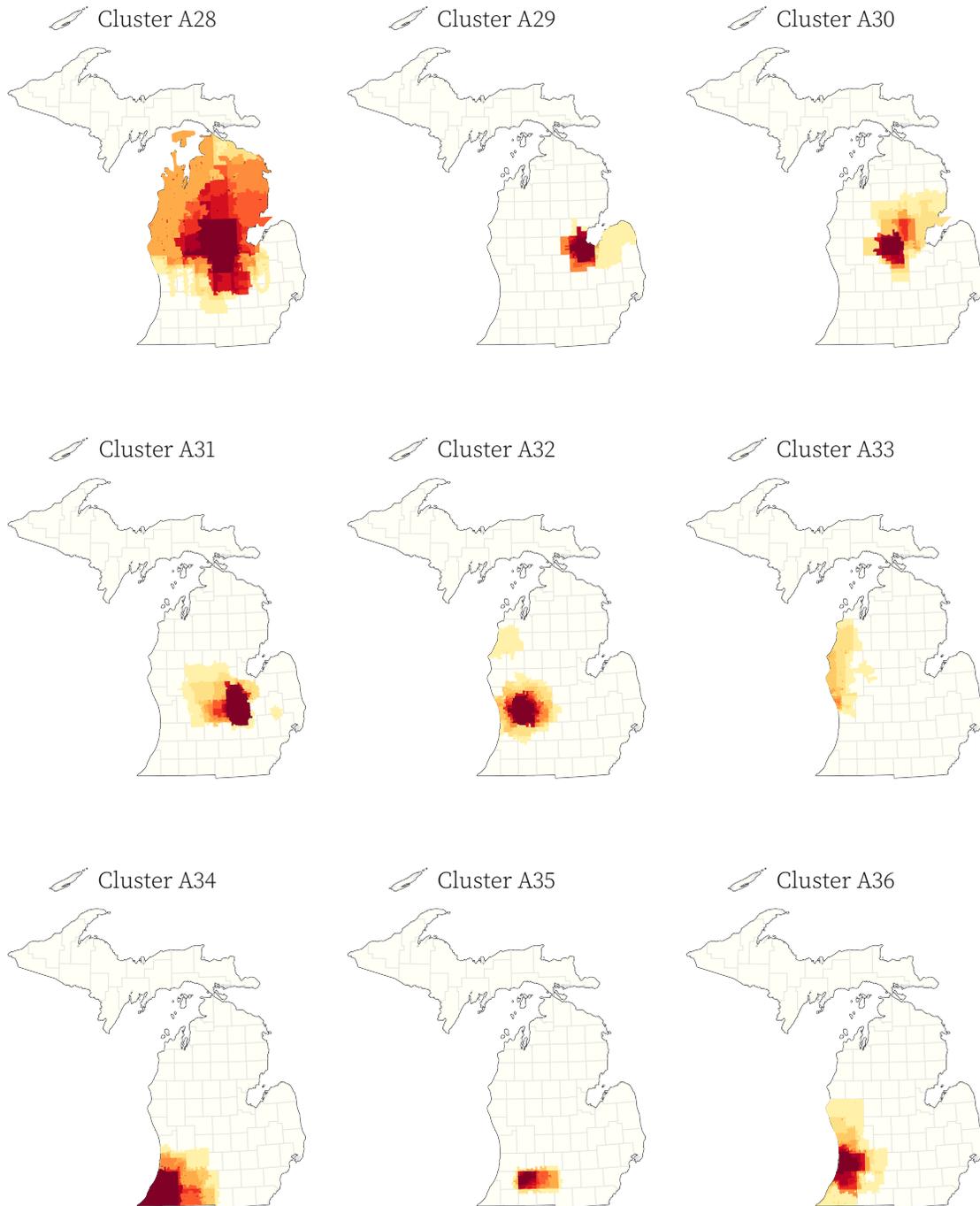
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**Figure 4.** COI clusters shown as heatmaps. Lighter areas are not involved in the cluster. Darker areas are more involved, meaning they were painted by users in more of the submissions that support the cluster.



## 1.2 Supporting data

### Supporting Data for Cluster A1

Portal Link (District)	Overall Submission Information	Individual Area Information
c274 (20348)	<b>The UP is a Community of Interest:</b> To state the obvious, the UP is a strong community of interest. We have unique needs, a unique people, and often feel our voice is underrepresented. I would encourage the commission to not treat Michigan's northern district as an "everything else" category. Consider that, even though they are in the same district, it takes almost as much time to drive from Ironwood to Traverse City as it does to drive from Detroit to Washington DC.	<b>Michigan's UP.</b>
c1564-1 (29749)	<b>U.P. counties linked by geography:</b> The regions of the UP are divided into: Counties on Lake Superior, Counties on Lake Michigan and Counties affiliated with Wisconsin. My personal COI is a liberal-based group in Munising and Marquette that is concerned with diversity, preservation of the Lake Superior shoreline and our tribal communities.	<b>Community 1:</b> These are the counties along Lake Superior
c1564-2 (29749)	<b>U.P. counties linked by geography:</b> The regions of the UP are divided into: Counties on Lake Superior, Counties on Lake Michigan and Counties affiliated with Wisconsin. My personal COI is a liberal-based group in Munising and Marquette that is concerned with diversity, preservation of the Lake Superior shoreline and our tribal communities.	<b>Community 2:</b> Counties along Lake Michigan
c1564-3 (29749)	<b>U.P. counties linked by geography:</b> The regions of the UP are divided into: Counties on Lake Superior, Counties on Lake Michigan and Counties affiliated with Wisconsin. My personal COI is a liberal-based group in Munising and Marquette that is concerned with diversity, preservation of the Lake Superior shoreline and our tribal communities.	<b>Community 3:</b> Counties affiliated with Wisconsin
c1608-2 (30771)	<b>Powell Twp, Marquette Co, MI:</b> Powell Township is the largest land wise township in the largest county (Marquette) with the smallest population in the county. It literally is "at the end of the road" All activity...shopping, doctors, some worship, hospital, high schools, are in the City of Marquette or surrounding area. We are predominantly a recreational community, with service types of business. 2 churches, 2 bars, a community convenient store/gas/cafe, multiple motels, hotel, B & B. The greater developed part of the community is along the County Road 550 that follows the shore of Lake Superior up from Marquette and the area around the inland lake called Lake Independence. We have a County Park, and County Marina in Powell Township. The population is roughly 2200 according to last available census. Population is older with a major portion being retired. We have a K-8 school with average attendance 55.	<b>Community 2.</b>
c1685 (31207)	<b>Upper Peninsula districting:</b> The economy, culture, industry, demographics, weather, lifestyle, healthcare and nearly every other metric of the Upper Peninsula is different than downstate Michigan. It would be best for the Upper Peninsula to be one district and Lower Michigan to be divided into two other districts one the northern tier of counties and the other the southern tier of counties for a total of 3 districts statewide.	<b>Community 1:</b> The Upper Peninsula region of Michigan is a unique cultural and economic region of Michigan and as such has particular concerns distinct from elsewhere in Michigan or the US.
c1840 (32594)	<b>Entire Marquette County.</b>	<b>Community 1.</b>





## Supporting Data for Cluster A2

Portal Link (District)	Overall Submission Information	Individual Area Information
c95 (18651)	<b>Casey's N. MI District Recommendation:</b> Tourism-based economy on the north-west coast of the lower peninsula. Health care, manufacturing, and retail are the primary industries beyond tourism. Well-funded local governments due to so many second homes in the area. Similar cultural values with a mix of Democrats and Republicans since Charlevoix, Petoskey, Harbor Springs, and Traverse City all lean left with the rural areas leaning Republican. This would be a well balanced district with similar communities.	<b>Community 1:</b> The Harbor Springs to Traverse City coastal region of northern Michigan has a tourism heavy economy. They have many retirees that are wealthier and own second homes in the area. Due to those second homes, property values are high and most local governments are well funded. Health care, manufacturing, and retail are the primary industries beyond summer tourism supported ones.
c639 (23748)	<b>northern region.</b>	<b>Grand Traverse Region:</b> This region has people who live and work here mostly because of the values they hold and should be able to be grouped together with the same representation
c1161 (26704)	<b>Natural Environment quality of life:</b> Quality of Life and Naural Environment in Northern Lower MI- people migrate to northern MI largely due to loving the natural environment, whether they come for a weekend or decide to stay and live up here. The vast public forests, rivers, and lakes provide quality recreational opportunities, great tourism, clean air, peace and quiet, clean water, and wildlife providing a higher quality of life for many.	<b>ENvironmental Quality:</b> People live in and come to northern MI for quality of life- to enjoy the natural environment around them, have clean air and clean water, and outdoor areas to recreate in (fish, hunt, bike, ski, hike etc)
c1553 (29622)	<b>Leelanau County and Traverse City:</b> Add to written statement	<b>Community 1:</b> Leelanau County, Old Mission Peninsula, plus Traverse City
c1576 (30125)	<b>proposed 104th house:</b> The communities of interest include the wine industries of Old Mission and Leelanau Peninsulas. The Bay Area Transportation Authority ( BATA) serves more of Leelanau County than the current southern third of Grand Traverse County. The tourist industry of GT County and Leelanau Counties are more similar with tourism being the prime industry for both areas. The southern third of Grand traverse County is more similar to the Wexford, Missaukee and Kalkaska Counties due to its rural nature and would better suite the population of all of those areas with like minded representatives. Traverse City Public schools already overlap into Leelanau County in Elmwood township.	<b>Community 1.</b>
c1620 (30858)	<b>Schwantes ideas on Traverse Region.</b>	<b>Community 1:</b> This community shares tourism, educational, transportation, agricultural (fruit and wine)and conservation resources and infrastructure
c1636 (30970)	<b>Whitney's Community of Interest in Water:</b> N,W. Michigan Community of Interest. The intent is to bring together those whose interests and livelihoods are dependent on the waters of the area.	<b>N.W. Coast Community of Interest:</b> Would include most of Leelanau County and the North-western portion of Grand Traverse County including East Bay . All areas dependent upon and effected by the quality of our water.
c1673 (31185)	<b>Up North/Lake Michigan:</b> These communities represent Up North and the Lake Michigan coast. They are demographically similar; religiously, culturally, economically, ethnically. They should form their own state Senate district.	<b>Community 1.</b>
c1907 (32977)	<b>Northern Michigan tourist concerns.</b>	<b>Northern Lower MI:</b> Tourist based - major economic activity created by visitors. Outdoor focus striving for year around attraction to stabilize economic swings.
c1938 (33317)	<b>Northern MI house seat:</b> See my letter dated June 28, 2021 that suggests the two contiguous counties of Leelanau and Grand Traverse form a MI House seat. This map is submitted because of your request dated 7/19/21. Darlene Doorlag	<b>Community 1:</b> Northern MI US Senate Seat
c1950 (33531)	<b>Grand Traverse Community:</b> This region involves Traverse City and surrounding areas that have tourism and outdoor recreation as a income and recreation focus	<b>Grand Traverse Region:</b> Traverse City and Surrounding Region with similar tourist and outdoor focus
c1981 (33828)	<b>Northern Michigan and Eastern U.P.:</b> The map drawn reflects the area represented by District 1 of the U.S. House of Representatives. My interest in these areas is to see a State of Michigan map that represents specific areas by county, school district, etc. so that the needs of the community remain consistent with other elected offices: i.e. local Board of Education, township boards and national districts, etc.	<b>Community 1:</b> Interested in these counties as this represents my US Representative area which affects how the rest of the state allocated districts are drawn. I live in Emmet and have resort property along the St Mary's River in Chippewa.
c2399-1 (36046)	Population significantly under represented many months of the year as households are secondary and primary residency is credited somewhere else. Very seasonal economy.	<b>Northwest Lower:</b> Tourism and Agriculture, seasonal economy, many second home properties not reflecting true size of population.



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**Proposed State House Map:** This proposed map accompanies the commentary given in my July 2 written testimony. Five counties (Leelanau, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Antrim and Kalkaska) with approximately 172,000 residents has too great a population to be in one state house district. Historical and cultural characteristics as well as economic interests should be considered a “community of interest” and kept together as much as possible when drawing the new district lines. Our five counties have common bonds and comprise a “community of interest” because we share services, a school district, resources, transportation and the identity as being the broader Grand Traverse Bay Area. Groups within the counties are working towards affordable, quality child care across the region. All five-counties have inadequate child care to provide for our growing work force. This five-county area has recently been awarded responsibility for the management of the Tri-Share pilot program to address the scarcity of child care in our region. Residents of the five counties share the following bonds: • travel to Grand Traverse County for work; • utilize the hospital, doctors and pediatricians located in Grand Traverse County; Further, we share educational resources: • Northwest Education Services is a five-county region of Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Leelanau and Kalkaska schools. • Northwestern Community College is the area’s post-high school institution. • Many local service agencies cover all, if not several, of these counties. (e.g. Child Advocacy Center, United Way of Northwest Michigan, Northwest Community Action Agency, Great Start Collaborative Traverse Bay, Women’s Resource Center, Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan, Substance Free Coalition of NW Michigan). • All five counties lack adequate, affordable housing and work in collaboration with each other on initiatives to address this concern. • Our local circuit court jurisdiction is comprised of Gr...

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**Leelanau, GT, Benzie, Antrim, Kalkaska:** The mission of the Leelanau Early Childhood Development Commission (LECDC.) is to “provide families access to a high quality, comprehensive, accountable system of care and pre-school experience for children birth through age 5.” The LECDC Board members are long term, and some life long, residents of Leelanau County. We are all active in our community and can say with certainty that we know the history, culture, economics and needs of our area. We have a school superintendent, student support staff, a county commissioner, pre-school directors, early childhood specialists, entrepreneurs, small business owners, fruit farmers, a judge, members of our local family collaborative, members of our local chambers of commerce, members of our Latino and indigenous communities on our Board. Although our “home base” is Leelanau County, a peninsula hugged by the Grand Traverse Bay and Lake Michigan, our collaborating partners are in Grand Traverse, Benzie, Antrim, and Kalkaska Counties. Much the same can be said of many organizations and businesses located in each of our five-counties. We ask that our five counties be kept together as a “community of interest” as much as feasible in the current redistricting process. We appreciate all five counties with approximately 172,000 residents could be in one state senate district, but have too great a population to be in one state house district, and too small a population to be the sole composition of a single federal district. However, we believe these five counties share cultural and historical characteristics and economic interests and should be considered a “community of interest” and kept together along their county boundaries as much as possible when drawing the new district lines. Our five counties have common bonds and comprise a “community of interest” because we share services, a school district, resources, transportation and the identity as being the broader Gran...



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**Leelanau, GT, Benzie, Antrim, Kalkaska:** This proposed state Senate map accompanies the written testimony I submitted on July 2. The five counties (Leelanau, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Antrim and Kalkaska) with their population of 172,000 residents could comprise a state Senate District with the addition of several adjacent counties. These counties share cultural and historical characteristics and economic interests and should be considered a “community of interest” and kept together as much as possible when drawing the new district lines. The five counties have common bonds and comprise a “community of interest” because of shared services, a school district, resources, transportation and the identity as being the broader Grand Traverse Bay Area. All five-counties have inadequate child care to provide for a growing work force. This five-county area has recently been awarded responsibility for the management of the Tri-Share pilot program to address the scarcity of child care in our region. A significant number residents of all five counties: • travel to Grand Traverse County for work; • utilize the hospital, doctors and pediatricians located in Grand Traverse County; Further, we share educational resources: • Northwest Education Services is a five-county region of Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Leelanau and Kalkaska schools. • Northwestern Community College is the area’s post-high school institution. • Many local service agencies cover all, if not several, of these counties. (e.g. Child Advocacy Center, United Way of Northwest Michigan, Northwest Community Action Agency, Great Start Collaborative Grand Traverse Bay, Women’s Resource Center, Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan, Substance Free Coalition of NW Michigan). • All five counties lack adequate, affordable housing and work in collaboration with each other on initiatives to address this concern. • The local circuit court jurisdiction is comprised of Grand Traverse, Leelanau and Ant...



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(25810) **Cheboygan County's friends:** I live in Cheboygan County. This district reflects the way that people in our area live, work, and play. Cheboygan County does not have a large range of shopping options, major industries, or even a fully functional hospital, so residents are regularly forced to travel to Emmet, Mackinac, Otsego, and Grand Traverse County for provisions, work, and medical care. Like other areas of Northern Michigan, our county is dependent upon a network of counties for tourism. Examples-the Inland Waterway starts at Lake Huron in Cheboygan County, and allows boaters to weave their way through rivers and lakes to arrive at Lake Michigan in Emmet County. Another example-when tourists visit Mackinac City, they may sleep in Cheboygan County, eat in Emmet County, and visit Mackinac Island or St. Ignace in Mackinac County. We live in a unique part of the state, and our legislators need to be able to reflect that symbiosis.
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(26002)      **Leelanau County Communities of Interest:** this plan preserves the commerce, transportation, fruit-growing and healthcare common interests of Grand Traverse and Leelanau Counties
- [p1621](#)  
(30871)      **Barbara Conley MI house distr plan:** accounts for COI of Leelanau County with cherry/fruit growers, intermediate school district, transportation and health
- [p1622](#)  
(30884)      **Redistricting suggestion:** This is my suggestion for a community of common interest.
- [p1992](#)  
(33998)      **Michael's Plan for the 101st:** A more sensible northwest Michigan district
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## Supporting Data for Cluster A3

Portal Link (District)	Overall Submission Information	Individual Area Information
c1533 (29545)	<b>Districts That Represent Their Peoples:</b> Map related to my previous comments for the Commission. Thank you for your service! This would be one possible, and compact, mapping for the 1st Congressional District.	<b>Upper Peninsula and Northern Lower:</b> Mostly rural in character, with the exception of a few larger cities such as Marquette, Escanaba, and S.S. Marie. Southern counties could go to another Congressional district as needed, to keep districts compact.
c1671 (31174)	<b>Inland Northern Michigan:</b> These communities represent predominantly inland Northern Michigan and share similar demography; culture, ethnicity, religion, and economics. They should be their own state Senate district.	<b>Community 1.</b>
c1688 (31223)	<b>Northern Michigan:</b> The communities on this map are of similar interests and share demographics: religion, ethnicity, economics, culture. They are also linked by Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant by and through its public TV station. Together, the communities have the approximate population of a congressional district.	<b>Community 1.</b>
c1850 (32661)	<b>My (Proposed) US House District:</b> Northern Michigan	<b>US House District.</b>
p1314 (25185)	<b>Federal House Lower Peninsula, W.Coast:</b> The broader lower northwest Michigan counties we have included in our federal house map proposal share several bonds. These counties are known for year round tourism: beaches in the summer, skiing in the winter and hunting, camping and the color tour in the fall. The counties that we have included in our map proposal are along main transportation arteries in the northern western Lower Peninsula, namely US 131 and 127. These counties host four major post-graduate institutions: Northwestern Michigan Community College, North Central Michigan College, Central Michigan College, and Kirtland College. It is our belief that the UP and East Coast of MI have more in common than the current federal map that includes UP and part of the West Coast.	





## Supporting Data for Cluster A4

Portal Link (District)	Overall Submission Information	Individual Area Information
<a href="#">c1571</a> (29974)	<b>Mary's Upper and Lower plan:</b> Rural, farm, Near Lakes, streams and rivers, tourist area, logging, mining and small businesses	<b>Community 1:</b> Rural, Farming, Logging, close to water (Lakes, rivers and streams) Tourist areas, mining and small businesses.
<a href="#">c1652</a> (31142)	<b>Lake Huron Sunrise Side:</b> The counties here are known as the Sunrise Side, the Lake Huron coastline. They are demographically, economically, culturally, ethnically, and religiously the same.	<b>Community 1:</b> Lake Huron Sunrise Side
<a href="#">c1654</a> (31151)	<b>Straits of Mackinac and Eastern UP:</b> These communities are demographically, economically, culturally, ethnically, and religiously the same. They represent the Straits of Mackinac and Eastern Upper Peninsula.	<b>Community 1.</b>
<a href="#">c1663</a> (31163)	<b>Lake Huron:</b> The communities on this map are demographically, economically, culturally, ethnically, and religiously the same. They represent the coastal counties along Lake Huron, also known as the Sunrise Side. They should be united in a state Senate district.	<b>Community 1.</b>
<a href="#">c1691</a> (31237)	<b>Sault+:</b> I'm sure our district will end up being the whole UP plus most of the northern lower, but really, I don't feel any connection to the Western UP, and once you add Petoskey & Traverse City, I don't feel like UP voices are heard at all.	<b>Sault Ste. Marie &amp; Countryside:</b> I'm sure it's very low population, but this is the area that feels like my "home district." Any further afield, and that's "away."
<a href="#">c1813</a> (32444)	<b>Emmet &amp; Charlevoix.</b>	<b>Emmet / Charlevoix counties:</b> Emmet and Charlevoix counties share a lot of similarities, have economies that rely heavily on tourism, and take pride in outdoor recreation and care for the land. The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians is an important part of this community as well.
<a href="#">c1824</a> (32477)	<b>End the practice of gerrymandering:</b> I live in a county filled with Republicans. That being said, I would like a better representation of the differing political interests in Cheboygan county. IMO, the only way to do this is to end politically drawn gerrymandered districts. To achieve this goal, the state created Redistricting Committee is critical not only to Cheboygan county, but the entire state.	<b>Benton Twp., Cheboygan Co.:</b> Twp. located approximately 8 miles from the city limits of Cheboygan, in Cheboygan Co.
<a href="#">c1823</a> (32485)	<b>Charlevoix county.</b>	<b>Charlevoix county:</b> Small towns, mostly white, rural, significant impact of tourism on the area, some farming.
<a href="#">c1838</a> (32563)	<b>North Eastern Lower Peninsula:</b> Rural, marginalized economically	<b>Community 1:</b> North Eastern Lower Peninsula
<a href="#">c1878</a> (32772)	<b>The sunset district:</b> This community is heavily based in tourism. It differs greatly to anywhere else in Michigan. This area includes towns that are on or close to the coast of Lake Michigan. Outlined in the map are the major towns that will make up this district. Though the diversity is minor in scale to the state of Michigan, this district does host two tribal communities in the Traverse Bay Band, and the Little Traverse Bay Band. In addition, there is a focus and a concern to keeping the great lakes great. This area understands the importance of our water and the future it holds for Michigan.	<b>District lines:</b> These communities are a combination of small business, agriculture, tourism along Lake Michigan. By having these district lines you have Petoskey and Charlevoix (highest populated areas in the district) in the middle with 131 and 31 serving as a west boarder for the various precincts. All the important places are marked as small towns that need the attention and representation of someone that can understand these like areas. There is a different mind set as you move more to the east of this district.
<a href="#">p326</a> (21033)	<b>Districting plan for 107th house district:</b> West end of Mackinac County and Luce County form a geographic COI. This plan achieves a near-perfect district population balance and historically provides a partisan balance.	
<a href="#">p1172</a> (25917)	<b>Keep Cheboygan County whole:</b> We need to have Cheboygan County in one state house district instead of in two. It is two confusing for voters because they are not sure which district they are in.	
<a href="#">p1172</a> (25917)	<b>Keep Cheboygan County whole:</b> I live in Cheboygan County. Currently, two state House districts (106 and 107) zigzag through our county, dividing our townships and school district. Which leads to a lot of confusion. I live 2 miles outside the city limits of Cheboygan, which is the largest city in the county, and I, like a large portion of people who live in the townships here, have a Cheboygan address. But, our district was gerrymandered so that the townships that contain the cities and villages are in the 107th District. The remainder of the townships are in the 106th District. A district of counties that have nothing to do with how we utilize resources, or even where we usually have any reason to go. I had to look on a map to find out where the other counties in my district were, because they are so completely unfamiliar. This	



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**Keep Cheboygan County whole.**

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This area has a lot in common with tourism being the driving economy, and agriculture and light industry second.

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## Supporting Data for Cluster A5

Portal Link (District)	Overall Submission Information	Individual Area Information
c539 (23196)	<b>COI:</b> Unification of services is the key and should be integrated across the board as this COI utilizes the benefits of Detroit city as well as the local neighborhood features...	<b>Grosse Pointe/Detroit area:</b> Where I live... we share common neighborhood services.
c826 (23554)	<b>Detroit East communities work together:</b> I moved to Yorkshire Ave. in Detroit 1983 because of the gorgeous, affordable housing and the racially integrated population of the neighborhood Soon afterward, neighbors organized the blocks between Mack and I-94 and Cadieux and Outer Drive/Whittier into East English Village, which has a newsletter, elected leadership, committees and regular meetings. That helped us support each other in the difficult years that followed. Our neighborhood went through a lot. When unemployment soared and Detroit housing values plunged in the 1980s, city taxes remained high and few people knew about the Hardship exemption that could have helped save their homes. Meanwhile, banks were promoting mortgages they knew people didn't understand and couldn't afford. That double whammy created a wave of foreclosures and vacated homes. But through mutual support we made it through those hard years so well that we were later voted - twice! - the best neighborhood in Detroit. The communities on either side of EEV, Morningside and Cornerstone, also faced daunting problems of depopulation and devastated housing stock. So they also organized into associations of mutual support and camaraderie, with multi-racial participation. A few years ago our three neighborhoods founded the MECCA Development Corporation to help us work together to revitalize the area and offer resources to young people. (This became especially important after the City closed the Recreation Center that used to be next to the High School.) One of our main shared projects is to redevelop the distressed East Warren commercial strip that runs through all three neighborhoods. At a time when local movie theaters vanished from neighborhoods en masse, a determined group of citizens organized to save the abandoned Alger Theater on the border between East English Village and Morningside. It is being revitalized and sponsors art and other events. With help from the city and other ...	<b>Mecca communities - EEV, Morningside &amp; Cornerstone:</b> These three communities work together in an organization called MECCA to help conditions and development in all three neighborhoods. It includes Balduck Park, East English Village high school and St. John's Hospital, which are important resources for the entire neighborhood. Population 25,518
c858 (24206)	<b>EEV - Southeast Detroit:</b> I'm a resident of East English Village on the east side of Detroit. We have an ongoing relationships with Morningside and Cornerstone neighborhoods, and we are a part of the City of Detroit. Many of us work, play, shop, and vote within Detroit. When our neighborhoods meet (we have regularly scheduled monthly meetings), topics of discussions are focused on the city. For example, we have a development plan that covers both East English Village and Morningside, or if there are updates from the police department, we are in the same precinct. Even though we are on the edge of the city, we want to be kept with the rest of Detroit, particularly in the election process for the representation of our voices.	<b>EEV, Morningside, Cornerstone &amp; Surrounding area:</b> I reside in East English Village. Our neighborhood has strong ties with Morningside and Cornerstone neighborhoods. But, most importantly, we are a part of Detroit, and I would like to emphasize the importance of being connected to other residents of the city.
c798 (24637)	<b>Grosse Pointes:</b> The 5 Grosse Pointe Communities	<b>Grosse Pointes:</b> The 5 Grosse Pointes are a single community of Interest.
c829 (24907)	<b>East English Village District:</b> Our community contains multiple major thoroughfares that contain many large businesses, small businesses, schools, parks, waterways, and industry. These community assets provide jobs, education and many shared interest venues that are not only vital but beloved to our community. Our core district is the East English Village Community . Our proposed District would tie together the interest of multiple communities of the lower East Side of Detroit making it a District to be modeled after for years to come. This proposed district provides strong community assets and institutions that will provide jobs, shopping, entertainment, casino's major league sports events to include Indy Car Racing, to not only the residents of this community, but to the entire State of Michigan. Those are the larger assets of the community. The smaller but just as important assets are educational institutions to include Wayne County Community College Districts Eastern Campus, Several Detroit Public School Community District High Schools, Middle Schools, and Elementary Schools. The proposed East English Village district will have a strong residential base that includes low income, middle income, and upper middle income residential neighborhoods that would all benefit from corporations located in the district such as The Chrysler corporation which has two plants in the proposed district, Detroit City Airport, Detroit Water and Sewage, DTE Energy maintenance yards, Universal Logistics, Flex N Gate, and Dakkota Integrated Systems all of which are major supplies to the big 3 Auto companies. Assets like these in our proposed contiguous yet compact district will provide a labor force for industry and jobs for the residents of our proposed district as well as the residents of the City of Detroit and State of Michigan. For these reasons we the citizens and community members of East English Village submit this proposal for creating a new district with our ...	<b>East English Village District:</b> A community that is bordered by I-94, I-75, the Detroit River, and Moross Rd.
c856 (24994)	<b>Southeast Detroit:</b> This is the southeast portion of Detroit. Importantly, it keeps East English Village, Morningside and Cornerstone together as the tight knit tri-neighborhood community that we are.	<b>SE Detroit:</b> This map keeps East English Village, Cornerstone and Morningside together which is a top priority. It also keeps other neighborhoods on the eastside together



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**Detroit east & suburban neighbors share:** As twenty-nine-year residents of East English Village, my husband and I are extremely involved in our beautiful, diverse, eastside community. My husband has served as Block Captain for twenty-four years! I have served in various capacities including Editor of our monthly newsletter, First Vice President of EEVA, an advisory member of the E. Warren Streetscape Team as well as being involved in reviewing proposals that developers are submitting for project sites along the E. Warren Business Corridor. We often refer to East English Village as the “Cheers” of all neighborhoods ~where everyone knows your name. Truly there is no where else that we’d rather live, work, play and pray! Our friendly and committed neighbors to the east, “Cornerstone”, and our neighbors to the west, “Morningside” work together with us on various projects and events including restoration of the historic Alger Theater, significant improvements at Balduck Park, building and supporting various community gardens, Arts & Scraps programming for children and adults, the Monthly Senior Luncheon co-sponsored by EEV and Bethany Christian Church, registering our children and grandchildren at the various sports facilities (MAC Athletic Complex, Lakeside Baseball Club, Eastside Tennis & Fitness Club, Balduck Park), our Thursday Farmers & Craft Market, events at the Jefferson Branch of our Detroit Public Library, Detroit Police Department-sponsored activities and, most recently, collaborating on ideas for the new E. Warren Streetscape housing our central business corridor. This plan was developed via strong engagement with all three communities in an effort to design a beautiful, walkable, functioning business environment that would be supported by the residents. After months of meetings (via ZOOM during Covid19), the final plans were presented by Mayor Mike Duggan on May 26. Residents voted and overwhelmingly (72-2) chose a plan with construction...

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**We need districts that unite not divide:** <https://www.michigan-mapping.org/submission/x822> Judith Williams I moved to East English Village in 2002. Having lived in downtown Detroit for 16 years, I was excited about all the beautiful, affordable, and well-built brick homes in East English Village. Many of these homes with their unique characteristics were designed by the original owners. East English Village was also home to many Police Officers, Firefighters, Doctors, Lawyers, and other professionals, and with a diverse population. I viewed many homes in East English Village, Cornerstone, Jefferson Chalmers, and Morningside. I decided to purchase a brick home on Harvard in East English Village. East English Village, Cornerstone, and Morningside have all gone through some very hard times. Housing values dropped in the 1980s, but the city taxes remained high, and unemployment grew rapidly. All this making it difficult for many long-time residents to stay afloat and be able to stay in their homes. Cornerstone and Morningside suffered greatly with many foreclosures. A large number of homes became vacant to be left neglected and blighted. East English Village was able to pull together and was able to fair better. East English Village has recently been voted 2 years in succession as the best neighborhood in Detroit. East English Village, Cornerstone, Jefferson Chalmers, and Morningside all have organized Block Clubs that provide valuable information to their residents. It is all helping to pull us together, stabilizing efforts to improve our neighborhoods. We all have monthly meetings and elected officials. East English Village and Morningside have newsletters to help reach those who cannot get to meetings.. East English Village, Cornerstone, and Morningside Communities share many amenities. The Historic Alger Theater is one of only two unchanged neighborhood theaters still standing in Detroit. It is currently being revitalized by a ...

**Detroit's EEV, Morningside, Cornerstone & Jefferson Chalmers, and Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Park:** These East Side communities have many shared cultural and economic interests. We work together to develop commercial strips along Mack Ave. and Warren Ave. We share the same waterfront and have many cultural activities the residents in the area attend

**Shared interests in Southeast communities:** Our 5th Police Precinct encompasses East English Village, Cornerstone, Jefferson Chalmers, and Morningside Neighborhoods. They work closely with us to provide community support. We also have many ties to the surrounding cities.



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**Shared shopping, recreation, jobs:** I am Eugene Brown from East English Village, and here is my consideration for community. It shows places where we go to shop, places we go to for recreational relaxation. I tried to include all these things and more, and used I-94 as an anchor in my corridor, because in my map I wanted to show that I-94 is easily accessible from the whole area. It includes downtown and the aquatic park in Chandler Park. Wayne Community College is also an important part of our community. We do have new industry coming to the area, including the new Stelantis auto plant between Connor and St. Jean, and many of us work at jobs related to the auto industry. We also consider our community as one with Cornerstone and Morningside, and that's how we want to keep it. That's how we feel we will have the most clout, considering what is going on in our area. Let me also add that along the Warren Corridor we have a number of new businesses popping up. We have a great public library just around the corner from the theater that we are working to reopen, and we have vibrant area hardware stores, local grocery stores, a donut shop and on Warren, a restaurant run by neighbors that specializes in bell pepper recipe concoctions. Thank you.

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**Gayle O'Neal's Redistricting Comments:** I believe we share similar values and concerns, mostly African American, of all age demographics.

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**South Warren COI:** At the Commission's request for more information, I created this map to provide a very very rough image of potential communities of interest including South Warren that I hope will be better served by politicians.

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**REUNITE FIVE GROSSE POINTES:** This process can allow the five Grosse Pointe municipalities and Harper Woods to reunite. For ten years, Pointers have had their collective voices in Congress and the State Legislature muted. TEN THINGS WE HAVE IN COMMON 1) Taxpayers of the five Pointes together with a portion of Harper Woods share a common GP Public School District unified by a common superintendent and millage rates. 2) The same school boundaries define our united Grosse Pointe Library District with its three branches. 3) Fire response is unified by a mutual-aid agreement covering the six municipalities. 4) Each of the six cities operates its own Municipal Court, with two of the Pointes sharing the same judge. 5) The Pointes are served by Beaumont Hospital-Grosse Pointe and the facilities of Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage in Grosse Pointe Farms. 6) The Pointes are home to the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra, a community orchestra, as well as the Grosse Pointe Theater, founded in 1947. 7) A Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce represents its members, while promoting commerce, events, and activities for the five Pointes through effective advocacy. 8) City of Grosse Pointe Farms Water Department operates and maintains a 10 million-gallon-a-day rated water filtration plant furnishing drinking water for both Grosse Pointe Farms and the City of Grosse Pointe. 9) The community is united by having two newspapers, The Grosse Pointe News and Grosse Pointe Times newspapers. 10) Each of the Pointes has an orientation toward a common geographical feature: Lake St. Clair. Many boaters and sports fishermen also live in Harper Woods. Finally, the Pointes are actually connected to Macomb County: A portion of Grosse Pointe Shores extends beyond Wayne County and is located in the jurisdiction of Macomb's Grosse Pointe Township. CURRENT DISTRICTS Congressional representation, for example, has the eastside joined with distant communities in Oa...

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**Lower East Side of Detroit.**

**South Warren and North Detroit Suburbs:** Warren neighborhoods south of I696 have been neglected economically and politically in favor of neighborhoods north of I696. South Warren may be better served by partnering with neighborhoods that share economic and cultural priorities.

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**REUNITE FIVE GROSSE POINTES: TEN THINGS WE HAVE IN COMMON** 1) Taxpayers of the five Pointes together with a portion of Harper Woods share a common GP Public School District unified by a common superintendent and millage rates. 2) The same school boundaries define our united Grosse Pointe Library District with its three branches. 3) Fire response is unified by a mutual-aid agreement covering the six municipalities. 4) Each of the six cities operates its own Municipal Court, with two of the Pointes sharing the same judge. 5) The Pointes are served by Beaumont Hospital-Grosse Pointe and the facilities of Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage in Grosse Pointe Farms. 6) The Pointes are home to the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra, a community orchestra, as well as the Grosse Pointe Theater, founded in 1947. 7) A Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce represents its members, while promoting commerce, events, and activities for the five Pointes through effective advocacy. 8) City of Grosse Pointe Farms Water Department operates and maintains a 10 million-gallon-a-day rated water filtration plant furnishing drinking water for both Grosse Pointe Farms and the City of Grosse Pointe. 9) The community is united by having two newspapers, The Grosse Pointe News and Grosse Pointe Times newspapers. 10) Each of the Pointes has an orientation toward a common geographical feature: Lake St. Clair. Many boaters and sports fishermen also live in Harper Woods. Finally, the Pointes are actually connected to Macomb County: A portion of Grosse Pointe Shores extends beyond Wayne County and is located in the jurisdiction of Macomb's Grosse Pointe Township.

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c1563 (29741)	<b>Diverse East Side:</b> Intent of the community is to create a contiguous geographic area which is economically, racially, socially, educationally diverse yet share common goals due to geographic area and natural or man made boundaries.	<b>Diverse East Side:</b> Intent of the community is to create a contiguous geographic area which is economically, racially, socially, educationally diverse yet share common goals due to geographic area and natural or man made boundaries.
c1570 (29944)	<b>Diverse East Side District:</b> This community includes the diverse communities of the East Side which share the common interest in the shore of Lake St. Clair and the common interest and border of Highway 94, and are all within Wayne County. It also is bordered by the Chrysler Plant, a natural barrier. It is almost equally black/white and the total population count is very close to the ideal for a state representative.	<b>Diverse East Side Detroit 1:</b> This community includes the diverse communities of the East Side which share the shore of Lake St. Clair and the common border of Highway 94, and are all within Wayne County. It also is bordered by the Chrysler Plant, a natural barrier. It is almost equally black/white and the total population count is very close to the ideal for a state representative.
c1666 (31164)	<b>Middle Class Diverse Neighborhood:</b> This is a diverse neighborhood with mostly middle class and working class families. The neighborhood is adjacent to wealthier areas along Lake St. Clair. There are therefore some areas of stark inequality and vast differences in access to resources.	<b>Middle Class Diverse Neighborhood:</b> This is a diverse neighborhood with mostly middle class and working class families. The neighborhood is adjacent to wealthier areas along Lake St. Clair. There are therefore some areas of stark inequality and vast differences in access to resources.
c1687 (31215)	<b>East Side Community.</b>	<b>East side:</b> The neighborhoods known as the "Cabbage Patch," Jefferson-Chalmers, and Islandview share common economic interests. We also have similar concerns about flooding and other climate change issues, due to our proximity to Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River.
c1815 (32446)	<b>Grosse Pointe Communities:</b> The Grosse Pointe communities share a broad variety of cultural, historic, economic, environmental and recreational interests. These include everything from public schools and libraries to shared civil society institutions such as community service organizations, fraternal organizations, cultural institutions, youth sports leagues and more.	<b>Grosse Pointes:</b> The five Grosse Pointe communities share a broad variety of cultural, historic, economic, environmental and recreational interests. These include everything from a public school district to shared civil society institutions such as community service organizations, youth sports leagues and more.
c1851 (32662)	<b>Grosse Pointe Communities' Plan:</b> Grosse Pointe, Harper Woods and Eastside Detroit Neighborhoods that border the Pointes and Harper Woods need to be united as a collective district to have the appropriate representation in the Michigan House of Representative and elsewhere.	<b>Community 1:</b> The five Grosse Pointe Communities: Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe City, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Woods & Grosse Pointe Shores.
c1990-5 (33078)	<b>Wayne County - Together not Disjointed:</b> Michigan Avenue (route 12) - I am within walking distance of this main shopping and ethnic restaurant corridor. It runs through the diverse communities of Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, and Westland. Dearborn is especially diverse because it holds one of the largest Arab populations in the US. ' City of Dearborn Recreation and Performing Art Center contains a fitness center, and pool which my family utilizes. I purchase an annual membership to The Henry Ford in Dearborn because I have 9 grandchildren that love to go to the museum, village, and other activities. Edward Hines Park is a 19 mile continuous park which connects Dearborn to Northville. It is used by the residents of Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Westland and many others. Residents enjoy the picnic areas, walking trails, soccer fields, children playgrounds and the annual Christmas Light Festival displayed along the Edward Hines Drive. This road is also used by area residents because it is a shortcut and very pretty road to drive. Currently Wayne County's districts look like an elongated puzzle. Three of the 4 districts go into three counties which can be up to 40 miles from end to end. Three-fourth of one district is in another county. Since other counties do not have our similar interest, it would be helpful to keep our districts within the boundaries of Wayne County. Also, residents tend to frequent a small radius surrounding their neighborhood, it would be helpful to keep the districts in blocks. These are the communities of interest that I feel should be grouped together.	<b>Downtown.</b>



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**Community 6.**

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(33333)

**Gerry-mandered district:** The grosse pointe cities and harper woods share a school district and a long established community of interest. The district was redrawn some yaers ago to make a gerry-mandered district stretching into Oakland County by a long narrow strip of land, joining communities that have no relationship whatsoever. The district I now live is the most exteremly gerry-mandered district in the State. This travesty of due process and just representation by a highly partisan legislatue must not be allowed to stand.

**Community 1:** Grosse pointes

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(33415)

**Detroit Eastside:** Detroit should be represented by Detroiters. The Eastside is ignored too much and has serious needs. Some people with good intentions think Detroit and Grosse Pointe should be in districts together. I mean no disrespect to anyone but I disagree. Healing our divides needs to done person to person and not by putting us in districts together. We’ve already been in the same legislative districts for decades and it hasn’t done a thing to turn us into one community. Just look at the differences. Eastside Detroit average income is \$29,000. Grosse Pointes is over \$100,000. How can any 1 person represent both sides? It can’t be done. I will end with a challenge to the commissioners. I challenge each of you to drive Jefferson Avenue from Downtown Detroit into Grosse Pointe. Look down the side streets and drive down a few just on the Detroit side of Alter. Then do the same thing when you get to Grosse Pointe. Then decide for yourselves whether a person from Grosse Pointe can represent Detroit and whether a person from Detroit can represent Grosse Pointe.

**Community 1.**

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(33415)

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**Community 2.**



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c1970 (33714)	<b>Grosse Pointe Community of Interest:</b> We are six municipalities (GP City, GP Park, GP Shores, GP Farms, GP Woods and Harper Woods) in one community. All are in Wayne County and share a library and school district as well as little league teams, recreational and cultural institutions. Please consider drawing boundaries that take this into consideration.	<b>Grosse Pointe/Lakeshore:</b> This community is comprised six municipalities that share a County government, school district, library district, and little league teams. The residents are politically diverse but share concerns for education and protection of the great lakes. Thanks to previous gerrymandering, the Pointes are so sliced up they have never been truly represented in the state legislature.
c1978 (33770)	<b>Colton's Grosse Pointe District Map:</b> Keep Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods, and the East Side of Detroit Together in New Maps Link: <a href="https://ccba90df-b71a-4504-b117-304e1f1b82c5.filesusr.com/ugd/bc40b1_ab987cbf0ec646d6abd0e06954c3e454.pdf">https://ccba90df-b71a-4504-b117-304e1f1b82c5.filesusr.com/ugd/bc40b1_ab987cbf0ec646d6abd0e06954c3e454.pdf</a>	<b>State House District 1:</b> Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods, and East Side of Detroit.
c2047 (34748)	<b>East Detroit:</b> Eastpointe used to be called East Detroit for a reason. This is a working class community that shares Gratiot with Detroit and shares the Eastland shopping area with Detroit and Harper Woods. Eastpointe is very diverse and has a strong connection to nearby areas of Detroit . Especially around Gratiot and I-94.	<b>Community 1.</b>
p1973 (31391)	<b>Detroit City Council District 4:</b> Detroit City Council District 4, which includes Conner Creek, Chandler Park and Fox Creek neighborhoods are steeped in history with the Algonquin and Iriquois indigenous people. The area is now becoming a key industrial job area where Chrysler is making new vehicles for the future. This also includes neighborhood revitalization with Chandler Park and the Conner Creek Greenway to actively connect people to their communities. The residents of these communities never left the city, with over 55% of District 4 residents are renters.They believe in it and want to be a part of the growth of the city. These communities have worked and stayed together through the tough times and have no intention of breaking up.	
p1971 (31392)	<b>Optimist Neighborhood Association:</b> This is a community of interest map submitted in district format so that the exact precincts in our neighborhood are known. Optimist Neighborhood Association's (ONA) mission is to create safe sustainable ecosystems within our community boundaries. ONA provides resources to the residents by partnering with neighboring community groups, nonprofits, local businesses, the City of Detroit, and the State of Michigan.These Neighborhoods consist of Mount Olivet, Plusaki, Airport Sub,Regent Park, Mohican Regent, Mapleridge,Grant,Von Steubon,Franklin,Gratiot-Findley, LaSalle College Park. They have established a sustainable ecosystem that provides the community with information on property ownership, household maintenance, multi-agriculture, nutrition, food services, sustainability, workforce development, City, State, and Federal Services. This community needs to stay together to vote together as we have built partnerships and have shared interest amongst the community!	

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## Supporting Data for Cluster A6

Portal Link (District)	Overall Submission Information	Individual Area Information
c181 (19298)	<b>Detroit River Waterfront Communities:</b> Communities on the waterfront of the Detroit River should have common representation.	<b>Community 1:</b> Detroit River waterfront communities
c567 (22253)	<b>Down/Midtown Detroit Youth Hang Out Spots:</b> The Community Map we are sharing here is Downtown/Midtown Detroit Youth Hang Out Spots. We wanted to draw your attention to this map because it is important that more young people are involved in redistricting to share their experiences. In this map, we highlight places where young Detroiters and students might gather, have fun, and consider important. There are many high schools nearby in this area, including Ben Carson and Cass Tech. Some of the locations young people and students might like to visit are the Motown Museum, Teen Hype, nearby Parks, Campus Martius, Bell Isle, River Walk, and corner shops within walking distance. Students who frequent these places, and us in Peace & Prosperity Youth Action Movement Detroit, care about issues like: road quality (especially as new drivers), safety disparities between downtown and the rest of the city, over-policing, gentrification, affordable housing, parking tickets, and parking generally. It is important to keep this community together because these areas share many of the same problems, and it's weird to have them separated in different districts. People visiting similar places should be able to share their concerns with the same officials; calling up someone different than your neighbor is weird.	<b>Spots Where Students of Detroit Hang Out:</b> Centered around Cass Tech and other places downtown where young people like to visit
c780 (24541)	<b>Mapping zip codes 48211, 48212, 48213:</b> These are extremely ethnically, culturally, religiously diverse communities and are composed of members of the Black, Middle-Eastern, South Asian and Polish communities, amongst others. A large portion of the communities living in this area are living under the poverty threshold. As an example, based on City-Data.com, the estimated median household income in Hamtramck in 2019 was \$29,149. With that said, given that there are a lot of Arabic, Bangla, Ukrainian, Bosnian speakers, amongst others, in the area, a lot of residents experience linguistic isolation. In other words, large groups are not included in government and research institutes' processes to collect socio-economic data. This means that the poverty rate is likely higher than is reflected by official numbers and that the ethnic makeup of the area is not fully reflected. Moreover, given these demographics, it is no surprise that these communities at large are faced with extreme levels of environmental injustice. The area was home to the largest municipal waste incinerator in the US until it closed its doors in 2019 after 40 years of grassroots community advocacy. There is still much work left to be done. Despite this major victory, the area remains an industrial Sacrifice Zone and is home to numerous industrial sites, such as US Ecology North and South (hazardous waste processing plants), PVS Chemicals, GM Factory ZERO (also known as Detroit-Hamtramck Assembly Center), I-94 Industrial Park, Mt. Elliot Industrial Corridor, Strong Steel Scrap Yard, Hamtramck Recycling, American Axle, federal train tracks, CNN railroad, truck routes, junk yards, the William Dickerson Detention Facility, Detroit Detention Center, and Wayne County jail, which is under construction. Residents of the area are also faced with blight, food deserts (in 48211 and 48212), illegal dumping, unsafe housing, and high energy and water bills, which they spend a disproportionate...	<b>Detroit-Hamtramck Coalition for Advancing Healthy Environments:</b> This map includes the City of Hamtramck, the City Airport Neighborhood, the Farnsworth, Milwaukee Junction and East Poletown neighborhoods, to name a few. These are extremely ethnically, culturally, religiously diverse communities and are composed of members of the Black, Middle-Eastern, South Asian and Polish communities, amongst others. A large portion of the communities living in this area are living under the poverty threshold. As an example, based on City-Data.com, the estimated median household income in Hamtramck in 2019 was \$29,149. With that said, given that there are a lot of Arabic, Bangla, Ukrainian, Bosnian speakers, amongst others, in the area, a lot of residents experience linguistic isolation. In other words, large groups are not included in government and research institutes' processes to collect socio-economic data. This means that the poverty rate is likely higher than is reflected by official numbers and that the ethnic makeup of the area is not fully reflected. Moreover, given these demographics, it is no surprise that these communities at large are faced with extreme levels of environmental injustice. The area was home to the largest municipal waste incinerator in the US until it closed its doors in 2019 after 40 years of grassroots community advocacy. There is still much work left to be done. Despite this major victory, the area remains an industrial Sacrifice Zone and is home to numerous industrial sites, such as US Ecology North and South (hazardous waste processing plants), PVS Chemicals, GM Factory ZERO (also known as Detroit-Hamtramck Assembly Center), I-94 Industrial Park, Mt. Elliot Industrial Corridor, Strong Steel Scrap Yard, Hamtramck Recycling, American Axle, federal train tracks, CNN railroad, truck routes, junk yards, the William Dickerson Detention Facility, Detroit Detention Center, and Wayne County jail, which is under construction. \...
c1353-1 (27250)	<b>Gayle ONeal's Redistricting Comments:</b> I believe we share similar values and concerns, mostly African American, of all age demographics.	<b>Gratiot - Grand Area:</b> Census Tract 5162 - My neighborhood.



c1597 (30733)	<b>Fix Detroit:</b> More monies need to be combined to repair infrastructure racism.	<b>Community 1:</b> Detroit-heart of the community is the city!
c1807 (32433)	<b>Angela's community of LIFE.</b>	<b>Community 2:</b> District 4 community
c1870 (32738)	<b>Detroit as a whole:</b> The city should vote together	<b>City District:</b> Detroit should vote as a community since it is one.
c1990-1 (33078)	<b>Wayne County - Together not Disjointed:</b> Michigan Avenue (route 12) – I am within walking distance of this main shopping and ethnic restaurant corridor. It runs through the diverse communities of Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, and Westland. Dearborn is especially diverse because it holds one of the largest Arab populations in the US. ' City of Dearborn Recreation and Performing Art Center contains a fitness center, and pool which my family utilizes. I purchase an annual membership to The Henry Ford in Dearborn because I have 9 grandchildren that love to go to the museum, village, and other activities. Edward Hines Park is a 19 mile continuous park which connects Dearborn to Northville. It is used by the residents of Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Westland and many others. Residents enjoy the picnic areas, walking trails, soccer fields, children playgrounds and the annual Christmas Light Festival displayed along the Edward Hines Drive. This road is also used by area residents because it is a shortcut and very pretty road to drive. Currently Wayne County's districts look like an elongated puzzle. Three of the 4 districts go into three counties which can be up to 40 miles from end to end. Three-fourth of one district is in another county. Since other counties do not have our similar interest, it would be helpful to keep our districts within the boundaries of Wayne County. Also, residents tend to frequent a small radius surrounding their neighborhood, it would be helpful to keep the districts in blocks. These are the communities of interest that I feel should be grouped together.	<b>Waterfront:</b> This area is teaming with waterfront activities and fairs etc. This area also has many issues in regards to flooding during the summer months. Somehow it has not been resolved.
p756 (24395)	<b>East Side Detroit - Csystems:</b> This community of interest covers the east side of Detroit and the City of Hamtramck. Includes Bangladesh community and City Airport	
p851 (24397)	<b>CAJ Research Team:</b> This district keeps the same boundaries as the House District 5. The population loss was not in Detroit but outstate Michigan. Finally in my duties as a Census enumerator, SW Detroit was under-counted	
p1037 (26206)	<b>Asian American Community/Hamtramck COI:</b> My community of interest is the Asian American community of Hamtramck MI. I grew up in Hamtramck and it's home to many Bangladeshi Americans; it has a high concentration of Asian Americans and many other immigrant communities representing about 35% of the population. In recent years Asian Americans in Hamtramck have expanded into Detroit due to the high cost of housing, and limited access to affordable housing as the population has grown. I am asking that we include parts of Detroit in Hamtramck's district. One example of why the commission should include parts of Detroit with Hamtramck is the ability to service immigrant communities with better language access materials in native languages. There is a large demand for civic, health, and educational reading material in native languages, given the recent health crisis of the covid-19 pandemic, it has highlighted and uncovered the need for more language access throughout Hamtramck and parts of Detroit. Although my organization focuses on civic engagement in the last year we have worked in the community translating critical health information because this was not available through state or local government agencies. This is just one example of resource needs that my community experiences on a daily basis. The AAPI community trusts that you will hear our needs and consider them when you redraw the maps. We ask, as a community, that Hamtramck should be connected with Detroit's district. Not doing so would be to the exclusion of the Asian American voices in Detroit and Hamtramck . I have submitted a map on the portal for your reference. I thank you for listening to me.	



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(26894)

**Global Detroit Community of Interest Map:** This is a Community of Interest Map created in Districtr as a District Map for the purpose of illustrating the exact precincts it contains. This map and narrative of the Hamtramck-Banglatown Community of Interest was built out by Global Detroit, a community and economic development organization, with community feedback. Since the arrival of German farmers in the 1800s, Hamtramck has been known as a magnet for immigrant groups. The Polish autoworkers of the 1900s are perhaps the most well known group, but today the predominant groups are Bangladeshi and Yemeni. While limitations of ethnic representation in Census data hinder the accuracy of population numbers, we estimate that of the current Hamtramck population of roughly 22,000, there are a little over 9,000 foreign born residents. Of that number, roughly 3,800 are from Bangladesh and 3,650 from Yemen. This does not reflect second and third generation residents of Bangladeshi and Yemeni heritage and we also know that with expansion into Detroit, the numbers of the whole community are much larger. There is also still a significant number of Eastern European residents and a little over a third of the community's residents are Black. This has created a distinct multiethnic, multilinguistic, multicultural community as evidenced by the diversity of restaurants, grocery stores, and other small businesses that line Hamtramck's streets. While residents of this community contribute economically to the wider region by staffing manufacturing, hospitality, and other frontline jobs, a large portion are living below the poverty line and rely on income-qualified programming and assistance. Simultaneously, this Community of Interest has a significantly larger density of locally owned businesses than the Detroit area as a whole. Environmentally, residents of this Community of Interest face public health challenges due to the industrial use of land in the South and...

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(29337)

**Hamtramck & Detroit APIA/ACCESS:** ACCESS has different locations throughout Metro Detroit, namely in Dearborn, Sterling Heights, and Hamtramck. We are honored to serve the immigrant community with partners like the Asian Pacific Islander American community (APIA Michigan). We reaffirm their statement that highlights the diverse immigrant community that resides in Hamtramck and Detroit. Indeed the area has the highest population of Asian Americans, Arab/MENA Americans - predominantly Yemenis - and other immigrant communities. About 44% of the city are immigrants, the highest percentage in Michigan. Hamtramck is now closing in on a majority Muslim population, with Bangladeshis and Yemenis making up the largest immigrant groups. (National Public Radio) Approximately 41.4% of Hamtramck city, Michigan residents in 2015-2019 (ACS) were foreign-born. 53.5% of the foreign-born were naturalized U.S. citizens, and an estimated 61.3% entered the country before 2010. Foreign-born residents of Hamtramck city, Michigan, come from different parts of the world. Among people at least five years old living in Hamtramck city, Michigan, 69.4% spoke a language other than English at home. Hamtramck is unique in being the most diverse municipality in Michigan in terms of residents' national origin. We urge the commission to consider the shared experiences between the immigrant communities in Hamtramck and Detroit. We echo the statements made by APIA that keeping these COIs together will help immigrant-based organizations provide culturally appropriate services and enhance the ability to serve immigrant communities with better language access materials in native languages.



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**Latinx Community. SW Detroit/Downriver.:** This plan would unify the largest Latinx population in the state, and provide a voice for Latinx residents that the state house that has been missing.

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## Supporting Data for Cluster A7

Portal Link (District)	Overall Submission Information	Individual Area Information
c777 (20409)	<p><b>Palmer Park:</b> The Palmer Park area began attracting a notable LGBTQ residential base in the late 1960s as much of the white population that remained in Detroit moved to the farther reaches of the city. The Palmer Park Apartment District had its initial gay heyday in the 1970s, when popular gay bars and restaurants opened nearby along McNichols and on Woodward Avenue. It was at Menjo's, which is still operating at 928 West McNichols, where dance instructor Christopher Flynn took his protegee Madonna to experience gay male nightlife for the first time. Some buildings in the neighborhood boasted significant queer occupancy, and one, home to a number of female impersonators who performed at Bookie's Club 870 and other clubs, became known as the Drag Academy. Even after many white gay residents moved out to the suburbs, the more than sixty apartment buildings retained a strong gay cultural imprint, now predominantly reflecting an African American LGBTQ experience. The Park itself was a gathering place and cruising spot even in the 1950s, and served as the location for a day-long picnic held the day after Detroit's first Pride parade and rally in June 1972. Since 1996, the glades of Palmer Park have been home to the signature picnic of the annual Hotter Than July celebration. LGBT Detroit is North America's largest African American found and led LGBT non-profit organization and is located within the community of interest map along with the Palmer Park community. We request that the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission refrain from dividing this community of interest as maps are developed. -Dr. Tim Retzloff, Ph.D. is a leading expert on the queer history of Metro Detroit. He teaches LGBTQ Studies at Michigan State University.</p>	<p><b>Palmer Park:</b> African American, LGBT+, low-income</p>
c777 (20409)	<p><b>Palmer Park:</b> The Palmer Park area began attracting a notable LGBTQ residential base in the late 1960s as much of the white population that remained in Detroit moved to the farther reaches of the city. The Palmer Park Apartment District had its initial gay heyday in the 1970s, when popular gay bars and restaurants opened nearby along McNichols and on Woodward Avenue. It was at Menjo's, which is still operating at 928 West McNichols, where dance instructor Christopher Flynn took his protegee Madonna to experience gay male nightlife for the first time. Some buildings in the neighborhood boasted significant queer occupancy, and one, home to a number of female impersonators who performed at Bookie's Club 870 and other clubs, became known as the Drag Academy. Even after many white gay residents moved out to the suburbs, the more than sixty apartment buildings retained a strong gay cultural imprint, now predominantly reflecting an African American LGBTQ experience. The Park itself was a gathering place and cruising spot even in the 1950s, and served as the location for a day-long picnic held the day after Detroit's first Pride parade and rally in June 1972. Since 1996, the glades of Palmer Park have been home to the signature picnic of the annual Hotter Than July celebration. LGBT Detroit is North America's largest African American found and led LGBT non-profit organization and is located within the community of interest map along with the Palmer Park community. We request that the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission refrain from dividing this community of interest as maps are develop</p>	<p><b>Palmer Park:</b> African American, LGBT+, low-income</p>



c879 (25123)	<b>Eastern Huntington Woods + Surroundings:</b> Eastern Huntington Woods, downtown Royal Oak, and parts of Pleasant Ridge. Lots of walking and biking between these streets! The rest of Huntington Woods and Pleasant Ridge could also be included, as could Berkley, Ferndale, and the rest of Royal Oak, but this is really my local community.	<b>My Local Community:</b> Eastern Huntington Woods, downtown Royal Oak, and parts of Pleasant Ridge. Lots of walking and biking between these streets! The rest of Huntington Woods and Pleasant Ridge could also be included, as could Berkley, Ferndale, and the rest of Royal Oak, but this is really my local community.
c999-1 (26055)	<b>Charlottes communities of interest:</b> Inner rings suburbs in southeast Oakland County, southwest Macomb and northwest Detroit. This is where I live and spend my time	<b>Royal Oak:</b> Royal Oak is a predominantly middle class city with some affordable housing and an increasing amount of high end, more expensive houses and condos. Its walkable downtown area has attracted significant development, and it is an entertainment and dining destination for metro Detroit.
c999-5 (26055)	<b>Charlottes communities of interest:</b> Inner rings suburbs in southeast Oakland County, southwest Macomb and northwest Detroit. This is where I live and spend my time	<b>Berkley:</b> Predominantly white and middle class bedroom community, with a downtown centered along 12 Mile between Coolidge and Greenfield.
c999-6 (26055)	<b>Charlottes communities of interest:</b> Inner rings suburbs in southeast Oakland County, southwest Macomb and northwest Detroit. This is where I live and spend my time	<b>Ferndale:</b> Inner ring suburb bordering Detroit, home to a sizable young population. It has a mix of middle class and affordable housing, which is mostly concentrated east of Woodward. That area overlaps Hazel Park as a similar community. It has a big dining and entertainment corridor centered on Woodward and 9 Mile.
c999-8 (26055)	<b>Charlottes communities of interest:</b> Inner rings suburbs in southeast Oakland County, southwest Macomb and northwest Detroit. This is where I live and spend my time	<b>Oak Park:</b> Mostly residential, with a mix of middle class and affordable housing. Oak Park is home to a large chunk of Metro Detroit's Orthodox community and a sizable and established Black community.
c999-9 (26055)	<b>Charlottes communities of interest:</b> Inner rings suburbs in southeast Oakland County, southwest Macomb and northwest Detroit. This is where I live and spend my time	<b>Royal Oak Township:</b> Mostly low income community bordering 8 Mile in Detroit. Predominantly Black.
c999-7 (26055)	<b>Charlottes communities of interest:</b> Inner rings suburbs in southeast Oakland County, southwest Macomb and northwest Detroit. This is where I live and spend my time	<b>Huntington Woods and Pleasant Ridge:</b> The wealthiest of southeast Oakland County's inner ring suburbs. Predominantly white and linal.
c999-13 (26055)	<b>Charlottes communities of interest:</b> Inner rings suburbs in southeast Oakland County, southwest Macomb and northwest Detroit. This is where I live and spend my time	<b>Southfield/Lathrup Village:</b> An original inner ring suburb, Southfield is predominantly Black and Jewish. It doesn't have a walkable downtown, but it has shopping, entertainment and a vibrant and diverse neighborhood culture.
c999-15 (26055)	<b>Charlottes communities of interest:</b> Inner rings suburbs in southeast Oakland County, southwest Macomb and northwest Detroit. This is where I live and spend my time	<b>Northwest Detroit:</b> The part of northwest Detroit south of 8 Mile and north of 7 Mile between Woodward and the Lodge Freeway has a fair amount of overlap culturally and economically with Southfield, Oak Park and Ferndale. It's predominantly Black with a mix of wealthy, middle class and working class residents.
c1140-1 (26626)	<b>Charlotte's inner ring Detroit suburbs:</b> The starting point for me is not a specific building, but the intersection of Interstate 75 and Interstate 696. These are the main arteries that connect the inner ring suburban communities where most of my friends and family live and work. I live in Royal Oak, but I spend as much time in Madison Heights, Ferndale, Oak Park and Troy as I do in my own city. The border of Oakland and Macomb counties, Dequindre Rd, joins Warren and Sterling Heights to that block of towns. All these communities, though they have different racial, economic and ethnic makeup, seem to have more in common than they have differences. They are united by their proximity to Detroit and the I-75 and I-696 freeways, by their predominantly middle class and working class population and housing, and by the diverse immigrant groups that call them home. Royal Oak and Ferndale both have walkable downtowns that draw neighboring residents. Troy, Madison Heights, Sterling Heights and Warren are immigrant destinations as well as home to a lot of shopping and dining. And Oak Park is an economically and racially diverse community that is home to many of the Orthodox Jewish families in the area as well as a sizable Black community. Taken together, this corner of southeast Oakland County and southwest Macomb County seems like a viable community of interest.	<b>Royal Oak:</b> Royal Oak is a predominantly middle class city with some affordable housing and an increasing amount of high end, more expensive houses and condos. Its walkable downtown area has attracted significant development, and it is an entertainment and dining destination for metro Detroit.

c1140-5  
(26626)

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**Berkley:** Predominantly white and middle class bedroom community, with a downtown centered along 12 Mile between Coolidge and Greenfield.

**Ferndale:** Inner ring suburb bordering Detroit, home to a sizable young population. It has a mix of middle class and affordable housing, which is mostly concentrated east of Woodward. That area overlaps Hazel Park as a similar community. It has a big dining and entertainment corridor centered on Woodward and 9 Mile.

**Oak Park:** Mostly residential, with a mix of middle class and affordable housing. Oak Park is home to a large chunk of Metro Detroit's Orthodox community and a sizable and established Black community.



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**Huntington Woods and Pleasant Ridge:** The wealthiest of southeast Oakland County's inner ring suburbs. Predominantly white and liberal.

c1140-13  
(26626)

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**District 13.**

c1140-9  
(26626)

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**Royal Oak Township:** Mostly low income community bordering 8 Mile in Detroit. Predominantly Black.



c1359-1  
(27291)

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c1558  
(29663)

**Mark's Rediscctingb.**

c1803  
(32425)

**Orthodox Jewish Community.**

c1930  
(33272)

**Woodward Corridor Communities:** The Woodward Corridor is composed of multiple older, inner-ring suburban communities that were split mostly from the former Royal Oak Township in the early-mid 20th Century; however, if the communities of the former township were not fractured during their establishment in the early 20th century, and still one municipality such as Livonia, Sterling Heights, or Troy, it would be the second largest city in the state with close to 215,000 people living across the 10 cites and 1 township. The population density of this area is over 5,000 people per square mile, which is incredibly high by Michigan standards, higher than the current density of the City of Detroit, and about 2 to 2.5x the density of a typical Metro Detroit suburb. The communities all have very walkable corridors, neighborhood pocket parks, and small downtown districts. Many of these small suburbs already share school districts, city services, and community amenities. These communities should be considered a single area of interest because there are significant cultural similarities across the suburban communities. There are many policy topics they have mutual interest in, such as infrastructure investment, urban planning, and redevelopment interests. These communities would be best served by having shared representation at the state and federal levels.

**Woodward Corridor.**

**Community of people living near each other:**

All the people living in Berkley, Royal Oak, Oak Park, Pleasant Ridge and Ferndale. If an insufficient number of people then add Birmingham and Troy. If still insufficient then add people in surrounding areas so that the shape remains as square-like as possible.

**Orthodox Jewish Community.**

**Woodward Corridor; Oakland County:** The Woodward Corridor is composed of multiple older, inner-ring suburban communities that were split mostly from the former Royal Oak Township in the early-mid 20th Century; however, if the communities of the former township were not fractured during their establishment in the early 20th century, and still one municipality such as Livonia, Sterling Heights, or Troy, it would be the second largest city in the state with close to 215,000 people living in the 10 cites and one township. The population density of this area is over 5,000 people per square mile, which is incredibly high by Michigan standards, higher than the current density of the City of Detroit, and about 2 to 2.5x the density of a typical Metro Detroit suburb. The communities all have very walkable corridors, neighborhood pocket parks, and small downtown districts. Many of these small suburbs share city services and amenities. These communities should be considered a single area of interest because there are significant cultural similarities across the suburban communities. There are many policy topics they have mutual interest in, such as infrastructure investment, urban planning, and redevelopment interests. These communities would be best served by having shared representation at the state and federal levels.



p1974  
(33192)

**The Golf District: DCC2:** This is a community of interest map submitted in district format to accurately reflect the exact precincts involved in our community. The Golf District consists of Palmer Woods, Sherwood Forest, Green Acres and University District and Grixdale Farms Neighborhood Associations . West of Livernois is Bagley, Pembroke, Schulz and Greenwich Communities. These communities have over 78% of homeownership and share access to vibrant businesses of Livernois Avenue of Fashion. With historical neighborhoods with homes that are over 90 years old, with consistently the highest voter turnout in every election, this community is the bedrock of democracy for the City of Detroit.

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## Supporting Data for Cluster A8

Portal Link (District)	Overall Submission Information	Individual Area Information
c999-2 (26055)	<b>Charlottes communities of interest:</b> Inner rings suburbs in southeast Oakland County, southwest Macomb and northwest Detroit. This is where I live and spend my time	<b>Madison Heights:</b> Predominantly working class community with a large immigrant population. John R and Dequindre roads host many Asian businesses, as well as big box stores like Target and Best Buy.
c999-3 (26055)	<b>Charlottes communities of interest:</b> Inner rings suburbs in southeast Oakland County, southwest Macomb and northwest Detroit. This is where I live and spend my time	<b>Hazel Park:</b> The southeast corner of Oakland County is traditionally white and working class, but in recent years has drawn more young people priced out of Ferndale and Royal Oak. It has a visible LGBTQ population and a smattering of high end restaurants and bars, as well as more traditional businesses and light industry.
c999-10 (26055)	<b>Charlottes communities of interest:</b> Inner rings suburbs in southeast Oakland County, southwest Macomb and northwest Detroit. This is where I live and spend my time	<b>Warren:</b> Mostly working class city in southwestern Macomb County.
c999-11 (26055)	<b>Charlottes communities of interest:</b> Inner rings suburbs in southeast Oakland County, southwest Macomb and northwest Detroit. This is where I live and spend my time	<b>Center Line.</b>
c1140-2 (26626)	<b>Charlotte's inner ring Detroit suburbs:</b> The starting point for me is not a specific building, but the intersection of Interstate 75 and Interstate 696. These are the main arteries that connect the inner ring suburban communities where most of my friends and family live and work. I live in Royal Oak, but I spend as much time in Madison Heights, Ferndale, Oak Park and Troy as I do in my own city. The border of Oakland and Macomb counties, Dequindre Rd, joins Warren and Sterling Heights to that block of towns. All these communities, though they have different racial, economic and ethnic makeup, seem to have more in common than they have differences. They are united by their proximity to Detroit and the I-75 and I-696 freeways, by their predominantly middle class and working class population and housing, and by the diverse immigrant groups that call them home. Royal Oak and Ferndale both have walkable downtowns that draw neighboring residents. Troy, Madison Heights, Sterling Heights and Warren are immigrant destinations as well as home to a lot of shopping and dining. And Oak Park is an economically and racially diverse community that is home to many of the Orthodox Jewish families in the area as well as a sizable Black community. Taken together, this corner of southeast Oakland County and southwest Macomb County seems like a viable community of interest.	<b>Madison Heights:</b> Predominantly working class community with a large immigrant population. John R and Dequindre roads host many Asian businesses, as well as big box stores like Target and Best Buy.
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(26626)

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**Warren:** Mostly working class city in southwestern Macomb County.

c1140-11  
(26626)

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**Center Line.**

c1140-15  
(26626)

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**Sterling Heights.**



c1359-2  
(27291)

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**Van Dyke / Mound Corridor.**

c1880  
(32800)

**The Best Diverse Community:** My community stretches a few cities. It's wonderful and diverse. Everyone either gets along or minds their business. It's a really good area.

**Community 1.**

c1951  
(33539)

**Community of Interest.**

**Clinton River - south:** Sterling Heights Clinton River Basin. Mostly Residential.

p991  
(26010)

**Carole Chi's COI for State House Seat:** This is my Community of Interest, for I live in Sterling Heights, but I grocery shop and eat at restaurants in Warren, have lots of friends in Warren, go to other events there, swimming pool, Friday Fish Fries at local churches and community centers, as well as pursuing the same interests in Sterling Heights. This will make for a better, more fair, more representative balance of population, in every way, for elections and whomever we elect-to thoughtfully represent us. Now it takes 4 votes of one party to overcome 1 vote of the other party, which is totally not fair/unbalanced.

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## Supporting Data for Cluster A9

Portal Link (District)	Overall Submission Information	Individual Area Information
c59 (18197)	<b>Lake St. Clair Community:</b> This is the community surrounding Lake St. Clair that depends on the lake.	<b>Shores of Lake St. Clair:</b> This is the community of municipalities that share the shores of Lake St. Clair and depend on it for water, business, fishing, boating, swimming and other recreation
c794 (24631)	<b>Lake St. Clair Community of Interest:</b> I was born and raised in Macomb County (St. Clair Shores and later in Clinton Twp.). As an adult, I have also lived in Grosse Pointe Woods and now live with husband and kids in Grosse Pointe Park. My community of interest is the Lake St. Clair Community of Interest. This includes all of the cities around the coast of Lake St. Clair, including Harsen's Island, New Baltimore, Harrison Twp., St. Clair Shores, and the 5 Grosse Pointes. What distinguishes these towns is their shared interest in Lake St. Clair, their shared nautical feel, and their shared history. All of these towns have lakefront amenities, which is why people choose to live and work in them. These towns share a lakefront economy, with marinas, dining, and fishing. These communities also have common interests in water management, storm and sewer outflows, and floodplain management. From my time living in Grosse Pointe and in Macomb County, I know that the County line is an artificial barrier when it comes to dividing this Lake St. Clair Community of Interest (actually Grosse Pointe Shores is in both Macomb and Wayne Counties). The thing that binds us together is the Lake (a natural feature) and the fact that we are all nautical cities.	<b>Lake St. Clair Community:</b> This community of interest includes those municipalities bordering Lake St. Clair. The stewardship of the Lake is essential to local economies and property values of these municipalities and, historically, binds these municipalities in common interest. This also represents the Eastside suburbs of Detroit, which are often overlooked in comparison to the suburbs in Oakland County and those west of Gratiot/I-94 in Macomb County. The Lake St. Clair Community has distinct interests from the other Detroit suburbs. Please note that communities of interest are higher priority than county lines under current law. This is a reversal from the prior law, which mandated that this community of interest be divided because it includes parts of 3 counties. Finally, note that if the water of Lake St. Clair were "filled-in" the shape of any district containing this community of interest would be roughly rectangular. The water binds the Lake St. Clair Community.
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c1093  
(26454)

**Eastpointe-Roseville Rec Authority:** Recreation creates a strong relationship between communities.

**Recreation Authority of Roseville and Eastpointe (RARE):** Eastpointe and Roseville share recreation services.

c1359-3  
(27291)

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**Gratiot Corridor.**

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(27291)

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**Jefferson / Mack Corridor.**

c1436  
(28396)

**St. Clair River Watershed:** The vision for this community: We value and protect our environmental, social and economic assets equally and collaboratively.

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c1524  
(29422)

**Lakefront Suburbs:** The suburbs along Lake St. Clair should be together because of common interests. Residents enjoy lakefront parks and recreation. Non-lakefront communities literally dump sewage into our water. Look it up. Millions of gallons of sewage come from as far away as Oakland County and flow into our lake. This is especially a problem when there are heavy rains. If we are split up into different districts, no one will look out for us and fight for solutions. People that don't live in lakefront communities don't face the same impact from sewage being dumped in our water. Our lakefront suburbs need to stick together to fight for solutions and districts lines should be drawn to keep us all together.

**Community 1.**



- c1527**  
(29458)      **Lake St. Clair:** The cities surrounding Lake St. Clair are a community of interest. We are all drawn to live in our particular towns because of the lakefront parks, dining, boating, fishing, and other amenities. We have shared concerns with regard to lake levels, flooding, and sewer/storm outflows. We have never had common representation and so our concerns go largely unaddressed. We could and should all be included in a single state senate district and a single congressional district so that we will have common representation. In contrast, if we are split across multiple districts, each of which is dominated by inland cities, our specific lakefront issues will continue to be ignored.      **Community 1.**
- c1573**  
(30054)      **lakefront cities:** Hi. I will vote someday in the districts that you draw, even though I'm still in school now. I live part of the time in Grosse Pointe Woods and part of the time in Grosse Pointe Park. My community is where almost all of my grandparents, aunts, uncles, great aunts and uncles, and cousins live. Some live in St. Clair Shores, some live in Harrison Township, and some in Grosse Pointe. My dad grew up in St. Clair Shores but went to school in Grosse Pointe and lives in Grosse Pointe Woods.... Our cities are all similar because we are all on Lake St. Clair and we all enjoy the lake. My lakefront park for Grosse Pointe Woods is actually in St. Clair Shores. When I go to school in the morning, I pass Lake St. Clair and my mom and I talk about whether she is happy or angry or calm because of the size of the waves and color of the water.... It makes me mad that people put sewage in our lake. My step-dad said that people in other cities just don't understand. . . . Anyway, my community is where my parents, step-parents, and most of my other family lives, in the cities on Lake St. Clair.      **Community 1.**
- c1638**  
(30980)      **Lake St. Clair / School Districts:** I am from a lakeside community. I like bass fishing, but everyone where I live enjoys the beaches, parks, boating, and just being by the lake. My map tries to do two things. A. It includes the townships and cities along Lake St. Clair, where we are different from other cities/suburbs. B. It tries to use School Districts as building blocks. The mapping software wouldn't let me fill in all of the L'Anse Creuse District, but I would include the whole school district. BTW, when I did this, I noticed that a lot of our school districts have nautical names like Anchor Bay, Lake Shore, South Lake, and so on. I guess it really shows how we view ourselves. Our communities are defined by the lake.      **Community 1.**
- c1672**  
(31178)      **Macomb Co. as a single district:** Macomb County is economically, politically, culturally, and socially a unified entity. This is not always true of every county, but it is particularly true in the case of Macomb County. Historically, residents have identified 8 mile road as a southern dividing line; hills topography, and lack of multiple significant roadways (apart from M-59) have further isolated Macomb County from Oakland County. Additionally, the county has created a County Executive, which not every county has and which further reinforces the notion of a single governing entity. As a lifelong resident of Macomb County I have never even visited Bad Axe, Sandusky, Bay City or Saginaw, nor do I know anyone who commutes daily between this region and Macomb County. The "thumb" region of the state seems , therefore, to be significantly distinct from Macomb County. It, therefore, makes no sense to me that northern Macomb County is included in the same congressional district as the thumb, while southern Macomb county is in a separate district that is together with parts of Oakland County. Further, the shape of the congressional district for southern Macomb County is clearly Gerrymandered, as it is unusual in shape and that shape does not even follow an obvious transportation corridor. Macomb County should, therefore, be part of a single congressional district.      **Community 1: Macomb County**



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c1725 (31440)	<b>Common Interest &amp; Balanced Districts.</b>	<b>Lakeshore:</b> Communities fronting Lake St. Clair
c1821 (32476)	<b>Southern Macomb County:</b> This community is composed of the children and grandchildren of people who moved from Detroit to the suburbs in the mid-20th century. Independence from the decisions of Detroit and Wayne county have always been very important to this community. I feel I-696 represents a good southern dividing line, but the line should absolutely, in no circumstance move south of 8-Mile Rd	<b>Southern Macomb County:</b> This community is composed of the children and grandchildren of people who moved from Detroit to the suburbs in the mid-20th century. Independence from the decisions of Detroit and Wayne county have always been very important to this community. I feel I-696 represents a good southern dividing line, but the line should absolutely, in no circumstance move south of 8-Mile Rd
c1876 (32758)	<b>Kristen's definition of Community of:</b> I am a vice chair to Moms For Liberty and I represent all of Macomb County. Macomb County should remain whole.	<b>Community 1:</b> Macomb County with crisp, straight lines. Utica Community School district is a huge part of Macomb County and should remain whole.
c2298-1 (35474)	New Baltimore is on the north side of Anchor Bay in Lake St. Clair. It was founded as a local port but even as it has become a suburb, it is still a nautical community. It is obviously connected to Chesterfield and Ira, but also to all of the other nautical towns along the lake. Everyone living in a lakeside town shares an interest in caring for the lake and an interest in our international border with Canada. All of these cities developed first as a lakefront town and later as a suburb. The area drawn would be a great start for a state senate district and part of a congressional district.	<b>Lake Saint Clair Community of Interest.</b>
c2187 (35141)	<b>Lake Saint Clair Community:</b> The suburbs surrounding Lake Saint Clair all share a lot of common history, culture and interest. We need common representation that can focus on protecting our lake.	
p390 (21621)	<b>Mary's SE Macomb plan:</b> This submission adheres to the guidelines for mapping with about 76 person flexibility. It is contiguous without gaps and includes multiple communities of interest. Based on the number of "unassigned populations," this map would be a good place to start adding populations.	

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Supporting Data for Cluster A10

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Portal Link  
(District)

Overall Submission Information

Individual Area Information

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**My Community.**

**Community 1:** It is the area I live in.

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## Supporting Data for Cluster A11

Portal Link (District)	Overall Submission Information	Individual Area Information
c722 (24114)	<p><b>46th District:</b> 46th District of Oxford, Lake Orion, Addison, &amp; Brandon townships is a Community of interest. Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission MICRC PO Box 30318 Lansing MI 48909 Dear Commissioners, The area of Oxford, Lake Orion, Addison, &amp; Brandon townships all share alike objectives of their communities. They work with each other to share services and ideas to create better communities. They work with groups of people from different areas and backgrounds get together to solve problems that affect them all and should be termed a "community of interest". They work together to learn from each other and help each other think of solutions everybody can use to make things better in their own areas. The value in this community of interest is in their ability to help each other to do things better or quicker or cheaper than they could do if each local government worked on their own because of their shared objectives for their communities. The energy and excitement they have had and will have, being continued as the 46th District, the more quickly their problems get solved. People in these communities of Oxford, Lake Orion, Addison, &amp; Brandon townships get to know each other and talk to each other, although they might not even meet face to face or work together every day. Some might be at every single event; some might only come to one. Some might already know a lot about the problem, others might know nothing, but these people can still help the rest of the group by saying what they think about ideas or passing on what they have learned to other people they know. This sharing of ideas and solutions as well as problems is what should be done everywhere. This ability to share services and ideas to create better communities that has like and shared objectives is what the 46th district of Oxford, Lake Orion, Addison, &amp; Brandon townships is all about and should be considered a Community of Interest. Many kind regards, ...</p>	<p><b>Community 1:</b> 46th district of Oxford, Lake Orion, Addison and Brandon Townships.</p>
c2030-2 (34583)	<p><b>Renee's "Lapeer".</b></p>	<p><b>Lapeer COI:</b> Lapeer County is a Community of Interest. Our community is a very close nit county of small towns, farming communities, and villages. Whether we are from Lapeer or Imlay City or North Branch or Brown City, we see ourselves as "Lapeer." We have very similar economic and social interests. We respectfully ask that you refrain from dividing our county when drawing state legislature maps or congressional maps.</p>
c2032 (34596)	<p><b>Rachelle's Lapeer County:</b> I believe I speak for others in my community by stating we want to KEEP our COUNTY TOGETHER. We are a close knit, secure, interdependent, rural &amp; farming community. Our interests are absolutely separate from that of Oakland or Genesee Counties. Please RESPECT our COUNTY, TOWNSHIP &amp; CITY LINES. If you must add us to another County, due to population, please add us to Counties of similar interests &amp; community character, such as Tuscola or Sanilac Counties.</p>	<p><b>Rachelle's Lapeer:</b> I believe I speak for others in my community by stating we want to KEEP our COUNTY TOGETHER. We are a close knit, secure, interdependent, rural &amp; farming community. Our interests are absolutely separate from that of Oakland or Genesee Counties. Please RESPECT our COUNTY, TOWNSHIP &amp; CITY LINES. If you must add us to another County, due to population, please add us to Counties of similar interests &amp; community character, such as Tuscola or Sanilac Counties.</p>
c2049 (34762)	<p><b>Ann's Lapeer:</b> In the interest of my community I do not want to see our county, city or township lines changed. We are a rural community that should never be part of Genesee or Oakland County. If you must combined counties due to population then please combined us with Tuscola and or Sanilac County. There will be protest organized if we are combined with Genesee or Oakland county. We want to be heard and we will be however it may be.</p>	<p><b>Ann's Lapeer:</b> In the interest of my community I do not want to see our county, city or township lines changed. We are a rural community that should never be part of Genesee or Oakland County. If you must combined counties due to population then please combined us with Tuscola and or Sanilac County. There will be protest organized if we are combined with Genesee or Oakland county. We want to be heard and we will be however it may be.</p>



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(21946) **Macomb County MI House District:** Presented in public comment live on 5/27/2021. Based on school districts, this plan encompasses roughly three school districts in which people within the community associate with. These districts all have a combination of rural and small town communities that then feed into the respective school districts. People within this region also shop within this boundary as well.
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(24113) **46th District:** Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission MICRC PO Box 30318 Lansing MI 48909 Dear Commissioners, The area of Oxford, Lake Orion, Addison, & Brandon townships all share alike objectives of their communities. They work with each other to share services and ideas to create better communities. They work with groups of people from different areas and backgrounds get together to solve problems that affect them all and should be termed a “community of interest”. They work together to learn from each other and help each other think of solutions everybody can use to make things better in their own areas. The value in this community of interest is in their ability to help each other to do things better or quicker or cheaper than they could do if each local government worked on their own because of their shared objectives for their communities. The energy and excitement they have had and will have, being continued as the 46th District, the more quickly their problems get solved. People in these communities of Oxford, Lake Orion, Addison, & Brandon townships get to know each other and talk to each other, although they might not even meet face to face or work together every day. Some might be at every single event; some might only come to one. Some might already know a lot about the problem, others might know nothing, but these people can still help the rest of the group by saying what they think about ideas or passing on what they have learned to other people they know. This sharing of ideas and solutions as well as problems is what should be done everywhere. This ability to share services and ideas to create better communities that has like and shared objectives is what the 46th district of Oxford, Lake Orion, Addison, & Brandon townships is all about and should be considered a Community of Interest. Many kind regards, Ron Renaud Addison Township, Michigan
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(24117) **8th Congressional District:** The area of indicated in the map drawn all share alike objectives of their communities. They can work with each other to share services and ideas to create better communities. They can work with groups of people from different areas and backgrounds get together to solve problems that affect them all and should be the next Federal 8th district They would work together to learn from each other and help each other think of solutions everybody can use to make things better in their own areas. The value in these communities is in their ability to help each other to do things better or quicker or cheaper than they could do if each local government worked on their own because of their shared objectives for their communities. The energy and excitement they have had and will have, being formed as the 8th District, the more quickly their problems get solved. People in these communities will get to know each other and talk to each other, although they might not even meet face to face or work together every day. Some might be at every single event; some might only come to one. Some might already know a lot about the problem, others might know nothing, but these people can still help the rest of the group by saying what they think about ideas or passing on what they have learned to other people they know. This sharing of ideas and solutions as well as problems is what should be done everywhere. This ability to share services and ideas to create better communities is what the new outline for the 8th district is all about and should be considered.



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(25941)

**Thumb Congressional District:** Compact. Contains rural farms, small towns, and urban centers. Reflects communities of Interest.

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(31973)

**Pontiac, Flint & Flint Metro League COIs:** Proposed Congressional District Based on Two Similar, Adjoining Communities of Interest and a Smaller, Overlapped Community of Interest Submitted by: Gary Morehead, Auburn Hills, MI See also Public Comment #6, Pontiac MICRC Hearing, 6/10/21 District Shape File: <https://districtr.org/plan/31973> Three Adjoining/Overlapping Communities of Interest • District Level: Congressional District • Principle Focus: Two similar non-major-metro central city economic hubs and their surrounding areas – Flint in Genesee County and Pontiac in Oakland County • Secondary, Included Focus: Northwestern Oakland County and Southern Genesee County school districts which form a cultural community of interest based on high school athletic competition • Shared History: The two central cities are former centers of the automobile industry – both being the homes of General Motors brands – Buick and Pontiac, respectively. The surrounding areas are their “bedroom communities.” For over 50 years, the residential communities of Fenton (which straddles the Oakland-Genesee-Livingston Counties borders), Holly (Oakland) and Schwartz Creek (Genesee) have shared in high school sports competition across county lines; gradually, other nearby districts joined them, including the border school districts of Brandon (Oakland) and Goodrich (Genesee) and most recently, Lake Fenton (Genesee, 2019). High school sports are an important cultural activity in these areas and have bound these school districts together in friendly rivalry for a long time. • Shared Interests: The central cities are de-industrialized today. They are rebuilding and revitalizing. Along with their surrounding commuter residential areas they seek economic and employment development. The economic interests of the residential areas are enhanced when the central cities prosper. Where the two economic areas of shared interest adjoin, the area of shared sports activ...

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**thumb area plan:** obviously this is less than ideal as far as the "ideal population" but the misrepresentation of Democrats in the thumb area is unfair.

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Supporting Data for Cluster A12

Portal Link (District)	Overall Submission Information	Individual Area Information
c440 (22062)	<p><b>Auburn Hills area Community of Interest:</b> I feel like this community where I live is sufficiently compact and encloses people who live, work, and are related to each other. These are the communities I visit, shop, work and live in. These are the cities and townships where my coworkers and friends live in large part. This is what I would describe as my community of interest.</p>	<p><b>Community 1:</b> Currently district 11 connects Livonia and Canton with Waterford, wrapping around Pontiac, and down into parts of Troy and Birmingham. This is insane. This community is more compact and I believe the people of Auburn Hills, Pontiac, Waterford, Clarkston, Lake Orion, Rochester, and Rochester Hills should make up a community of interest. Many of the people who work in Auburn Hills live in Lake Orion or Clarkston. Pontiac and Auburn Hills share some major corridors (Telegraph, University, Walton Blvd) and the line between the two Cities is nearly transparent if one wasn't looking at a map. Likewise Auburn Hills and Rochester/Rochester Hills share border with Oakland University and are connected by Walton Blvd with many people again working in Rochester but living in Auburn Hills or Lake Orion.</p>
c1548 (29595)	<p><b>Greater Rochester Area COI Map:</b> Thank you for letting me discuss my Community of Interest with you on June 10 in Pontiac. The Greater Rochester Area is home for me (for over 30 years). Rochester, Rochester Hills and Oakland Twp work together to share services like ONE Senior Center, ONE Library, ONE School District, ONE Chamber of Commerce, ONE Recreational Authority, etc. Please keep these communities together when drawing Congressional and State Senate/House districts. Thank you for all that you do.</p>	<p><b>Greater Rochester Area:</b> Greater Rochester area includes all of Rochester City, Rochester Hills City, and Oakland Township.</p>
c1547 (29598)	<p><b>Regional issues in shared communities:</b> Shared schools and issues around I 75, Pontiac and M 59 in Oakland County. Interurban vs suburban or rural.</p>	<p><b>Community 1:</b> Roughly the Avondale School District and areas bordering I 75 and M 59 in Oakland County</p>
c1692 (31252)	<p><b>Paint Creek Corridor.</b></p>	<p><b>Paint Creek Corridor:</b> The Paint Creek Trail, a historic railway bed, connects the towns of Rochester and Lake Orion as it follows the Paint Creek between the two. This mix of professional and working class, mostly white but with growing racial diversity are connected by their values of green space, bicycling, and small isolated downtown areas.</p>
c1796 (32409)	<p><b>Brent Neighborhood.:</b> This is an up and coming community bringing in new homeowners and businesses weekly.</p>	<p><b>300 Block:</b> This is an up and coming community that is bringing in new homeowners and businesses weekly.</p>
c1839-9 (32521)	<p><b>Scott's NW Metro Community:</b> My submission is based off of common boundaries by city/village/township in the NW section of the Metro Detroit area.</p>	<p><b>Community 9:</b> Pontiac, Waterford</p>
c1839-7 (32521)	<p><b>Scott's NW Metro Community:</b> My submission is based off of common boundaries by city/village/township in the NW section of the Metro Detroit area.</p>	<p><b>Community 7:</b> Northville, Plymouth</p>
c1862 (32725)	<p><b>Carl's Pontiac Plan:</b> You need to keep the area around Pontiac together.</p>	<p><b>Pontiac Area:</b> Northern Oakland County and specifically area around Pontiac</p>
c1770 (31992)	<p><b>Pontiac COI:</b> See my submission of 7/27/21 on Proposed Congressional District Based on Two Similar, Adjoining Communities of Interest and a Smaller, Overlapped Community of Interest for related testimony. Also see public comment #6 at Pontiac Hearing, 6/10/21 for related testimony.</p>	



Supporting Data for Cluster A13

Portal Link (District)	Overall Submission Information	Individual Area Information
c600 (23642)	<b>Dr. Jennifer Umphress's Bloomfield Commu:</b> This is my community where I live, shop, worship, volunteer, and receive health care services. At the very least, the communities of Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Township, and West Bloomfield should be in the same district.	<b>Bloomfield Community:</b> This is my personal community space - the local areas where I live, worship, shop, receive health care services, and recreate.
c700 (23968)	<b>City of Troy:</b> The City of Troy is united by its beliefs in strong education, multiculturalism and volunteerism. As a 25 year resident, I was first drawn to this exact area by the the community's commitment to education: it is consistently rated as one of the best school districts in the state with high numbers of students attending university after high school. Another important piece is that the children in this district are exposed to many cultures. Because this is done in a peaceful and respectful way, the children in this city are better prepared to integrate into the outside world and understand and work with people that have different points of view. Finally, the community thrives on the efforts of its volunteers in both the schools and community. This makes Troy a welcoming and safe place to live.	<b>City of Troy:</b> The City of Troy is united as a community by their commitment to excellence in education, multiculturalism and volunteerism.
c999-4 (26055)	<b>Charlottes communities of interest:</b> Inner rings suburbs in southeast Oakland County, southwest Macomb and northwest Detroit. This is where I live and spend my time	<b>Clawson:</b> The northernmost of southeast Oakland County's inner ring suburbs. It has the a bit of a walkable downtown around 14 Mile and Main, but it's more residential. It's predominantly white and working and middle class.
c999-14 (26055)	<b>Charlottes communities of interest:</b> Inner rings suburbs in southeast Oakland County, southwest Macomb and northwest Detroit. This is where I live and spend my time	<b>Troy:</b> Troy has a strong mix of residential and commercial areas, and is a big draw for shoppers and diners the area. It has one of the largest South Asian immigrant populations in Metro Detroit.
c999-12 (26055)	<b>Charlottes communities of interest:</b> Inner rings suburbs in southeast Oakland County, southwest Macomb and northwest Detroit. This is where I live and spend my time	<b>Birmingham/Bloomfield:</b> Upscale suburb north of Royal Oak. Wealthier and whiter, than its neighbor to the south, but a draw for shopping, dining and entertainment.
c1140-4 (26626)	<b>Charlotte's inner ring Detroit suburbs:</b> The starting point for me is not a specific building, but the intersection of Interstate 75 and Interstate 696. These are the main arteries that connect the inner ring suburban communities where most of my friends and family live and work. I live in Royal Oak, but I spend as much time in Madison Heights, Ferndale, Oak Park and Troy as I do in my own city. The border of Oakland and Macomb counties, Dequindre Rd, joins Warren amd Sterling Heights to that block of towns. All these communities, though they have different racial. economic and ethnic makeup, seem to have more in common than they have differences. They are united by their proximity to Detroit and the I-75 and I-696 freeways, by their predominantly middle class and working class population and housing, and by the diverse immigrant groups that call them home. Royal Oak and Ferndale both have walkable downtowns that draw neighboring residents. Troy, Madison Heights, Sterling Heights and Warren are immigrant destinations as well as home to a lot of shopping and dining. And Oak Park is an economically and racially diverse community that is home to many of the Orthodox Jewish families in the area as well as a sizable Black community. Taken together, this corner of southeast Oakland County and southwest Macomb County seems like a viable community of interest.	<b>Clawson:</b> The northernmost of southeast Oakland County's inner ring suburbs. It has the a bit of a walkable downtown around 14 Mile and Main, but it's more residential. It's predominantly white and working and middle class.



c1140-14 (26626)	<p><b>Charlotte's inner ring Detroit suburbs:</b> The starting point for me is not a specific building, but the intersection of Interstate 75 and Interstate 696. These are the main arteries that connect the inner ring suburban communities where most of my friends and family live and work. I live in Royal Oak, but I spend as much time in Madison Heights, Ferndale, Oak Park and Troy as I do in my own city. The border of Oakland and Macomb counties, Dequindre Rd, joins Warren and Sterling Heights to that block of towns. All these communities, though they have different racial, economic and ethnic makeup, seem to have more in common than they have differences. They are united by their proximity to Detroit and the I-75 and I-696 freeways, by their predominantly middle class and working class population and housing, and by the diverse immigrant groups that call them home. Royal Oak and Ferndale both have walkable downtowns that draw neighboring residents. Troy, Madison Heights, Sterling Heights and Warren are immigrant destinations as well as home to a lot of shopping and dining. And Oak Park is an economically and racially diverse community that is home to many of the Orthodox Jewish families in the area as well as a sizable Black community. Taken together, this corner of southeast Oakland County and southwest Macomb County seems like a viable community of interest.</p>	<p><b>Troy:</b> Troy has a strong mix of residential and commercial areas, and is a big draw for shoppers and diners the area. It has one of the largest South Asian immigrant populations in Metro Detroit.</p>
c1140-12 (26626)	<p><b>Charlotte's inner ring Detroit suburbs:</b> The starting point for me is not a specific building, but the intersection of Interstate 75 and Interstate 696. These are the main arteries that connect the inner ring suburban communities where most of my friends and family live and work. I live in Royal Oak, but I spend as much time in Madison Heights, Ferndale, Oak Park and Troy as I do in my own city. The border of Oakland and Macomb counties, Dequindre Rd, joins Warren and Sterling Heights to that block of towns. All these communities, though they have different racial, economic and ethnic makeup, seem to have more in common than they have differences. They are united by their proximity to Detroit and the I-75 and I-696 freeways, by their predominantly middle class and working class population and housing, and by the diverse immigrant groups that call them home. Royal Oak and Ferndale both have walkable downtowns that draw neighboring residents. Troy, Madison Heights, Sterling Heights and Warren are immigrant destinations as well as home to a lot of shopping and dining. And Oak Park is an economically and racially diverse community that is home to many of the Orthodox Jewish families in the area as well as a sizable Black community. Taken together, this corner of southeast Oakland County and southwest Macomb County seems like a viable community of interest.</p>	<p><b>Birmingham/Bloomfield:</b> Upscale suburb north of Royal Oak. Wealthier and whiter, than its neighbor to the south, but a draw for shopping, dining and entertainment.</p>
c1538 (29556)	<p><b>Detroit Northern Suburbs:</b> suburban communities north of Detroit, mid- to upper-income</p>	<p><b>Community 1:</b> Detroit Northern Suburbs</p>
c1797 (32415)	<p><b>Oakland County Kirk Bagg.</b></p>	<p><b>Community 1.</b></p>
c1800 (32416)	<p><b>My community of interest.</b></p>	<p><b>Community 1.</b></p>
c1839-5 (32521)	<p><b>Scott's NW Metro Community:</b> My submission is based off of common boundaries by city/village/township in the NW section of the Metro Detroit area.</p>	<p><b>Community 5.</b></p>
p1785 (32036)	<p><b>Royal Oak to Commerce State Senate:</b> Greetings Redistricting Commission. Attached you will find a map that highlights a potential State Senate district stretching from Royal Oak to Commerce township. This community of interest is important to myself, my family, and my friends. It represents the bulk of the area where we spend most of our time living, working, and playing. Our residence is in West Bloomfield township, we conduct most of our shopping in Commerce, and my wife commutes to Royal Oak Beaumont where she works as a Nurse Practitioner. This district is mostly compact and covers a string of communities with similar compositions. More importantly though it creates a district with a very close partisan divide that could swing the district in line with changing voter opinions. Districts with severe partisan advantage do a disservice not only to the people of Michigan as a whole, but to the districts residents as well. As many districts as possible should remain competitive while also considering intractable differences in certain districts that will heavily favor one party over another. Whatever the end result of the commissions efforts, the number of seats in the Michigan House and Senate should reflect the voting trends of the public at large. If 55% of the people vote for one party, roughly 55% of the seats should go to that party as well, and if that party only gets 45% of the votes the next election they should likewise only have 45% of the seats. Thank you again for your efforts and I look forward to the outcome of your decisions.</p>	



[p1833](#)  
(32502)      **SCF Map:** Contiguous communities of Southern Oakland County

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(32749)      **SCF Map.**

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## Supporting Data for Cluster A14

Portal Link (District)	Overall Submission Information	Individual Area Information
c1543-1 (29587)	<b>Community of Interest map:</b> The community of interest focus is on shared experiences in western Wayne county with school districts, infrastructure such as roads/bridges, parks, community college, retail and local employers and the need for better transit in this area.	<b>Community 1:</b> Shared public school district resources, parks, retail, employers and lack of connected public transit within Wayne County.
c1714 (31369)	<b>Farmington and Farmington Hills together:</b> Farmington and Farmington Hills should be in one US Congressional district, just as we are for State representation. Farmington Hills is in one of the most Gerrymandered districts in the State.	<b>Community 1:</b> Farmington and Farmington Hills should be together in the same congressional district. Farmington Hills is currently in one of the most gerrymandered districts in the State of MI and the Country. Our State senator and State congress person represent both Farmington and Farmington Hills. Our Federal representation should be this way, too.
c1804 (32427)	<b>Farmington/Farmington Hills:</b> 2 cities that share a school system, libraries, and many other city services	<b>Farmington/Farmington Hills:</b> 2 cities that share a school system, libraries, and many other city services
c1839-4 (32521)	<b>Scott's NW Metro Community:</b> My submission is based off of common boundaries by city/village/township in the NW section of the Metro Detroit area.	<b>Community 4:</b> Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield
c1839-8 (32521)	<b>Scott's NW Metro Community:</b> My submission is based off of common boundaries by city/village/township in the NW section of the Metro Detroit area.	<b>Community 8:</b> Livonia
c1990-2 (33078)	<b>Wayne County - Together not Disjointed:</b> Michigan Avenue (route 12) – I am within walking distance of this main shopping and ethnic restaurant corridor. It runs through the diverse communities of Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, and Westland. Dearborn is especially diverse because it holds one of the largest Arab populations in the US. ' City of Dearborn Recreation and Performing Art Center contains a fitness center, and pool which my family utilizes. I purchase an annual membership to The Henry Ford in Dearborn because I have 9 grandchildren that love to go to the museum, village, and other activities. Edward Hines Park is a 19 mile continuous park which connects Dearborn to Northville. It is used by the residents of Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Westland and many others. Residents enjoy the picnic areas, walking trails, soccer fields, children playgrounds and the annual Christmas Light Festival displayed along the Edward Hines Drive. This road is also used by area residents because it is a shortcut and very pretty road to drive. Currently Wayne County's districts look like an elongated puzzle. Three of the 4 districts go into three counties which can be up to 40 miles from end to end. Three-fourth of one district is in another county. Since other counties do not have our similar interest, it would be helpful to keep our districts within the boundaries of Wayne County. Also, residents tend to frequent a small radius surrounding their neighborhood, it would be helpful to keep the districts in blocks. These are the communities of interest that I feel should be grouped together.	<b>North central Wayne Co.</b>



c1917  
(33107)

**Eugene Greenstein Farmington Area of Int:** I live in Farmington Hills at 14 and Middlebelt a stones throw from West Bloomfield. Our school district also extends into West Bloomfield . Farmington and Farmington Hills are a community of interest that is important to me as we share a common School District, Libraries and other services. Downtown Farmington is in effect the Downtown of Farmington Hills. We should be a contiguous unit when it comes to State and National representation as our issues are the same and we also share civic organizations such as the Farmington Musicale, Farmington Community Arts Council and Farmington Historical Society which my wife has been very active in. Being close to West Bloomfield and Franklin Village and having relationships with people and businesses in those areas makes them from my perspective part of my community of interest. Today's situation when it comes to congressional representation is problematic as we have little in common with the Gross Points and Detroit while we are split from those we have common interests as is most obvious when it comes to Farmington/Farmington Hills.

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c1949  
(33528)

**Northwest Metro Area Community TRC.**

**1950s NW Ring Suburbs:** Heavily settled by WW II and Korean veterans and the cradle of baby boomers from the 1940s through 1970s. Solid Middle and upper middle class families in automotive related companies or educators and small business owners. Related by common experiences within this geography, cultural and religious affiliations.

c2024  
(34378)

**Linda Levy's Map:** Farmington Hills and Farmington share strong historical, cultural, recreational and civic ties. The commonality is recognized by how local community centers, libraries and school systems define themselves and share resources. Even local news sources, print and online, recognize the affinity of these communities in their area of reporting.

**Farmington Hills/Farmington:** COI sharing historical and cultural connections, and shared resources such as our district library, school system, and community and activity centers.

c2327-1  
(35613)

The municipal areas of Redford Township, Livonia, Northville and Northville Township share major shopping and commercial corridors of 7 mile, I 96 and Plymouth Roads. My family travels easily between these municipalities when shopping, for personal medical care and veterinary services, libraries, farmers markets, festivals, and in seeking a variety of other services. Given the proximity of the communities, Fire and Police share in runs and in fighting fires. Significant social services including The Senior Alliance Area Agency on Aging and Community Mental Health providers Hegira and Lincoln Behavioral serve these communities. This is a compact area that respects municipal boundaries. Adding the Westland section of Livonia's Public School District and The Crestview School District area of Dearborn Heights would bring the population total close to that required for a state Senate District.

**Redford Twp.-Livonia-Northville Corridor:** An area encompassing the Western Wayne County communities of Redford Twp., Livonia, Northville and Northville Township. These communities combined at least approach the population requirements to form a compact state Senate District. Seven Mile, I-96 and Plymouth Roads are major shopping and commercial corridors for this area. These communities are within the service area of The Senior Alliance Area Agency on Aging as well as within the service areas of Community Mental Health Agencies Hegira Behavioral and Lincoln Behavioral Services. Police and Fire Departments cross easily cooperate given the proximity of these communities. Municipal and School District boundaries are respected. Incorporating the Crestwood School District are of Dearborn Heights and the section of Westland that is part of the Livonia School District would bring the population very close to that required for a state Senate District.



p837  
(24920)

**Caribbean Community of Interest Detroit:** This is a community of interest map submission created to demonstrate the exact precincts it contains Good Afternoon, • My name is Sophia Chue. I am the Executive Director of the Caribbean Community Service Center in Detroit. • CCSC's mission is the SEA, to support, empower and advocate for Caribbean nationals who are here in the Americas, as well as those who are new arrivals. • The Caribbean community has been here in Detroit since the late 1800s. We have provided leadership in the African American and Detroit communities since our first arrival. • Today I am asking you to recognize the Caribbean Community as a Community of Interest in the redistricting effort. According to census figures estimate that there are 12,393 West Indian Immigrants of First Ancestry who live in the tri-county area. This number does not include second, third and other Caribbean descendants, and It's the latest number available. Last year's Census did not track Caribbean identity. We, as Caribbean people, are dispersed throughout the region and the state, but concentrations of Caribbean population can be found in Northwest Detroit. We are providing you with a map that defines these areas for you. • One of the main areas in which our voice must be heard is in the area of education. Caribbean Nationals who migrate here often do not have the resources and information available to them to adequately navigate the education system. • I know this first and, because I made that journey to America from Jamaica when I was 16 years old. I arrived here with skills and knowledge from one of Kingston's finest schools. However, these skills were not recognized here. I was not screened or tested or placed in appropriate academic circumstances, and quite frankly I wasted time in classes which taught things I already knew. Neither me nor my father had the ability to negotiate an education system that did not u...

p1613  
(30794)

**Livonia and State House District 19:** Currently, House District 19 is comprised of all of the City of Livonia less three precincts: 35A, 35B, 35C. These three precincts are on the southern edge of the city but a contiguous part of the city to the east and west. Please consider consolidating District 19 as all of the City of Livonia as we are a community of shared interests and it is unfair to the City and to the residents of these precincts that they were carved out into another House District. Historically, the City of Livonia, with a population of about 94,000, has voted more conservatively. The three districts carved out of District 19 have voted more liberally. I am asking that all of the City of Livonia be kept as one House District as the population is only about 4% over the standard 90,000 population for a State House District.

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## Supporting Data for Cluster A15

Portal Link (District)	Overall Submission Information	Individual Area Information
c876 (25089)	<p><b>W. Bloomfield - A Community of Interest:</b> I greatly appreciate the task the Independent Redistricting Commission is conducting and the bi-partisan manner in which the members are cooperating. I also thank each of you for your service. I would like to share my input on our "community of interest." The communities of West Bloomfield Township, Keego Harbor, the City of Orchard Lake Village, and Sylvan Lake have a shared history as well as a strong current connection. The communities exist in what was once a united parcel of land and continue to exist as part of a greater region that shares amenities and resources such as the West Bloomfield Fire Department, 911 Dispatch service, the Greater West Bloomfield Cable Commission, and the Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society. The 4 communities also share common resources in the West Bloomfield Public Library and WB Parks, the Greater West Bloomfield parks and recreation commission. The communities participate together in a Household Hazardous Waste Day event. Many of our local organizations serve the entire original region. I hope you will keep these attributes in mind as you assess and define the West Bloomfield area district(s). Thank you again for your time and consideration.</p>	<p><b>Greater West Bloomfield:</b> This area includes the original West Bloomfield Township and the communities which have since become independent incorporated entities; however, they still maintain many common and shared resources. The communities of West Bloomfield Township, Keego Harbor, the City of Orchard Lake Village, and Sylvan Lake have a shared history as well as a continued close connection. The communities exist in what was once a united parcel of land and continue to exist as part of a greater region that shares amenities and resources, such as the West Bloomfield Fire Department, 911 Dispatch service, the Greater West Bloomfield Cable Commission, and the Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society. The 4 communities also share common resources with the West Bloomfield Public Library and WB Parks, the greater West Bloomfield parks and recreation commission. The communities participate together in a Household Hazardous Waste Day event. Many of our local organizations serve the entire original region. I hope you will keep these attributes in mind as you assess and define the West Bloomfield area district(s). Thank you again for your time and consideration.</p>
c1595 (30721)	<p><b>Water brings us together:</b> Water is a profoundly important resource, not just in Michigan but for all live on planet Earth. Communities brought together to preserve and enjoy a particular watershed have great motivation to work together for common goals</p>	<p><b>Huron River Headwaters:</b> The area of lakes and streams that feed into the headwaters of the Huron River</p>
c1697 (31259)	<p><b>White Lake redistricting:</b> I believe this makes more sense for diversity.</p>	<p><b>Community 1:</b> The voting districts changed for this community shortly after we moved here. I believe it was political. If you look at the state senate boundaries we are cut out to be with Milford a highly Republican area.</p>
c1710 (31354)	<p><b>New district.</b></p>	<p><b>Community 1:</b> Milford Township, Milford Village and highland township. Oakland county MI</p>
c1839-2 (32521)	<p><b>Scott's NW Metro Community:</b> My submission is based off of common boundaries by city/village/township in the NW section of the Metro Detroit area.</p>	<p><b>Community 2:</b> Commerce, Milford, Walled Lake Wolverine Lake</p>
p1772 (32009)	<p><b>West Bloomfield State House seat:</b> This district includes the West Bloomfield District plus a very small portion of Farmington in order to reach the preferred 88k population. This district is compact, very close knit within the community, and has a very strong balance in partisan fairness. Many communities all across the state have done a great job elaborating on their communities of interest. I have done so myself during my public comment at the Novi hearing in the spring, but now we must look to the broader implications of the maps as they fit together as a whole. There are certain communities within the state of Michigan, that due to their own unique cultures skew heavily to one partisan side or another. These imbalances are not perfect however, and when considering the overall composition of the electoral maps going forward their uneven weight should be mitigated where possible. The main reason why the people of Michigan voted for and demanded that this commission took the reigns of this process is to ensure that no one party had a disproportionate advantage in any given election. If 55% of the population of the state votes for one party, that party should hold roughly 55% of the seats in the house. If in the next election that party only wins 45% of the votes, their seat count should subsequently fall to 45% of the seats. For the last several cycles, the percentage of seats awarded in the Michigan House and Senate have been vastly different than the number of votes cast. To the best of its ability the commission must seek to eliminate these inefficiencies, while considering the many communities of interest the people of Michigan have provided to the commission. Thank you for your time and work.</p>	





## Supporting Data for Cluster A16

Portal Link (District)	Overall Submission Information	Individual Area Information
c61 (18202)	<p><b>NoVille - county line crossed COI:</b> This community covers the former township of Plymouth, which now contains the communities of Plymouth Twp, Plymouth City, Northville Twp and Northville City. Northville City and the school district CROSS a county line. This COI should remain together, and not be split at "base line" which is 8 mile road between Wayne and Oakland Counties. Keep these communities together that have many shared services such as fire, parks and rec, school district, watershed, and more.</p>	<p><b>No-Ville and Plymouth:</b> The Northville Novi Community that crosses a major county line but is a single community. Northville City is in Oakland and Wayne. These NEED to be kept together. This is the original 6x6 mile Plymouth Twp plus some Northville City area to the north. This is a SINGLE COMMUNITY.</p>
c525 (22956)	<p><b>Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti+ Community:</b> As a decades-long resident of Ann Arbor, these are the communities most inter-connected with the city, itself, and this community of interest should be preserved. Public transportation like "The Ride" runs various lines in an interconnected fashion between Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti. "The Ride" also has a route to Romulus and DTW. Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti are inseparable communities as the area around Washtenaw Avenue features an indistinguishable border between the two similar communities. Numerous groups like the regional Chamber of Commerce define districts with these two at the center. Not to mention the similarities between having two major D1 Universities: UM and EMU. Saline, Dexter, Plymouth, Scio Township, Pittsfield Township, and Superior Township are very reliant on the city of Ann Arbor-Ypsi and work as suburbs to the bigger metropolitan city. Property values, school systems, and the like mirror each other. This community of interest also contains valued ethnic communities like the Asian-American and Black communities amongst others. While Brighton has its own cultural identity beyond the metro center of Ann Arbor-Ypsi, many factors still connect the two areas, possibly the most important being the natural environment. The Huron Valley Watershed contains both areas and creates areas like Whitmore Lake in between which is used for recreation for many in both places. I'm also of the belief for those passionate about the environment, it makes sense to take in mind watersheds as representatives will be more attentive to needs in this case. Having lived in Ann Arbor for decades, this map resembles the GPS my phone would show. Whether it has been work, my children's schools, outdoor recreation, sporting events, shopping, transportation, or anything else, ultimately, this is an indivisible community that adjoins all aspects of life. Currently, this sensible community is split amongst many congressional d...</p>	<p><b>Ann Arbor-Ypsi + Community:</b> As a decades-long resident of Ann Arbor, these are the communities most inter-connected with the city, itself, and this community of interest should be preserved. Public transportation like "The Ride" runs various lines in an interconnected fashion between Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti. "The Ride" also has a route to Romulus and DTW. Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti are inseparable communities as the area around Washtenaw Avenue features an indistinguishable border between the two similar communities. Numerous groups like the regional Chamber of Commerce define districts with these two at the center. Not to mention the similarities between having two major D1 Universities: UM and EMU. Saline, Dexter, Plymouth, Scio Township, Pittsfield Township, and Superior Township are very reliant on the city of Ann Arbor-Ypsi and work as suburbs to the bigger metropolitan city. Property values, school systems, and the like mirror each other. This community of interest also contains valued ethnic communities like the Asian-American and Black communities amongst others. While Brighton has its own cultural identity beyond the metro center of Ann Arbor-Ypsi, many factors still connect the two areas, possibly the most important being the natural environment. The Huron Valley Watershed contains both areas and creates areas like Whitmore Lake in between which is used for recreation for many in both places. I'm also of the belief for those passionate about the environment, it makes sense to take in mind watersheds as representatives will be more attentive to needs in this case. Having lived in Ann Arbor for decades, this map resembles the GPS my phone would show. Whether it has been work, my children's schools, outdoor recreation, sporting events, shopping, transportation, or anything else, ultimately, this is an indivisible community that adjoins all aspects of life. Currently, this sensible community is split amongst many congressional distr...</p>



c1084 (26437)	<b>Voting District Map:</b> The Salem of Township is a unique rural/farming community in the Ann-Arbor/Detroit Metro area. Our environment is so different from the residents of the surrounding large cities. Our township should be kept intact as a voting district and if needed should be combined with similar neighboring rural/farming townships such as Northfield, Webster, Dexter, Sylvan, Sharon, and Green Oaks	<b>Salem Township:</b> The voters of Salem Township
c1235 (26977)	<b>Community of Interest of A2 area:</b> these communities are all inextricably linked and need to be together.	<b>Community 1:</b> these communities are all inextricably linked and need to be together
c1543-2 (29587)	<b>Community of Interest map:</b> The community of interest focus is on shared experiences in western Wayne county with school districts, infrastructure such as roads/bridges, parks, community college, retail and local employers and the need for better transit in this area.	<b>Community 2:</b> Shared main roads, community college, retail, employers and other resources also in western Wayne county.
c1606 (30722)	<b>New 7th district:</b> A lot of people live in Jackson and work in Ann Arbor, or vice versa. This would also make a more competitive district .	<b>New 7th district:</b> This will combine Jackson and Washtenaw counties in a new 7th district.
c1607 (30776)	<b>Patrick Laguna Community of Interest:</b> As requested. Thank you.	<b>Community 1.</b>
c1614 (30805)	<b>Pittsfield Township:</b> We are surrounded by resources from healthcare to education to programs and activity for all age groups. We have public safety and historical treasures and cultural treasures among an diverse and international population. We are Washtenaw County which is split by East and West. However, we rural and urban but we seek to be whole and receive the fullness of Federal dollars to support both our urban and rural treasures.	<b>Pittsfield Twp 3:</b> We are surrounded by resources from healthcare to education to programs and activity for all age groups. We have public safety and historical treasures and cultural treasures among an diverse and international population. We are Washtenaw County which is split by East and West. However, we rural and urban but we seek to be whole and receive the fullness of Federal dollars to support both our urban and rural treasures.
c1655 (31137)	<b>Jim's Ann Arbor / Ypsilanti Plan:</b> Ann Arbor / Ypsilanti is an island of urban and university liberalism sitting in an otherwise conservative rural area of southeast Michigan. It's political influence has been minimized by slicing and dicing it so there is one heavily democratic US District extending all the way to Detroit and Lake Erie (!) while the rest of the districts have been diluted with large rural areas calculated to provide just enough Republican votes to tilt the districts Republican. People living in Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti and surrounding suburbs have common interests and should get a political voice proportional to their population. Now they do not. The same thing is happening in Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo.	<b>Community 1:</b> Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, and surrounding suburbs. This area has been sliced and diced by gerrymandering to minimize the influence of all the urban, city, university people living there by diluting with large rural sections of Michigan.
c1659 (31149)	<b>UM/Ann-Arbor COI:</b> The Ann Arbor & U-M COI includes a community of people that depend on Ann Arbor and University of Michigan for Employment, Health Care, and Recreation. This COI shares educational attainment interests, employment interests, and economic interests related to U-M and the state of Michigan.	<b>U-M/Ann Arbor:</b> Members of Ann Arbor and surrounding community that depend on Ann Arbor and the University of Michigan for Health Care, Employment and recreation. I am currently stuck in a gerrymandered district that makes no sense from a COI perspective, and I am not attached to my community of interest.
c1839-1 (32521)	<b>Scott's NW Metro Community:</b> My submission is based off of common boundaries by city/village/township in the NW section of the Metro Detroit area.	<b>Community 1:</b> Novi, Northville, Plymouth
c1839-6 (32521)	<b>Scott's NW Metro Community:</b> My submission is based off of common boundaries by city/village/township in the NW section of the Metro Detroit area.	<b>Community 6:</b> New Hudson, South Lyon
c1835 (32522)	<b>Chelsea/Dexter/Ann Arbor/Ypsi Community:</b> We have lived in this community for 45 years. It is unique in that it has a combination of rural interest as well as a technological orientation. It is an innovative community with the University's providing the fuel.	<b>Community 1.</b>
c1889 (32888)	<b>Moderation is the best policy:</b> This will be a decent swing / moderate area who cares about nature and education	<b>West Ann Arbor and Surrounding:</b> Education-minded with appreciation of the outdoors and moderate political leanings regarding size of state
c1891-1 (32909)	<b>Lansing &amp; Ann Arbor area districts:</b> Having lived for many years only in two different Michigan communities, I'm offering my input on the boundaries around the greater Lansing area, and the greater Ann Arbor area. While a resident of these places, these are the bounds of my mental map that always felt as though they were in the social and economic "gravity" of their respective largest cities.	<b>Metro Ann Arbor:</b> Having lived in Ann Arbor for many years, this is the community that, in my experience, residents perceive as the area with Ann Arbor as it's geographic/cultural center. Many people within these bounds work in and commute to Ann Arbor. Outside this area, to the East, and it feels much more like Detroit <sup>4</sup> suburbs; to the West like Jackson; North like Flint; NW like Lansing, etc.



c1984  
(33855)

**Ann Arbor Surrounding Area Community:** This community is diverse in race, education and income. It reflects the make-up of the state of Michigan and provides an opportunity for all voices to be heard and counted.

c1994-1  
(34002)

**Headwaters & Contiguous Natural Areas:** Jackson County serves as headwater for three major watersheds as well as the only large contiguous natural areas provided by the Pinckney-Waterloo State Park system and viable farmlands. Protecting and preserving these natural areas reduce flooding events downstream, recharge groundwater systems, provides varied habitats, and off-set carbon emissions.

c2193  
(35147)

**Ann Arbor Community:** I have lived in Ann Arbor for 10 years and think that this map captures the greater Ann Arbor area. I have always been confused why Ann Arbor and Dearborn were in a district together because we have little in common beyond both having a UMich campus. I have spent much time in Ann Arbor associating with folks who lived in Ann Arbor, Ypsi, Pittsfield, Belleville, Scio Township, and Chelsea. There seems to be a lot of cultural exchange between these places all revolving around the University of Michignan, U-M Hospital, and city of Ann Arbor. The health of Ann Arbor also supports the health of Ypsilanti, Pittsfield, Scio, Belleville, Dexter, and Chelsea. Once you get beyond Belleville proper, ties start to shift toward the Detroit metro area. North of Ann Arbor you start to get into the Brighton-Howell corridor. West of Ann Arbor you get into an area that seems more defined by the links between Jackson and the surrounding areas of Hillsdale, Adrian, and Clinton. I would argue that Saline exists closer to this realm of influence than Ann Arbor, though Saline may be included in the Ann Arbor sphere of influence. East of Belleville, Haggerty Road to me is Detroit metro. Romulus is definitely Detroit metro and not in the Ann Arbor sphere of influence. I worked in Southwest Detroit for years and there was so much more crossover between Romulus and Detroit than I saw between Romulus and Ann Arbor. Milan does not really feel like it's in the Ann Arbor sphere of influence; I see Milan more in relationship with Tecumseh / Adrian. Happy to talk more about my map drawing - all of this is up for debate, I just wanted to add my perspective as a 10-year resident of Ann Arbor and lifelong Michigander.

**Ann Arbor / Saline / Ypsi Community:** Community that is diverse in race, education and income.

**Community 1 Jackson County:** Jackson County serves as headwater for three major watersheds as well as the only large contiguous natural areas provided by the Pinckney-Waterloo State Park system and viable farmlands. Protecting and preserving these natural areas reduce flooding events downstream, recharge groundwater systems, provides varied habitats, and off-set carbon emissions.

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- c2318-3  
(35586) As a lifelong resident of rural southern Michigan, border counties, I do not want my representation to be taken away from me by lumping me in with Washtenaw and Western Wayne county. These should be separate. Thank you. **Community 3.**
- c1778  
(32153) **My community:** These are the areas I interact with most in my daily life. I live in Novi and work in the Livingston ESA.
- p223  
(19760) **Congressional district Washtnaw/Livingst.**
- p1393  
(27569) **Mason's Ann Arbor Plan:** Ann Arbor should be redistricted with the West Bloomfield and Farmington Hills parts of Oakland County. This would make the most sense, as the two areas share similar economic and cultural values.
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## Supporting Data for Cluster A17

Portal Link (District)	Overall Submission Information	Individual Area Information
c352 (21392)	<b>Audrey Anderson trees, parks, diverse:</b> My community is Pittsfield Twp, it has Ann Arbor Schools and Ypsilanti postal address. My community is diverse and we are in eastern Washtenaw county.	<b>Pittsfield Township:</b> We have Ann Arbor schools and ypsilanti mailing address. We are a community with lots of diversity in the population. We have great access to I-94 and US 23. We have retail, grocery, business, Universities in both Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti.
c1097 (26458)	<b>Looked over and Forgotten (District 3):</b> District 3 is where i have been living for over 34 years and I am very concern about the conditions of my community and the welfare of my people.	<b>Community 1:</b> District 3 is a community that has been looked over and forgotten for years where I live on 7 mile and Hoover. There is heavy traffic. low income families and there is so much blight and vacant buildings and lots Housing is very limited and there is none or very few groceries store we can shop at we need all the necessary necessities to survive in our District.
c1831 (32497)	<b>KB County COI.</b>	<b>Community 1.</b>
c1855-1 (32672)	<b>Equity for Michiganders:</b> These areas represent the division of the state of Michigan in a way that allows for true representation of its citizens. Elections are being decided by the vote in Detroit, which doesn't usually correspond to how the rest of the state votes. By isolating the heavily populated Detroit area from the relatively less populated remainder of the state, those in West Michigan and other areas will consolidate their vote to counter Detroit.	<b>Detroit Area:</b> Urban centric concerns
c2386-1 (34550)	This map visualizes the African immigrant communities in Michigan, with a majority concentration in Southeast Michigan and on the west side. These communities all have shared values and common religious and cultural practices/values sacred to them. This means the children may attend the same schools and the same churches and mosques even outside of their city. For example, people in Southfield often travel to Detroit to attend the community mosques, or one may live in Southfield but works in Detroit or owns a store in Detroit. As an underserved and underrepresented community, it is crucial to keep them in their respective districts during this process. Changing that structure will damage a community that is still fighting to be seen and heard.	<b>African Immigrant population:</b> This map visualizes the African immigrant communities in Michigan, with a majority concentration in Southeast Michigan and on the west side. These communities all have shared values and common religious and cultural practices/values sacred to them. This means the children may attend the same schools and the same churches and mosques even outside of their city. For example, people in Southfield often travel to Detroit to attend the community mosques, or one may live in Southfield but works in Detroit or owns a store in Detroit. As an underserved and underrepresented community, it is crucial to keep them in their respective districts during this process. Changing that structure will damage a community that is still fighting to be seen and heard.



c2065-1  
(34882)

**Improving Regions:** I have mapped two communities of interest. One is Washtenaw and Wayne county, the other is the border counties and Jackson county. These two communities have little in common, and should not in any way be combined in representation. For example, the commission decided to lump Washtenaw County and Monroe county together in a regional plan. While these regions are starting points and were determined previously by bureaucrats in DC, as a lifelong Michigander who is familiar with the areas and unique definition of these communities, here are some thoughts to clean these regions up for district drawings. Washtenaw County is much more connected to Wayne county. For example, the University of Michigan has a campus in Ann Arbor (Washtenaw) and Dearborn extension (Wayne). Additionally, with Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, the Ann Arbor-Ypsi connection should not be separated - especially in federal representation since the universities in this area deserve a representative focused on higher education and urban challenges. Washtenaw County and Wayne county have technology startups and large company offices. This urban area should not have to be represented by someone who is also representing large swaths of urban Michigan. Please consider these differences, and do not combine these two distinctively separate communities in a congressional seat. The rural community I mapped is much more agriculturally based. I lived in one of the rural counties mapped before and now live in one of the urban counties. I can personally attest that these communities have much less in common than some comments try to portray.

**Urban Areas:** Urban infrastructure, higher average median income, dense population.

c2317-2  
(35584)

Washtenaw and Wayne counties are vastly different than counties like Jackson, Branch, Hillsdale and Berrien.

**Community 2.**

c2321-2  
(35588)

As someone who grew up and raised a family in rural Michigan, and now living in urban Michigan, I can say firsthand that these are two distinctively different communities, and therefore should not be stuck together in representation. They have different values, lifestyles, family structures, etc. They have different income levels, paces of life, and economies. Any attempt to combine these two communities are absolutely partisan in nature and I would strongly oppose these movements.

**Community 2.**

c2392-2  
(35925)

As someone who goes to college in one of the communities of interest, and spend my summer months in the rural community, I can attest to the differences between these two areas. The Chi ties of Washtenaw and parts of Wayne are much more affluent, have different infrastructure needs, and have public universities. The rural parts are much more agricultural, smaller communities, etc. These two communities should not be connected in representation.

**Community 2.**



## Supporting Data for Cluster A18

Portal Link (District)	Overall Submission Information	Individual Area Information
c38 (17124)	<b>Dearborn Cultural District:</b> Cultural venues in Dearborn. Important that they be combined in some way for financial support (grants, direct subsidies) for the institutions.	<b>Community 1.</b>
c39 (17128)	<b>Dearborn neighborhoods near Ford Field:</b> Area includes residents west of Brady, north of Michigan Ave., east of Outer Drive who count Ford Field as their local park. They have a common interest in working together to maintain and improve the park.	<b>Dearborn Ford Field Neighbors:</b> Neighborhoods using Ford Field, north of Michigan Rd.
c1510 (29333)	<b>Arab &amp; Middle Eastern/North African COI:</b> The Arab or Middle Eastern/North African (MENA) Community As the leading Arab American community-based organization, ACCESS (ARAB COMMUNITY CENTER FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SERVICES) has worked for 50 years as a service provider. The agency services 70,000 individuals from disenfranchised communities—primarily those representing the Arab American community—on an annual basis. This on-the-ground experience has allowed for a comprehensive understanding of the needs and challenges facing this critically underrepresented community. The Arab American community that ACCESS serves most directly, in metropolitan Detroit, is one of the largest and most concentrated in the nation. But the community is also unique in its diversity, successes, and challenges. In metropolitan Detroit, we have many people with Lebanese, Iraqi, Yemeni, Syrian, Palestinian, and Egyptian ancestry. There are also smaller communities of people from Sudan, Morocco, and Algeria. The community is one of the oldest Arab American communities, with roots back to the 1890s, and receives more Arabic-speaking refugees and immigrants than almost any other metro area in the country. The U.S. Census counts people who hold Arab ancestry or other Middle Eastern or North African (MENA) origins within the "White" racial category. The truth is, Arab/MENA Americans have distinct issues, and experiences and national-level data on Arab/MENA Americans obscure regional variations, such as disadvantaged communities in the Metro Detroit area. Nationally, among Arabs living in the U.S., 75% live in multigenerational households, and 78% are U.S Citizens (Native-born & Naturalized). The Arab/MENA community, though lumped into the White racial category by the U.S. Census (following guidelines from the federal Office of Management and Budget), is quite distinct from the White population. The diverse Arab/MENA populations may trace their ancestry to different countries, spe...	<b>COI Arab and/or MENA Ancestry.</b>



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c1745 (31585)	<b>Northwest Dearborn neighborhood map.</b>	<b>Northwest Dearborn:</b> What they have in common: brick houses, all of the kids went to Bryant Middle School. Michigan Avenue and Ford Road are major dividers (big roads that are tough to cross). The Ford Estate and Rouge River are a natural barrier to the east.
c1829 (32496)	<b>Dearborn/Dearborn Heights/Allen Park.</b>	<b>Community 1:</b> A mixture of black/white/hispanic/muslim - recent immigrants and less recent immigrants. High Muslim population.
c1861 (32710)	<b>Dearborn-Dearborn Heights:</b> Keep Dearborn and Dearborn Heights together.	<b>Community 1:</b> Dearborn-Dearborn Heights - Keep together at least congressionally and if possible state
c1868 (32735)	<b>Keep all of Dearborn in one state house:</b> Keep all of Dearborn in one state house district	<b>Community 1:</b> Dearborn - keep all of Dearborn in one state house district
c1959 (33595)	<b>Allen Park, MI:</b> City of Allen Park, MI; such 'small communities' should be entirely within 1 district & should be the COI.	<b>Allen Park, MI (BAG):</b> City of Allen Park, MI
p553 (23331)	<b>Roslyn's Detroit State House 9 Map Plan:</b> My plan was based on the current line already in existent but expanding to ensure complete blocks and community stay connected not separated due to political agenda.	
p1972 (31394)	<b>District 7 We Care Community (Hartwell):</b> This is a Community of Interest map submitted in district format to show the exact precincts involved in our community. Detroit's City Council District 7 is made up of We Care, Barton Mcfarland, Joy-Schafer, Plymouth Hubbell Neighborhoods. This once strong community has seen several schools close over the years. Even with more blight than many areas of Detroit and with higher taxes than almost all other areas of Michigan, 50% of District 7 residents are homeowners. Homeowners who know that Detroit's brightest days are yet to come. They are invested in their community and deserve representation that allows them to stick together and vote together.	

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## Supporting Data for Cluster A19

Portal Link (District)	Overall Submission Information	Individual Area Information
c208-2 (19624)	<b>Monroe as a suburb of Detroit:</b> Monroe is more of a bedroom community of Detroit than it is a rural countryside.	<b>The greater Monroe municipal area:</b> The name's tongue-in-cheek but I'm serious about being culturally closer to Wayne County than any of the largely rural counties to the West.
c752-1 (24354)	<b>Downriver Community of Interest:</b> This is the area I live in. I live in Melvindale (one of the 18 Core Downriver communities). "Downriverites" have a great deal in common, and our area is a prime example of a community of interest. But Downriver has been split across multiple congressional districts for decades. Core Downriver has about half the population required for a congressional district, so I have also indicated "Greater Downriver", the nearby areas that have a lot in common with Core Downriver. Many of the people here identify as Downriverites, so for population purposes, these areas would be the best fit to be in the same congressional district as Downriver. After decades of being split, I really hope that we all get to vote together in the same congressional district.	<b>Core Downriver:</b> These are the 18 core Downriver communities, which have a lot in common with one another. But for decades, these communities have never been in the same congressional district.
c752-2 (24354)	<b>Downriver Community of Interest:</b> This is the area I live in. I live in Melvindale (one of the 18 Core Downriver communities). "Downriverites" have a great deal in common, and our area is a prime example of a community of interest. But Downriver has been split across multiple congressional districts for decades. Core Downriver has about half the population required for a congressional district, so I have also indicated "Greater Downriver", the nearby areas that have a lot in common with Core Downriver. Many of the people here identify as Downriverites, so for population purposes, these areas would be the best fit to be in the same congressional district as Downriver. After decades of being split, I really hope that we all get to vote together in the same congressional district.	<b>Greater Downriver:</b> These nearby areas are sometimes considered to be part of Downriver, and a lot of the people here even identify as "Downriverites". So these areas should be added to the same congressional district as the core Downriver communities, to make the district's population even.
c1076 (26380)	<b>Metro Detroit—Western Suburbs COI:</b> I have lived in the western suburbs for more than 50 years. I grew up in Westland and attended Wayne-Westland schools, including Wayne Memorial High School in Wayne. I now live in Livonia, and my son attended Livonia public schools for his entire K-12 education. I also lived in Plymouth for a short time. I believe that K12 school districts, especially in the Detroit Metro area, should play a large part in creating communities of interest. Therefore, my map encompasses the Wayne-Westland school district, which now includes parts of Wayne, Westland, and Inkster; it also includes the Livonia district, which includes parts of Westland, and the Plymouth-Canton district, among others. Beyond school districts, there is some commonality (e.g., average income, age of houses and infrastructure, home value, educational attainment, etc.) among inner ring/older suburbs like Redford, Livonia, and Dearborn as well as long-established western communities like Plymouth, Northville, and Farmington, which are a popular destinations for those living in the western suburbs. Hines Park, which runs through communities such as Dearborn, Westland, Livonia, Plymouth, and Northville, is also a popular gathering place and point of reference. Other important and familiar institutions include Schoolcraft Community College and Madonna University (both in Livonia), Greenfield Village/The Henry Ford and University of Michigan-Dearborn (both in Dearborn), Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, and more. Expressways such as I-96, I-275, and parts of M-14 also tie the community together, as do Plymouth Road, Ford Road, Michigan Avenue, Schoolcraft, and the mile roads of 5 Mile up to about 13 Mile. I am a bit less familiar with the southern areas, and some northern areas, of my map so some tweaking may be needed, especially when it comes to school district vs. municipality, but overall I think the map and the above details represent the Western Suburbs communit...	<b>Community 1.</b>



c1537  
(29551)

**Addition to Submission on Downriver:** I previously submitted this comment. I live on Grosse Ile which is part of an area of Southeast Michigan often referred to as "downriver." As a community of interest, downriver has traditionally shared not only recreation, schools, churches, and community events but also police and emergency support through the Downriver Mutual Aid agreement that pairs local police, SWAT, hazardous spill responses and other emergency services among communities for over 40 years. We share the waterfront and access to boating, kayaking, local rowing teams and share concerns about the development of the waterfront as well (specifically the development of the former McLouth Steel toxic/polluted site which is currently being cleaned up but who's future may bring more undesirable heavy industry to the area.) When companies wanted to store giant piles of Pet Coke which was dangerous to all who lived nearby, communities worked together to oppose it. The communities commonly referred to as downriver are attached in an upload here on a map and are Allen Park Brownstown Township Ecorse Flat Rock Gibraltar Grosse Ile Township Huron Charter Township New Boston Waltz Willow Lincoln Park Melvindale River Rouge Riverview Rockwood Romulus Southgate Taylor Trenton Woodhaven Wyandotte Geographic proximity are a given as evidenced by the attached map but the history of community support and shared interests and concerns also makes us a community of interest. We dine, work and travel between our local communities on a daily basis. My husband and I personally live on Grosse Ile, own a business in Lincoln Park, a rental home in Wyandotte and dine in 6 or 7 of the local communities on a regular basis. What happens in one community directly affects another. The "free" county bridge that allows access to Grosse Ile near Trenton has been closed for over a year for repairs which has hurt businesses big and small in Trenton and on Grosse ...

**Downriver Community of Interest:** Allen Park Brownstown Township Ecorse Flat Rock Gibraltar Grosse Ile Township Huron Charter Township New Boston Lincoln Park Melvindale River Rouge Riverview Rockwood Romulus Southgate Taylor Trenton Woodhaven Wyandotte

c1560  
(29684)

**Downriver Community - Keep Together:** Hi, my name is Brian Kelly. I have been a resident of Wyandotte, Michigan, going on 19 years. I moved here from Ohio in 2002 to work for the EPA as an emergency responder doing chemical and oil spill cleanup. I worked on the Enbridge Pipeline Spill, Flint Drinking Water Response, and cleaned up environmental hazards in every part of Michigan. I would have attended a live meeting of the Commission, but I am working in the UP cleaning up hazardous chemicals this summer. I love Michigan. I met my wife here and have set up my life here. I am involved with my city government and am a member of the planning commission. Other groups I am involved with are Friends of the Detroit River, Knights of Columbus, Southwest Detroit Environmental Vision, and I am a union steward for the American Federation of Government Employees. First, thank you, for working to bring the best representation to Michiganders. I signed the petition to get the Commission on the ballot and worked to get it passed. Wyandotte is one of the 18 Downriver Communities. The area shares common infrastructure needs, labor force, industries, and greenway connections. Already in place are many joint boards like the Downriver Community Conference. It makes sense Downriver stays together, and I ask that you keep us together.

**Community 1.**

c1641  
(31050)

**A2-Ypsi + Plymouth canton + upper downri:** Having grown up downriver and spent much time in the AA-Ypsilanti-Plymouth/canton area, this is a common sense daily life, environmental, and economics community of interest

**Community 1.**

c1741  
(31577)

**Downriver metro Detroit:** Downriver communities, while close to Detroit, Monroe County, and the western suburbs, is not anything like them.

**Downriver:** Downriver is not Detroit, Monroe County, or the western suburbs in any way. Bundling it up with those places is gerrymandering.

c1848  
(32648)

**Downriver:** Downriver area - south of Detroit in Wayne County

**Downriver:** Downriver - south of Detroit in Wayne County

c1865  
(32730)

**Keep Downriver together:** Keep Downriver together

**Community 1:** Downriver, keep together

c1990-3  
(33078)

**Wayne County - Together not Disjointed:** Michigan Avenue (route 12) - I am within walking distance of this main shopping and ethnic restaurant corridor. It runs through the diverse communities of Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, and Westland. Dearborn is especially diverse because it holds one of the largest Arab populations in the US. City of Dearborn Recreation and Performing Art Center contains a fitness center, and pool which my family utilizes. I purchase an annual membership to The Henry Ford in Dearborn because I have 9 grandchildren that love to go to the museum, village, and other activities. Edward Hines Park is a 19 mile continuous park which connects Dearborn to Northville. It is used by the residents of Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Westland and many others. Residents enjoy the picnic areas, walking trails, soccer fields, children playgrounds and the annual Christmas Light Festival displayed along the Edward Hines Drive. This road is also used by area residents because it is a shortcut and very pretty road to drive. Currently Wayne County's districts look like an elongated puzzle. Three of the 4 districts go into three counties which can be up to 40 miles from end to end. Three-fourth of one district is in another county. Since other counties do not have our similar interest, it would be helpful to keep our districts within the boundaries of Wayne County. Also, residents tend to frequent a small radius surrounding their neighborhood, it would be helpful to keep the districts in blocks. These are the communities of interest that I feel should be grouped together.

**Southeastern Community:** this are have like community interest some of it is farm land, some neighborhoods and other spread out community



- c1990-4**  
(33078) **Wayne County - Together not Disjoined:** Michigan Avenue (route 12) – I am within walking distance of this main shopping and ethnic restaurant corridor. It runs through the diverse communities of Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, and Westland. Dearborn is especially diverse because it holds one of the largest Arab populations in the US. ‘ City of Dearborn Recreation and Performing Art Center contains a fitness center, and pool which my family utilizes. I purchase an annual membership to The Henry Ford in Dearborn because I have 9 grandchildren that love to go to the museum, village, and other activities. Edward Hines Park is a 19 mile continuous park which connects Dearborn to Northville. It is used by the residents of Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Westland and many others. Residents enjoy the picnic areas, walking trails, soccer fields, children playgrounds and the annual Christmas Light Festival displayed along the Edward Hines Drive. This road is also used by area residents because it is a shortcut and very pretty road to drive. Currently Wayne County’s districts look like an elongated puzzle. Three of the 4 districts go into three counties which can be up to 40 miles from end to end. Three-fourth of one district is in another county. Since other counties do not have our similar interest, it would be helpful to keep our districts within the boundaries of Wayne County. Also, residents tend to frequent a small radius surrounding their neighborhood, it would be helpful to keep the districts in blocks. These are the communities of interest that I feel should be grouped together.
- North Wayne County:** Edward Hines Park is a 19 mile continuous park which connects Dearborn to Northville. It is used by the residents of Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Westland and many others. Residents enjoy the picnic areas, walking trails, soccer fields, children playgrounds and the annual Christmas Light Festival displayed along the Edward Hines Drive. This road is also used by area residents because it is a shortcut and very pretty road to drive
- c2349-1**  
(35660) The black and Hispanic working-class in the airport zone has gone ignored for too long. Many work at the airports or in nearby industries but also suffer from the pollution. They deserve a majority black working-class state rep district. **Black Majority Airport Area.**
- c466**  
(22383) **Downriver:** Downriver is the unofficial name for a collection of 18 cities and townships in Wayne County, Michigan, south of Detroit, along the western shore of the Detroit River. It’s a community of interest that’s distinct in the Detroit metro area. Characterized for it’s working-class character and access to and organization around the Detroit river. Focused representation at the State House, Senate, and Congressional level is one of the best ways to make residents here feel like a part of the greater whole.
- p465**  
(22382) **A downriver Congressional District:** The benefit of the current 12th district is it connects these mostly southwestern Wayne County communities to the Detroit river, with the bulk of them making up an important community of interest, downriver. These communities are distinct, with important interests that require focused political representation, and this is a rough illustration of a Congressional district that could help do that.
- p470**  
(22415) **Downriver-Monroe County-SE MI Corner:** Downriver-Monroe County-Southeastern Michigan Corner Congressional District The proposed map for the Downriver-Monroe County-Southeastern Michigan Corner Congressional District keeps numerous important communities of interest together while building around key transportation corridors, economic development regions, natural features and educational institutions service areas. I. Highlights of the Downriver-Monroe County-Southeastern Michigan Corner Congressional District include: (1) 100% geographically contiguous with nominal deviation in linear geometry. (2) Maintains historic regional place identities such as Downriver and Monroe County with no divisions of communities. (3) Very close to the ideal population target with 764,754 registered voters (within maximum allowed population deviation of .59%). (4) Partisan balance has less than 5% variance which is highly competitive. (5) Racial balance is within approximately 3% of state-wide composition. II. Communities of interests represented by the Downriver-Monroe County-Southeastern Michigan Corner Congressional District include: (1) Governmental Boundaries: \* Wayne County (21 municipalities, about 49% of all jurisdictions in Wayne County) \* Monroe County (19 municipalities, 100% of all jurisdictions in Monroe County). (2) Geography, Places & Natural Features: \* Southeastern Michigan corner (58 communities). \* Downriver (18 municipalities, 100% of Downriver communities). \* Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge (15 municipalities, 94% of all communities). \* Detroit River (7 municipalities, 88% of all communities). \* Detroit River Trenton Channel (5 communities, 100% of all communities). \* Huron River (9 municipalities, 90% of all communities). \* Lake Erie (10 municipalities, 100% of all communities). (3) Economic Assets & Economic Development Organizations: \* Downriver Community C...



- p840  
(24924) **Caribbean Community of Interest Inkster:** This is a community of interest map submission designed to demonstrate the exact precincts it contains Good afternoon, • My name is Sophia Chue. I am the Executive Director of the Caribbean Community Service Center in Michigan. • CCSC's mission is the SEA, to support, empower and advocate for Caribbean nationals who are here in the Americas, as well as new arrivals. • The Caribbean community has been here in Michigan since the late 1800s. We have provided leadership in the African American and Inkster communities since our first arrival. • Today I am asking you to recognize the Caribbean Community as a Community of Interest in the redistricting effort. According to census figures estimate that there are 12,393 West Indian Immigrants of First Ancestry who live in the tri-county area. This number does not include second, third and other Caribbean descendants, and It's the latest number available. Last year's Census did not track Caribbean identity. We, as Caribbean people, are dispersed throughout the region and the state, but concentrations of Caribbean population can be found in the Inkster area. We are providing you with a map that defines these areas for you. • One on the main areas in which our voice must be heard is in the area of education. Caribbean Nationals who migrate here often do not have the resources and information available to them to adequately navigate the education system. • I know this firsthand, because I made that journey to America from Jamaica when I was 16 years old. I arrived here with skills and knowledge from one of Kingston's finest schools. However, these skills were not recognized here. I was not screened or tested or placed in appropriate academic circumstances, and quite frankly I wasted time in classes which taught things I already knew. Neither me nor my father had the ability to negotiate an education system that did not understand or...
- p1323  
(27180) **US Congress Dist. with Downriver & Monroe:** U.S. Senate Districts: I am very concerned that Wayne County is currently divided into parts of four Congressional districts: 11, 12, 13, and 14 with serpentine boundaries which extend into other counties in three of the districts. The City of Detroit with a total population of 670,052 is almost enough to be an entire Congressional District. I recommend that the 48217 section of SW Detroit (population 8,210) be included with the Downriver Congressional seat rather than with Detroit. For the Detroit congressional seat, the towns of Highland Park (10,867) and Hamtramck (21,822) should be added for a total Detroit Congressional seat population of 694,531. The Downriver communities should be added to the southwestern Wayne County communities, the entire county of Monroe. <https://districtr.org/plan/27180>
- p1386  
(27517) **Downriver/Northeast Monroe Co.:** This plan creates a State Senate district that combines all the communities along the water - Southeast Detroit (River), River Rouge, Lincoln Park, Wyandotte and on down including the eastern part of Monroe County, including parts of Berlin Township, Frenchtown Township, City of Monroe, parts of Monroe Township, and part of LaSalle Township. It combines those communities of interest, areas that deal regularly with flooding, water pollution, air pollution from a multitude of coal-fired power plants that line the Detroit River and western edge of Lake Erie. We do not get representation from those more worried about farm prices than anything else.
- p1552  
(29623) **Cities of Westland and Wayne:** I attempted to capture all of the City of Wayne and all of the City of Westland—however the population was greater than the ideal. So I adjusted the community of interest because the area of Westland in the NE is a very engaged community with the City, however are not represented by the same State House District. State House districts need to follow the geographic lines more.
- p1554  
(29630) **Tight, Compact and Fair—no safe seats:** We need tight, compact districts based on municipality geographic lines and fair, competitive districts. We need to allow people to step up and represent the entire district, to earn their re-election, not just represent those who vote for them.



## Supporting Data for Cluster A20

Portal Link (District)	Overall Submission Information	Individual Area Information
c208-1 (19624)	<b>Monroe as a suburb of Detroit:</b> Monroe is more of a bedroom community of Detroit than it is a rural countryside.	<b>Monroe:</b> Monroe is a blue dot in the middle of a sea of red that was redistricted into obscurity in 2011 much to the chagrin of its residents. It really belongs to Southern Wayne County.
c586-1 (23540)	<b>Van Buren Map of Community Interest:</b> Map for public comment to the Michigan Redistricting Commission to keep the City of Belleville, Sumpter Township, and Van Buren Township in the same district.	<b>Charter Township of Van Buren:</b> Charter Township of Van Buren
c586-2 (23540)	<b>Van Buren Map of Community Interest:</b> Map for public comment to the Michigan Redistricting Commission to keep the City of Belleville, Sumpter Township, and Van Buren Township in the same district.	<b>City of Belleville:</b> City of Belleville
c586-3 (23540)	<b>Van Buren Map of Community Interest:</b> Map for public comment to the Michigan Redistricting Commission to keep the City of Belleville, Sumpter Township, and Van Buren Township in the same district.	<b>Sumpter Township:</b> Sumpter Township
c1384 (27493)	<b>Frenchtown Township's Resort District Au:</b> My COI is the Frenchtown Resort District Authority in Monroe County. The Resort Authority was created 20+ years ago as a result of the need to build and maintain infrastructure for the area of Frenchtown commonly called "The Beaches". The physical area stretches from the property where the Fermi III nuclear power plant is to just south of Sterling State Park. A map is attached which outlines most of the Resort Authority Area. This map was drawn up for the installation of new seawalls around the entire area to protect "infrastructure" the RDA has done for the past 20+ years. It was created due to the tremendous need to replace infrastructure destroyed in numerous flooding situations in the 1970's. At that time, everything was private - roads, parks, everything. The roads in the subdivision was never built for heavy traffic and do not meet regular cost for roads. They weren't paved, there was no central water or sewage, each subdivision (Association) had to pay for their own garbage pick-up, street lighting, road maintenance, canal and bridge maintenance. The housing stock was primarily 1920-1940 and the homes were mostly built for summer living only. After the floods, many homes were condemned and torn down, rental housing became prevalent and the area generally went downhill. With the RDA created, road maintenance, street lighting, drain maintenance became their responsibility and was greatly upgraded. Generally, the quality of life has gone up. The RDA also provides funding to the Monroe County Sheriff for patrols specific to the beach areas. We are in Frenchtown which, is somewhat developed - is still primarily a farming community outside the "Beaches". The Township's priorities are building a commercial strip miles away from the "Beaches" and maintain the farming atmosphere of the remaining area of the township. Our area is environmentally impacted by the polluting of Lake Erie from primarily ...	<b>Frenchtown Resort Authority District:</b> This COI is Monroe County Frenchtown Township Resort District Authority. It is a legal entity consisting of the beach areas lining Monroe County's Brest Bay which is bound primarily by the Fermi Atomic Power Plant II to the north and the City of Monroe's northern border to the south. The "Beaches" are primarily structures built between the 1920's and 1960's as summer resort areas along Lake Erie. They are all private structures with private roads and private lake access. None of the roads were built to current codes so maintenance of the roads, parks, and water areas are private. The RDA (as it's primarily known) was established 25 years ago to collect up to 3 mils per \$1,000 of taxable property to provide road maintenance, park maintenance, police services, drain services, garbage pickup and street lighting.



c1646  
(31127)

**DC's West Willow Voting District:** This is the "west willow" neighborhood .

**Community 1.**

p229  
(19766)

**House redistricting plan:** Please consider this house redistricting plan including communities of interest and county lines. Thank you

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## Supporting Data for Cluster A21

Portal Link (District)	Overall Submission Information	Individual Area Information
c248-1 (19892)	<b>Lansing Community of Interest.</b>	<b>West Lansing:</b> All Lansing addresses and most of Waverly school district and half of Lansing school (Sexton)
c248-2 (19892)	<b>Lansing Community of Interest.</b>	<b>Lansing/East Lansing:</b> Lansing (Everett and Eastern) school district and East Lansing school district
c248-3 (19892)	<b>Lansing Community of Interest.</b>	<b>Bath/Haslett/Okemos:</b> Bath, Haslett and Okemos schools
c511 (22028)	<b>Lansing from the View of Young People:</b> The Community Map we are sharing is Lansing from the Perspective of the Young People. We know that these maps will go into effect for 10 years, and we will all be of voting age by then. Our voice is important in this process too. We hope you reach out to other youth to educate them on this process and hear their opinions. We are Peace & Prosperity Youth Action Movement, a group of young people from Metro Lansing (Lansing and its suburbs, such as Haslett) that care about the road quality, racial equity, diversity, healthy lifestyles, and high school dropout prevention. Some important locations on our map we've included are: Waverly High School, J.W. Sexton High School, the shopping center, zap zone, Moneyball Sportswear, YMCA, One Love Global, pharmacies, MSU, and more. These are community assets, recreation/fun spaces young people frequent from throughout the region, and important gathering places. We need to keep Lansing and the metro region together because it will help us communicate with officials better so we can make our voices heard on issues that matter to us like better roads and sidewalks, more entertainment options, improving our education system, decreasing violence, and ending police brutality.	<b>Lansing Community:</b> We care about the road quality, racial equity, diversity, healthy lifestyles, high school dropout prevention.
c452 (22199)	<b>Greater Lansing Community:</b> Ingham, Eaton and Clinton counties make up the Greater Lansing region, also called the Tri-County area. These counties share economic and cultural interests.	<b>Greater Lansing:</b> Ingham, Eaton and Clinton counties make up the Greater Lansing region, also called the Tri-County area. These counties share economic and cultural interests.
c612 (23666)	<b>Lansing Area Community of Interest:</b> This area that I have mapped out should at least be a foundation for a district within Michigan. These communities all have heavy economic ties to the Lansing metropolitan area. Additionally, this area is also demographically similar to the overall demographics of Michigan as a whole.	<b>Greater Lansing Area:</b> This community of interest is a group of various cities, towns, and townships,
c749 (24320)	<b>Tri-County Greater Lansing COI:</b> Commission members, thank you for your important work. The Greater Lansing region includes Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties. The three counties are actually a formal planning region in Michigan, and for good reason. Although there are diverse communities within this region, ranging from quite urban to quite rural, the entire area is centered on the Lansing Metro area - indeed, each county contains part of the urban and suburban complex of Lansing. Further, the region's economy and employment is highly linked, particularly to State Government, General Motors, and large hospital and university entities in the core of the area. Smaller towns in the tri-county Greater Lansing area (e.g., Charlotte, Mason, Saint Johns, Eaton Rapids) all have large proportions of their workforce commute to those large employers, as well as others in the core area. This region is currently fragmented into various districts, and this has diluted the area's political voice. Keeping the region together would address this problem. Disclosure: I'm a professor at Michigan State University in this region. I am sensitive to the great local diversity within this region, just as there is in most if not all parts of the state. Still, I think keeping these areas together is on balance better than splitting them, as the region works as a large community of interest across several key characteristics.	<b>Tri-County Greater Lansing Region:</b> The Greater Lansing region includes Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties. The three counties are actually a formal planning region in Michigan, and for good reason. Although there are diverse communities within this region, ranging from quite urban to quite rural, the entire area is centered on the Lansing Metro area - indeed, each county contains part of the urban and suburban complex of Lansing. Further, the region's economy and employment is highly linked, particularly to State Government, General Motors, and large hospital and university entities in the core of the area. Smaller towns in the tri-county Greater Lansing area (e.g., Charlotte, Mason, Saint Johns, Eaton Rapids) all have large proportions of their workforce commute to those large employers, as well as others in the core area. This region is currently fragmented into various districts, and this has diluted the area's political voice. Keeping the region together would address this problem. Disclosure: I'm a professor at Michigan State University in this region. I am sensitive to the great local diversity within this region, just as there is in most if not all parts of the state. Still, I think keeping these areas together is on balance better than splitting them, as the region works as a large community of interest across several key characteristics.
c1534 (29546)	<b>Delta Township/Lansing Township Cmty:</b> This district would provide community continuity between Delta Township in Eaton County and the adjacent Lansing Township community in Ingham County. Both these communities have similar racial, socioeconomic and voting attributes.	<b>Delta Township:</b> This district would provide community continuity between Delta Township in Eaton County and the adjacent Lansing Township community in Ingham County. Both



c1593 (30716)	<b>Consolidate Lansing Metro Area:</b> In reply to your request for a map of community of interest	<b>Lansing metro area.</b>
c1611 (30783)	<b>The Greater Lansing Area:</b> My community includes the City of Lansing and Michigan State University and surrounding suburbs in Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties	<b>Community 1:</b> Michigan State University, and the Greater Lansing Area–Ingham Co., Clinton County and Eaton County
c1628 (30893)	<b>Shelly Ochodnicki - COI/Map:</b> I was asked to draw a COI to explain my written comment.	<b>Community 1:</b> Our COI is rural including small towns, farming communities, and small villages. Please keep our community of interest together as much as possible. Please respect county, township, and city lines when drawing maps. Compactness matters as well.
c1637 (30975)	<b>Greater Lansing Area:</b> Drawn to reflect geography, not politics.	<b>Community 1:</b> Lansing and surrounding areas
c1650 (31138)	<b>Delta Township:</b> Delta Charter Township should be included with other urban areas around Lansing.	<b>Delta Township:</b> This is a left leaning suburban bedroom community in Eaton County. The interesting thing about this area is that it is more connected to Lansing, MI and Mason, MI in Ingham County than Charlotte in Eaton County. Our representation has been frustrating because our reps haven't been tied into the Lansing Region, and we've been included in more rural areas that some districts extend to Lake Erie Coastal communities. We have very little in common with rural locations in terms of services or ways of life. We are part of the Capital Area Economic Region and the representation should reflect that.
c1661 (31160)	<b>Dr. M. O submission for EL Community.</b>	<b>East Lansing Community:</b> The service-based mid-Michigan economy centered around Sparrow Hospitals and Michigan State University.
c1739-1 (31403)	<b>Lansing Cultures/Economic Subdivisions:</b> Lansing area and some cultural and economic subdivisions within it. The idea was to give the commission a sense of what areas of town a local might consider to be things like "the sticks, but still in town", "rich suburb", "up-and-coming bougie parts", "declining parts", "low-income", etc. Economic details are more granular around the city of Lansing because it's the area I know better than the suburbs and outlying communities	<b>Lansing and Neighborhoods:</b> Includes Lansing city center as well as neighborhoods within and without the city boundaries that would be considered part of "Lansing" :
c1739-8 (31403)	<b>Lansing Cultures/Economic Subdivisions:</b> Lansing area and some cultural and economic subdivisions within it. The idea was to give the commission a sense of what areas of town a local might consider to be things like "the sticks, but still in town", "rich suburb", "up-and-coming bougie parts", "declining parts", "low-income", etc. Economic details are more granular around the city of Lansing because it's the area I know better than the suburbs and outlying communities	<b>Declining Neighborhoods:</b> Areas where homes and industrial parks are declining and getting more run down, with little or no new investment
c1739-7 (31403)	<b>Lansing Cultures/Economic Subdivisions:</b> Lansing area and some cultural and economic subdivisions within it. The idea was to give the commission a sense of what areas of town a local might consider to be things like "the sticks, but still in town", "rich suburb", "up-and-coming bougie parts", "declining parts", "low-income", etc. Economic details are more granular around the city of Lansing because it's the area I know better than the suburbs and outlying communities	<b>Gentrifying Neighborhoods:</b> historically diverse but rapidly-gentrifying neighborhoods in the city of Lansing and nearby. Gentrification, however, is frequently happening against a strong backdrop of community identity and organization
c1739-3 (31403)	<b>Lansing Cultures/Economic Subdivisions:</b> Lansing area and some cultural and economic subdivisions within it. The idea was to give the commission a sense of what areas of town a local might consider to be things like "the sticks, but still in town", "rich suburb", "up-and-coming bougie parts", "declining parts", "low-income", etc. Economic details are more granular around the city of Lansing because it's the area I know better than the suburbs and outlying communities	<b>East Lansing:</b> City of east Lansing, including Michigan State University



c1739-2 (31403)	<b>Lansing Cultures/Economic Subdivisions:</b> Lansing area and some cultural and economic subdivisions within it. The idea was to give the commission a sense of what areas of town a local might consider to be things like "the sticks, but still in town", "rich suburb", "up-and-coming bougie parts", "declining parts", "low-income", etc. Economic details are more granular around the city of Lansing because it's the area I know better than the suburbs and outlying communities	<b>South Lansing:</b> Lower-income part of town, much more ethnically diverse than many other neighborhoods. Some areas are in decline but many living here often take pride in themselves and their culture – a sense of "we look out for us because the city government won't".
c1739-5 (31403)	<b>Lansing Cultures/Economic Subdivisions:</b> Lansing area and some cultural and economic subdivisions within it. The idea was to give the commission a sense of what areas of town a local might consider to be things like "the sticks, but still in town", "rich suburb", "up-and-coming bougie parts", "declining parts", "low-income", etc. Economic details are more granular around the city of Lansing because it's the area I know better than the suburbs and outlying communities	<b>Wealthy-to-Middle-Class Suburbs:</b> Suburbs that would be considered "in town" rather than out in the countryside. Mostly Holt, Okemos, and Haslett. Okemos is the wealthiest, Holt and Haslett have a broader range of incomes across the middle class.
c1739-4 (31403)	<b>Lansing Cultures/Economic Subdivisions:</b> Lansing area and some cultural and economic subdivisions within it. The idea was to give the commission a sense of what areas of town a local might consider to be things like "the sticks, but still in town", "rich suburb", "up-and-coming bougie parts", "declining parts", "low-income", etc. Economic details are more granular around the city of Lansing because it's the area I know better than the suburbs and outlying communities	<b>North Lansing:</b> Mixture of industrial, neighborhoods, the airport, and farming-community-turned-suburbs like southern Bath Twp
c1739-6 (31403)	<b>Lansing Cultures/Economic Subdivisions:</b> Lansing area and some cultural and economic subdivisions within it. The idea was to give the commission a sense of what areas of town a local might consider to be things like "the sticks, but still in town", "rich suburb", "up-and-coming bougie parts", "declining parts", "low-income", etc. Economic details are more granular around the city of Lansing because it's the area I know better than the suburbs and outlying communities	<b>Lansing Surrounding Communities:</b> The first layer of farming communities that would be considered "out of the city" but also still often are economically tied to Lansing. People live here and work in the city or vice versa, will come into the city for goods and services, and could be broadly considered part of the "Lansing Area".
c1750 (31632)	<b>Dave Vick's Community of Interest Map:</b> Greater Lansing area Col	<b>Community 1:</b> Central MI / Greater Lansing Col
c1754-2 (31718)	<b>Community of Interests:</b> To introduce myself, my name is Susan Nickels. I have been a resident of the state of Michigan my entire life. I am a graduate of our public schools and currently live in Genoa Township, zip code 48116, located in Livingston County. Livingston County is largely rural. Including my community with other rural communities is my desire. I support local farms in Howell and Brighton for our meat, eggs and produce. My views are traditional, family centric, and patriotically support our nation. I share these values with those around me. For the purpose of re-districting in the state of Michigan as the result of the 2020 census I submit the following to be considered when determining the new congressional districting. - Fair maps - Common sense approach to legislative districting - As much as possible maintain counties, cities and townships intact. - Avoid carving out sections of a distinct community and assigning those sections to adjacent districts for Congressional or state legislative purposes. - Draw district boundaries that are clearly delineated by boundaries of intact communities - Prevent small areas of a county from being incorporated into the district of another county	<b>District 2.</b>
c1763 (31856)	<b>Shiawassee - Mid Central Michigan.</b>	<b>Shiawassee-Central Michigan Rural COI:</b> Our community of interest is comprised of small towns, farming communities, and villages that have very specific needs and interests separate from urban or suburban areas. Please consider county lines, township lines, and city lines when drawing maps.
c1799 (32417)	<b>East Lansing area.</b>	<b>Community 1:</b> East Lansing and surrounding areas
c1802-1 (32421)	<b>Lansing/East Lansing Communities:</b> This splits up Lansing and East Lansing as separate communities, but recognizes that the influence of Lansing on surrounding areas is relatively large.	<b>MSU/East Lansing:</b> This community generally is centered around MSU as a primary employer and political entity. The fate of these communities is impacted greatly by MSU, and MSU is impacted greatly by these communities.



c1802-2 (32421)	<b>Lansing/East Lansing Communities:</b> This splits up Lansing and East Lansing as separate communities, but recognizes that the influence of Lansing on surrounding areas is relatively large.	<b>Lansing:</b> This area has a strong influence on the surrounding areas, with the majority of people living and working in and around the Lansing area
c1820 (32473)	<b>The Lansing Area:</b> This is the what people who live around here think of as "the Lansing area". It shouldn't be split up between multiple districts. That is just an obvious attempt to split the "Lansing vote".	<b>Community 1:</b> When people in the "lansing area" talk about our city, this is what we think of. Splitting any of this area up into different districts is like deliberately trying to mitigate the "lansing vote".
c1820 (32473)	<b>The Lansing Area:</b> The Lansing area should not be carved up into different districts.	<b>Community 1:</b> When people in the "lansing area" talk about our city, this is what we think of. Splitting any of this area up into different districts is like deliberately trying to mitigate the "lansing vote".
c1901 (32612)	<b>Recognize communities:</b> The greater Lansing area represents a community. Don't divide it up to suit the gerrymandering of the past. Don't make a dumbbell shaped district to link Lansing voters to those in the Brighton area.	<b>Community 1:</b> Greater Lansing area
c1891-2 (32909)	<b>Lansing &amp; Ann Arbor area districts:</b> Having lived for many years only in two different Michigan communities, I'm offering my input on the boundaries around the greater Lansing area, and the greater Ann Arbor area. While a resident of these places, these are the bounds of my mental map that always felt as though they were in the social and economic "gravity" of their respective largest cities.	<b>Greater Lansing Metro:</b> Having grown up in the Lansing area for many years, this is the community that, in my experience, residents perceive as having Lansing as it's geographic/cultural center. Many people within these bounds work in and commute to Lansing. Outside this area that impression shifts to be centered around Flint, Grand Rapids, Ann Arbor Battle Creek/Kalamzoo, etc
c1986-1 (33926)	<b>Sarah's East Lansing and Okemos Plan.</b>	<b>Okemos Area:</b> Closely connected to Michigan State University, since many residents work there or have other ties to the university, but with many more long-term, well-established residents and families.
c1986-2 (33926)	<b>Sarah's East Lansing and Okemos Plan.</b>	<b>East Lansing Area:</b> Mostly students at Michigan State University, mostly young and living here temporarily.
c1988 (33955)	<b>Greater Lansing Area.</b>	<b>Greater Lansing Area:</b> The Greater Lansing Area
c2053 (34791)	<b>Lansing Plan.</b>	<b>Community 1:</b> Greater Lansing Area
p896 (25225)	<b>"Shiawassee Senate District".</b>	
p1080 (26398)	<b>Shiawassee/Clinton/Eaton/Saginaw Senate:</b> The current State Senate district includes Clinton, Eaton, and Shiawassee Counties. We have a strong connection and a Community of Interest which includes small towns, farming communities, and rural suburban areas that have specific needs. Part of Saginaw County could be included in the district to meet the maximum population requirement.	
p1136 (26625)	<b>Rick Ross: Shiawassee Senate District:</b> The current 24th Senate District should remain as is. We are a Community of Interest that is highly interconnected because of our small towns and farming communities. We have similar needs/interests and we feel that our representatives/senators should reflect that.	
p1139 (26629)	<b>Gail Ross: Shiawassee Senate District:</b> Please keep our current Senate District together. We share a very interconnected Community of Interest. Our counties are mostly made up of small towns, farming communities, and rural/suburban areas. We believe our representation should keep our interests and needs as primary.	
p1587 (30582)	<b>Tom DeFouw - Senate District:</b> I submitted written comment defining COIs and I was asked to submit a Senate map included Clinton County	
p1624 (30890)	<b>Betty Jo Nelson - Shiawassee Senate:</b> Thank you for considering my map plan for the Shiawassee County area.	



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**Dave Vick's Plan.**

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**Stan's capital tri-county plan:** This plan brings together 3 counties which share numerous attributes. Common health care , schools play each other in sports, all three counties intricately tied to the Lansing area and Capital

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## Supporting Data for Cluster A22

Portal Link (District)	Overall Submission Information	Individual Area Information
c177-1 (19257)	<b>VITA and CAA Community of Interest:</b> Community Action Agency and its Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program operates in the 3 counties of Jackson, Lenawee, and Hillsdale. These should be kept in the same congressional district. VITA clients also come from adjacent counties which should be kept in the same district.	<b>Community 1:</b> Community Action Agency and its Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program operates in the 3 counties of Jackson, Lenawee, and Hillsdale. These should be kept in the same congressional district.
c177-2 (19257)	<b>VITA and CAA Community of Interest:</b> Community Action Agency and its Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program operates in the 3 counties of Jackson, Lenawee, and Hillsdale. These should be kept in the same congressional district. VITA clients also come from adjacent counties which should be kept in the same district.	<b>Community 2:</b> VITA clients come from adjacent areas.
c408 (21754)	<b>South West Washtenaw County:</b> Due to its agricultural economy and rural area, the Southwest corner of Washtenaw County is distinct from the rest of the county. It faces challenges far more similar to the small towns and townships to its south and west.	<b>Community 1.</b>
c561 (23357)	<b>Calhoun-Jackson District:</b> Calhoun and Jackson counties should be re-adjoined into a congressional seat. For years, Calhoun and Jackson had been linked until the most recent districting which needlessly separated these counties. These two neighbors are predominantly rural containing two smaller cities (Battle Creek and Jackson). These small cities are not the size of other metro areas (Kalamazoo-Portage-Oshkosh, Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti, Grand Rapids, and Lansing). Calhoun and Jackson have similar professional make-up and character. We also have similar educational interests in skilled trades. As I created this community, I added other similar counties like Hillsdale, Lenawee, Eaton, which also have small institutions of higher education like we do in Albion. Re-adjointing Calhoun and Jackson will allow like-areas to form a stronger voice in government.	<b>Calhoun-Jackson:</b> Jackson and Calhoun counties are much more similar than the metro areas in Kalamazoo, Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, and Lansing.
c585 (23528)	<b>Southern MI Small Town Community:</b> Jackson County exhibits many of the qualities that make rural areas remarkable. Numerous natural sites and trails are ripe for exploration across the county. While our beloved small city provides economic opportunity and a sense of community, it is not an all-encompassing area that engulfs the rural feel of neighboring areas. Distinctive small towns scatter across the landscape of counties like Jackson, Calhoun, Lenawee, Monroe, Hillsdale, Branch, St. Joseph, and much of Eaton. They all provide valuable one-of-a-kind experiences, and all demonstrate the natural, and often rural qualities that nature-lovers enjoy. I crafted a community map that resembles how my neighbors see our community as a whole. Areas like Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Lansing, and Kalamazoo provide lively and high-spirited opportunities. There are many positive qualities those areas possess, but many of the issues they encounter do not correlate with those issues encountered by rural and undeveloped areas. To me, nothing is more important than community, and I sincerely hope the commission keeps this in mind as they endeavor on this difficult task of drawing the districts. Finally, I hope my feedback is valuable in the process for the commissioners.	<b>Community 1.</b>
c1067-1 (26340)	<b>Vincent R. Elie's Community of Interest:</b> My Community of Interest My name is Vince Elie. I, and my family, live in western Washtenaw County. We live in the city of Chelsea. This is where we raised our children. This area of Washtenaw County holds a deep place within my heart. However, my ties are stronger to Jackson County than to the eastern section of Washtenaw County. I worked in Jackson County. We visit service establishments, restaurants, stores, and recreational areas within Jackson County and western Washtenaw County; places like the Michigan Theater in downtown Jackson, Chilangos in Jackson, the Ella Sharp Park, the Waterloo Recreation Area, the Phyllis Haehnle Memorial Sanctuary, and the Sharonville State Game Area. Chelsea is 7 miles from the Jackson County border; we share the I-94 corridor, the Waterloo Recreation Area, and the River Raisin. Additionally, the western portion of Washtenaw contains many farms, lakes, and wetlands as does a good portion of Jackson County. The cities of Chelsea and Dexter are its urban centers. Manchester and Bridgewater are its major villages. Jackson City is its county's urban center with Spring Arbor and Grass Lake as smaller and important communities within Jackson County. The city of Chelsea is blessed with a strong school district and health services. The city of Chelsea, unlike many in this section of western Washtenaw County and adjoining portions of Jackson County, have dependable broadband. The Chelsea School district encompasses a portion of Jackson County. These are the reasons I define my Community of Interest to include Jackson County and western Washtenaw County, whose eastern border would be, roughly, a line (inclusive of Maple Road) running north from the intersection of the Washtenaw, Lenawee, and Monroe County lines and terminating at the Livingston County line (West 8 Mile Road), just south and east of Hamburg. Thank-you. Vincent R. Elie, Chelsea, Michigan	<b>Vincent R Elie Community of Interest:</b> My Community of Interest My name is Vince Elie. I, and my family, live in western Washtenaw County. We live in the city of Chelsea. This is where we raised our children. This area of Washtenaw County holds a deep place within my heart. However, my ties are stronger to Jackson County than to the eastern section of Washtenaw County. I worked in Jackson County. We visit service establishments, restaurants, stores, and recreational areas within Jackson County and western Washtenaw County; places like the Michigan Theater in downtown Jackson, Chilangos in Jackson, the Ella Sharp Park, the Waterloo Recreation Area, the Phyllis Haehnle Memorial Sanctuary, and the Sharonville State Game Area. Chelsea is 7 miles from the Jackson County border; we share the I-94 corridor, the Waterloo Recreation Area, and the River Raisin. Additionally, the western portion of Washtenaw contains many farms, lakes, and wetlands as does a good portion of Jackson County. The cities of Chelsea and Dexter are its urban centers. Manchester and Bridgewater are its major villages. Jackson City is its county's urban center with Spring Arbor and Grass Lake as smaller and important



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**Existing Regional Partnerships:** I think most of the heavy lifting on communities of interest has already been done over the years. What I mean is programs, offices, and agencies have all been aligned based on demographics to create service areas already. To divide these established and working service areas up would do a disservice to the people they serve. For example regional planning commission, the aging agency, the department of transportation, and even the governor's original coronavirus reopening plan serves Jackson, Hillsdale, Lenawee counties. So, as you can see this tri-county region relies heavily on each other for everything from roads to healthcare. I would strongly encourage you as a commission to look at the regional partnerships like the four I just named when drawing districts.

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**Jackson Calhoun Counties share interests:** While diverse, the common needs bring people together.

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**Keep Monroe, Lenawee, Hillsdale, Jackson:** Monroe County should remain in a US House Congressional district with Lenawee, Hillsdale, and Jackson counties. Monroe County has more in common with these counties economically, seeing as they are all situated on the border of Ohio near Toledo. These counties also share a common culture as they are more rural and suburban and see Toledo as the closest major city rather than Detroit. I do not think Monroe County resonates with the culture of Ann Arbor, Saline, Washtenaw County, or the downriver Detroit community quite like it does with Lenawee, Hillsdale, and Jackson. Monroe and Lenawee are also represented together at the state government level. Please keep these observations in mind and consider keeping Monroe with Lenawee, Hillsdale, and Jackson when you finalize redistricting plans.

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**Community 1:** Jackson, Calhoun should be kept together because they have similar interests and attributes. Both have rural and small towns with one big city center each. There is a historical connection and the citizens value higher education in liberal arts setting. They have similar "at risk" populations too, which brings people together for common needs.

**Keep Monroe with Lenawee, Hillsdale, and Jackson counties:** Monroe County should remain in a US House Congressional district with Lenawee, Hillsdale, and Jackson counties. Monroe County has more in common with these counties economically, seeing as they are all situated on the border of Ohio near Toledo. These counties also share a common culture as they are more rural and suburban and see Toledo as the closest major city rather than Detroit. I do not think Monroe County resonates with the culture of Ann Arbor, Saline, Washtenaw County, or the downriver Detroit community quite like it does with Lenawee, Hillsdale, and Jackson. Monroe and Lenawee are also represented together at the state government level. Please keep these observations in mind and consider keeping Monroe with Lenawee, Hillsdale, and Jackson when you finalize redistricting plans.



- c1602 (30738)** **Chelsea & Northwest Washtenaw Greenbelt:** Chelsea and its surroundings in Northwest Washtenaw are what I would describe as greenbelt and should be characterized as an exurban area or as an I-94 Ann Arbor satellite community like Dexter, which is a similar size and has similar economic activity and commuting patterns. The main economic activities are manufacturing, retail, and healthcare. Many people commute to Ann Arbor or to Jackson for work. The purpose of this submission is to demonstrate that land use and economic activity in Northwest Washtenaw is not primarily agricultural – ~37,000 acres in the shaded region are the city of Chelsea, state recreational areas, and an automotive proving grounds facility. Per calculations made using economic data from Sperling's Best Places, only 1% of the population of the city of Chelsea, Sylvan Twp, Dexter Twp, Lyndon Twp, and Lima Twp are employed in agriculture. <https://www.bestplaces.net/county/michigan/washtenaw>
- c1609 (30777)** **Balanced South Central Plan:** A true democratic district should have a true reflection of the state's political leans, with representatives swinging with the will of the people. No safe districts by either party.
- c1630 (30899)** **Lenawee County Community of Interest:** Lenawee County which is a border county in southeast and has unique needs and interests which are best represented by ONE state representative. Lenawee County has numerous school districts that coordinate with the county LISD. Lenawee County has small (mostly) township volunteer fire departments who provide mutual aid for each other when needed. Lenawee County has a County Sheriff department that works with other city and village police departments in the county to provide police presence and protection for the county. The city of Adrian in the center of the county and is the county seat where the business of the county is conducted. To split the county into numerous state representative districts will be disastrous for the county. Working with numerous state representative will be less efficient, more costly, and much less productive for our county. Please keep Lenawee County whole when drawing the State Representative maps. Thank you for considering my community of interest.
- c1634 (30946)** **Southeast Michigan Agricultural/Border:** The southeast corner of Michigan has a history of agriculture and a synergy with the bordering communities of Ohio. This area has many small close knit communities with smaller enrollment school districts. There are many family owned farms and small family owned manufacturing and retail businesses.
- c1642 (31052)** **Katie's border counties:** Having lived in southern downriver, I recognize those area relates to more of Monroe counties, and other border counties like lenawee, hillsdale, and beyond, more than it relates to areas like Plymouth or Canton.
- c1705 (31342)** **NEW Jackson Co SH Distr. -Urban/Suburban:** See my written testimony of May 11, 2021. Jackson County should have one state house district that represents the uniquely urban/suburban character of Greater Jackson. This would be more fair than the current two predominantly rural districts.
- Chelsea and Greenbelt Northwest Washtenaw:** Chelsea and its surroundings are what I would describe as greenbelt and should be thought of as an exurban area or as an Ann Arbor satellite community like Dexter, which is a similar size and has a similar economy. The main economic activities are manufacturing, retail, and healthcare. Many people commute to Ann Arbor or to Jackson for work. The purpose of this map is to explain that land use in Northwest Washtenaw is not primarily agricultural – ~37,000 acres in the shaded region are the city of Chelsea, state recreational areas, and an automotive test track facility. Per calculations made using economic data from Sperling's Best Places, only 1% of the population of the city of Chelsea, Sylvan Twp, Dexter Twp, Lyndon Twp, and Lima Twp are employed in agriculture. <https://www.bestplaces.net/county/michigan/washtenaw>
- South Central Michigan.**
- Lenawee County Community of Interest for State Representative district:** Map for Community of Interest comments w1174
- Southeast Michigan:** Southeast Corner of Michigan with an emphasis on agriculture and synergy with bordering areas of Ohio
- Community 1.**
- NEW Jackson Co. State House Dist. - URBAN/suburban:** This shows Jackson County's proposed district lines for the state house, drawn in a more fair and more compact way than they are currently. It is more fair because it includes an URBAN/Suburban community (Greater Jackson), with its own unique interests and concerns that differ from outlying rural Jackson County. In other words, Jackson County's urban/suburban area can be considered a COI. See my written testimony of May 11, 2021.



- c1708 (31348) **NEW Jackson Co. SH District - Rural:** See my written testimony of May 11, 2021. This map represents a totally rural district comprised of Jackson County's outer-lying townships. This area is a COI having uniquely rural needs and interests, and deserves to be represented in Lansing by a rural state representative. (Jackson's urban/suburban COI should NOT be represented by a rural state rep., but by someone more reflective of the needs of its residents.)
- c1777-1 (32149) **Sue's Community of Interest:** I presented an oral public comment at the commission's meeting held in Jackson, Michigan earlier this year.
- c1777-2 (32149) **Sue's Community of Interest:** I presented an oral public comment at the commission's meeting held in Jackson, Michigan earlier this year.
- c1780-1 (32175) **Hillsdale, Branch, and Jackson Counties:** These three counties are close neighbors and friends. We cross county lines for work and pleasure DAILY. Please consider keeping them together as a district. With colleges, shopping, and recreation, these three counties, Hillsdale, Branch, and Jackson, benefit each other.
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- NEW Jackson Co. State House district - RURAL:** This shows Jackson County's proposed district lines for the state house, drawn in a more fair and more compact way than they are currently. It is more fair because it includes a RURAL community, with its own unique interests and concerns that differ from urban/suburban greater Jackson. In other words, Jackson County's rural townships can be considered a COI. See my written testimony of May 11, 2021.
- Jackson county:** Moderately sized centrally located city surrounded by small communities with own school systems, farm land, lakes and more lakes, source and watersheds of three major rivers, three colleges, parks and museums.
- Community 2:** Hillsdale and Lenawee Counties. These two counties are adjacent to Jackson County with similar agriculture, lakes and parks, moderate central cities, smaller surrounding villages and school systems, culture. Community Action Agency and Catholic Charities already service these three counties showing their close ties.
- Hillsdale County:** Small town with a wonderful agricultural fair that residents look forward to every year. We are home to Hillsdale College which greatly impacts the economics of our small town. Residents from both Branch and Jackson consider Hillsdale to be local and we are family. Our roads and properties overlay and we are neighbors.
- Jackson County:** Jackson provides many shopping choices for both Branch and Hillsdale residents. Jackson is also home to JC, a community college that has a branch in Hillsdale. It is important to keep these two counties in the same commission for many reasons. Another reason is because of the closeness with Hillsdale residents. They are neighbors, close neighbors.
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**Hear our voice:** My community highlights how my area relates more to our rural neighbors to the East and West rather than the urban areas to the North.

**Hear our voice:** Dear Redistricting Committee, My husband and I are lifelong residents of Lenawee County. My husband has his own CPA firm and I have been a teacher at our local public school. I am concerned about two redistricting maps proposed that split Lenawee County down the middle, uniting the eastern half with the Ann Arbor area. The western half is united with the Jackson area. We are a county comprised of rich agriculture, manufacturing, small businesses, and educational institutions. Our way of life and daily legislative needs are very different from the those of the Ann Arbor area. We are asking that you leave Lenawee County whole so our representatives can speak for our local concerns. It is not fair to cut out the voice that represents the above concerns. Sincerely, David and Deanna Walters

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**Educational Interests:** Good Evening, my name is Kristine Yeutter. I live in Adrian and I am a life-long resident of Michigan. I have worked 43 years in education teaching English, Spanish, and English as a Second Language. In my career the partnerships between individual schools districts and the county intermediate schools districts are invaluable. Individual districts and the county ISD rely on each other for in-service resources and workshops, curriculum direction, a substitute teacher system, a shared calendar, transportation, libraries, etc. Representatives may speak or participate in school events, which are then featured in our shared newspaper—Gateway Media—which produces the Daily Telegram and Monroe News (covering Lenawee, Hillsdale, and Monroe counties). Having shared school and sports news with neighboring counties has been unifying, as well as a source of ideas to share. These services and common experiences unite our county in a way that forms an education community of interest where many the above resources are shared. This is more economical and also creates unity. In addition to these intra-county connections, the Lenawee ISD and school districts here sometimes partner with Hillsdale and Jackson counties, and their four-year colleges and community colleges. Keeping our area connected is important to allow us to be able to effectively meet the needs of school districts, partner with local colleges, and have a united voice to speak to our elected officials. It has created a sense of community to have common representation with our county and among neighboring counties.

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**County wide non-profits:** My community of interest is Lenawee County which is on the Ohio border between Hillsdale and Monroe Counties. Lenawee County has just under 100,000 residents. My desire is to keep Lenawee County whole to maintain the cohesiveness within our non-profit community. Our community, Lenawee County, best understands the basic needs and growth of our citizens and therefore, should remain whole. Lenawee County has amazing community support for well over 100 non-profit organizations. These organizations include, but are not limited to: Food Pantries, Animal Rescue Services, Pregnancy Care Centers, Homeless Shelters, Child Advocacy Centers, Veterans Groups, Rehabilitation Services, the Arts, Domestic Violence Centers, Youth Organizations, Housing Help and People with Disabilities. Every single one of these non-profit organizations is essential to our community which is Lenawee County. We all work together by volunteering and donating to keep these organizations running for the citizens who need them to survive. It is imperative that Lenawee County remain intact to keep our non-profit community thriving. We do not want to encounter conflicting interests competing for basic needs and services for the community if we were to be divided. In addition, I believe that every non-densely populated county in Michigan should remain whole whenever possible. Most counties have a uniqueness that defines the essence of COMMUNITY. Thank you

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**Rural County Fairs.**

**County wide non-profits:** I previously submitted a community of interest in regard to the many non-profit organizations in Lenawee County.

**City vs Country:** I am Sydney Ann Engel (e-mail sydney.engel@live.com). I live outside Adrian, Michigan in Lenawee County. I am writing as a farmer's wife of 44 years. I also grew up on a farm. I went to the University of Michigan and lived in Ann Arbor so I have some understanding of the difference between city and country life. The focus of life is different in the country with farmers meeting for breakfast in local restaurants (before the pandemic) to informally discuss farming and local interests before going out to do daily work. Development of the land is looked on with skepticism because it brings the possible loss of farmland and way of life. In the last few years local people have organized and kept several different developments out of the area. We need to keep farmland intact for the nation's food supply. On the other hand, in cities such as Ann Arbor research, development, and expansion are the focus. In the Michigan counties running along the border of Ohio and Indiana each county has its own county fair showcasing livestock and crafts of 4H children and food, etc. Each county is very proud of their individual fairs with friendly competition between them. Washtenaw County does not have a county fair, only festivals in different towns. I would like to see each county have its own State Representative since the State Representative spends a lot of time at the county fair talking to constituents of that county. I would like to see our State Senator's area cover a farming area so we could be sure our interests would be paramount. In the same vein, I would like to see the Congressman's area also cover farm communities across the district. This is my community of interest. Thank you for hearing my point of view. Sydney Engel



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**MI Border:** Honorable Commissioners, As a resident of Lenawee County, a border county, and a Certified Public Accountant who deals with complex tax issues and business policies, as well as business regulations for my clients and myself, I am writing to ask that you leave our southern border counties united in the redistricting map—Monroe, Lenawee, Hillsdale, and possibly even Branch for bigger areas of representation. Businesses in border counties are affected by tax and business policies established in Lansing and Washington D.C., which are different from non-border counties. When we've had a divided representation our representatives often don't really understand our issues or speak with our voice. They are often more divided in their focus and in their accountability to us. When we border counties/areas can be united, it has helped us have a stronger voice for our specific concerns. Our representatives have lived and experienced the special challenges that we face when we have to compete with Ohio and Indiana. Some recurring examples are when gas, cigarette, and alcohol taxes are raised. I see a big effect on my clients who are then at a major disadvantage with businesses in the states to the south of us. Splintering our voice and our representation would discriminate against us, be less efficient, and be overall more costly and less productive. Thank you for considering Monroe, Lenawee, Hillsdale, and possibly Branch in this manner. Jeff Y

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- c1826**  
(32481) **Vandercook Lake:** This is where I grew up, and where I still live.
- c1864**  
(32715) **Planned water communities:** Living in or on a lake area is special and sometimes the interests of lakes, agriculture and cattle farming do not mix, so it would take someone who understands these problems to be able to work through them. It seems that a lot of legislation is directed or concerns, the main lakes and this is not always applicable to smaller lakes and that is why a designated district such as this should be established.
- c1913**  
(33023) **Jack's Jackson Hillsdale District:** Includes all of Jackson and Hillsdale counties, along with the Albion area to the west and the lake communities in NW Lenawee county. I have lived in Jackson county, Hillsdale County, the Lake areas mentioned, and in Albion and in all locations we considered ourselves part of the Jackson area.
- c1921**  
(33133) **Southern Border Counties:** Those of us in the southern border counties prefer to keep our border counties together since we deal with the same economic situations that living close to to neighboring states causes. Many of our state policies and laws are very different from neighboring states. That way our representatives know the issues that affect us first hand and can speak for us when it comes to our concerns. Some examples are different sales and property taxes, different excise taxes, different policies and taxes on beverages, deposits, alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and more Different states also have different Medicare and other health policies, which can greatly affect us. Those of us in Monroe, Lenawee, Hillsdale, and Branch also deal with rural concerns, unlike those who live in larger metropolitan cities. Please allow us to remain together and have representation that knows and understands our particular issues.
- c1952**  
(33542) **Jackson / Western Washtenaw county:** Outdoor recreation areas physically connected and utilized by Jackson and western Washtenaw county residents.
- c2052**  
(34778) **River Raisin Watershed:** This is a map of the River Raisin Watershed. We share many similar interests - environmental, recreational, economic, etc. These shared interests should have shared representation. I have seen comments and heard talk of splitting up Monroe county from Jackson and Lenawee county. As a resident in the Watershed, this would be disastrous. Why would the commission split the watershed? The environmental connection of the Watershed and the River Raisin is one that is prevalent in our communities. As a duck hunter, the Watershed is very important to my way of life. Much of my free time is spent enjoying the natural beauty of the River Raisin. I also fish frequently in the River or the streams connected to the River Raisin. Many of my neighbors live, work, and play in the Watershed as well. Specific watersheds have individual needs and likewise should have specific representatives. Combining the Huron River Watershed with the River Raisin watershed would be a horrible mistake. For example, the Huron Watershed has its own challenges, such as urban pollution, runoff from roads, etc, whereas the River Raisin Watershed has more challenges associated with agricultural runoff. These watersheds should have their own state and federal representatives because these different challenges should be on the front of their minds maintaining the watershed, not trying to balance the two.
- Vandercook Lake:** This is the town of Vandercook Lake. It is unincorporated but everyone who lives there would agree that it is a community.
- Watersland:** This community is made up of a large part of lake communities whose main concern would be continuing to care for the lakes and waterways that make up this area.
- Greater Jackson / Hillsale area:** Includes all of Jackson and Hillsdale counties, along with the Albion area to the west and the lake communities in NW Lenawee county. I have lived in Jackson county, Hillsdale County, the Lake areas mentioned, and in Albion and in all locations we considered ourselves part of the Jackson area.
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- Jackson / Western Washtenaw Counties:** The wonderful community of out door recreation, art , and entertainment within Jackson County and western Washtenaw County.
- Community 1.**



c2268-1 (35355)	This map represents my community of interest comments submitted in July. The community of interest includes the Region 2 Planning Commission and the Region 2 Area Agency on Aging. Both of these groups work in Lenawee Jackson and Hillsdale Counties to provide services for all three counties and should remain together in the redistricting process.	<b>Lenawee Hillsdale &amp; Jackson Community of Interes:</b> Lenawee, Hillsdale and Jackson Counties community of Interest Map
c2318-1 (35586)	As a lifelong resident of rural southern Michigan, border counties, I do not want my representation to be taken away from me by lumping me in with Washtenaw and Western Wayne county. These should be separate. Thank you.	<b>Community 1.</b>
c2393-1 (35929)	I now live in Southeast Jackson County and, as a concerned resident, I decided to attend the Jackson public hearing. We live in what is known as the Irish Hills. The Irish Hills region encompasses Jackson, Hillsdale, and Lenawee counties.	<b>Irish Hills:</b> Irish Hills is a economic, tourist, recreational, business, and law enforcement region.
c2394-1 (35945)	I reside in Norvell Township in Jackson County Michigan. I am a Board Member of the Region 2 Area Agency on Aging often referred to as the R2AAA. There are 16 Area Agencies on Aging throughout Michigan created through the Older Americans Act of 1965. The R2AAA officially began in May of 1974 and is comprised of Jackson, Hillsdale and Lenawee Counties. The Mission of the R2AAA is to “improve conditions affecting the lives of the older adults and individuals with disabilities in the region by identifying Concerns, and by developing a comprehensive and coordinated network of services in Jackson, Hillsdale, and Lenawee Counties. By enabling older adults and individuals with disabilities to function as independently as possible in their own homes and communities. And by providing advocacy, information, planning, program development, contracting and the funding necessary to accomplish this purpose. For 47 years, since 1974, through Federal Legislation, the counties of Jackson, Hillsdale and Lenawee have been recognized as a REGION by the Federal Government, the State of Michigan, and each respective county, and every municipality within Jackson, Hillsdale and Lenawee Counties. We do the best we can to take care of our most vulnerable with the resources we acquire from the Federal Government, State of Michigan and from generous donations from the community at large. I am asking you to please keep the R2AAA region intact so we can be as efficient as possible in our pursuit to help our seniors and disabled. Thank you for your time and consideration.	<b>R2AAA:</b> Service area for the Region 2 Area Agency on Aging.
c2396-1 (35958)	In Jackson and Hillsdale counties we proudly support our local community mental health association. Lifeways Community Mental Health is a great asset to our region and has already created a defined community.	<b>Lifeways.</b>
c2378-1 (35825)	These are several communities that each feature something unique. While they are mostly rural with some larger cities, the rural areas go together well on a map and share many interests, challenges, and governmental functions. The differences are based on location and proximity to other cities. Kalamazoo fits into its own community.	
c2380-1 (35834)	I was born and raised in South MI and also believe that county lines are a good basis for communities of interest in Michigan. These four communities each share interests and cooperate within themselves in many ways such as government, economy, and tourism. They are also uniquely different from one another due to where they sit on a map. These communities would be a good base for our maps in Michigan.	
p226 (19763)	<b>Redistricting plan:</b> Please consider this district plan, including communities of interest and neighboring counties. Thank you	
p228 (19765)	<b>Redistricting plan:</b> Please consider this redistricting plan	
p515 (22918)	<b>Rural Southern MI Congressional District:</b> My preferred district integrates various pre-existing factors which tie these areas together into a suggested congressional district . I live in rural Riga Township in southern Lenawee County. This community shares so many of the same cultural, economic, and even religious aspects as the other communities in this suggested district. Agriculture represents a major economic driver, along with many of similar industrial operations such as steel. Much of the rural and agricultural community shares similar values making it easy for elected officials to provide fair representation. Most importantly, these counties already share many natural and community factors. The Region 2 Planning Commission represents a tri-county area consisting of Hillsdale, Lenawee, and Jackson. The Area Agency on Aging, which I have served on, represents these counties as well. The River Raisin Watershed displays a natural boundary tying Jackson, Lenawee, and Monroe Counties through environmental shared interests. Branch, Hillsdale, and St. Joseph County share many of these same interests, while also sharing a regional health department and would be a natural fit to adjoin the already existing relationship between Monroe, Jackson, and Lenawee. Similarly, western Washtenaw shares a makeup of towns and small cities just like the rest of the district and despite the county lines (which my map largely adheres to as to keep matters simple for voters), this area is more similar to the small towns in Jackson, Monroe, and Lenawee, rather than the major metropolitan areas in eastern Washtenaw like Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti. Finally, this plan incorporates the interstate commerce and economic realities that border counties share.	



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**Monroe & Lenawee:** As a resident of Lenawee county and as an involved member of the community I feel strongly that the best representation for state senate in my area would be to elect a person from a district that is composed of Lenawee and Monroe counties. In my area there are many connections between the two counties that connect us economically and culturally. This region shares a state police post, family medical center, hospital system, United Way, and local media. With all of these things connecting us it would make no sense to divide up Senate representation.

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**Monroe-Lenawee Senate District:** I am the Township Supervisor for Bedford Township. We are more similar to Toledo than we are to Detroit or Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti. To illustrate this point, here are some of the interests tying us more to our border than the vastly different communities to our north: shared infrastructure, unions, United Way, print and broadcast media, hospital (ProMedica), environmental concerns related to the River Raisin Watershed and Lake Erie, and our areas water is part of the Toledo system. Lenawee County shares many of these issues and would be a logical partner to populate a state senate seat.

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**South Central Congressional District:** I live in Hillsdale county and have lived in Monroe, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties. Having lived in these places I have a great respect for each of them, and their similarities and differences. Having lived in Hillsdale County for nearly 36 years I am very familiar with the area. I am an involved resident and have served my community on numerous boards and committees. In preparing a congressional map for my area I thought of the things that connected entire counties to make a compact district, though for population purposes I had to add western Washtenaw. My map includes four border counties (Branch, Hillsdale, Lenawee, and Monroe) which have strong economic interests as border counties. They directly deal with the impacts of differing laws between Michigan, and southern neighbors, Ohio and Indiana. In addition our local paper reaches across these four counties. Hillsdale has a strong independent hospital, but the other three counties are all part of a large hospital system that shares resources. Beyond these border county connections there are several economic and community interests that connect us north. The Region 2 Aging Agency and Region Plan Commission both cover Hillsdale, Lenawee, and Jackson counties. There are also strong tourism ties related to the Michigan International Speedway which is located where the three counties connect. We also have strong education ties between counties. Kellogg Community College has a satellite location in Branch County, Jackson College and Spring Arbor University have locations in Hillsdale. Having lived in various locations around the state I have seen how people choose to live is very different across state. Where I live people choose to live in less densely populated areas in comparison to more densely populated metropolitan areas. The seven counties and western Washtenaw I have included in this map by in large have a low population density feel and way of life.



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**Jennifer Fairfield State Senate District.**

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**Jennifer Fairfield State Senate District:** This State Senate District combines all of Jackson County and portions of Washtenaw County. Please see my written testimony for an explanation of why I feel this district is appropriate.

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**Washtenaw/ US Senate:** I'm an Ann Arbor resident, working in the school system and close to retirement, and I'm very connected to people in the rural part of the county. I've had the occasion to teach music and to substitute teach in Dexter, Chelsea, and Saline, and to do musical presentations in Jackson schools, and I feel strongly that we have a common interest in having equitable access to education—to funds and budgets, but also to cultural enrichment opportunities. I also see that friends in Chelsea, for example, don't have the same access to services we need as we age, from broadband to accessible transportation. A dear friend, on a fixed income, still working as a church organist at 75, is paying three times what I pay for broadband, and has no access to public transport. These services are perhaps best managed at the county level, but our County government can only work as well as it's permitted by the state and even the federal government. We need representation that recognizes the value of fair and well-run public services. I'm also a volunteer working to ensure equitable access to vital services, including Covid-related services- testing, vaccination, and resources, in the eastern part of the county (Ypsilanti, Ypsi Township and Superior Township). Minority communities there are often overlooked, and while they are small, they constitute a community of interest that deserves to be represented in an inclusive manner. For these reasons I'm hoping to see a US House district that includes the entire county and that reaches out to include the western reaches. We share recreational resources, and many folks commute along I-95 as far as Jackson. I also work with groups as far over as Battle Creek. I feel that an urban/rural alliance will be of benefit to all, and reduce the alarming state of polarization we are now seeing. We should be talking to each other more! And belonging to the same District could help to make that happen. Here's...

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**Mason's Irish Hills Plan:** The Irish Hills area should exclude major cities like Ann Arbor. Ann Arbor should be included in areas such as Oakland County, due to their economic and cultural similarities. Irish Hills differentiates from Ann Arbor on almost every level of economic and cultural factors.

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## Supporting Data for Cluster A23

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Portal Link (District)	Overall Submission Information	Individual Area Information
c1780-2 (32175)	<b>Hillsdale, Branch, and Jackson Counties:</b> These three counties are close neighbors and friends. We cross county lines for work and pleasure DAILY. Please consider keeping them together as a district. With colleges, shopping, and recreation, these three counties, Hillsdale, Branch, and Jackson, benefit each other.	<b>Branch County:</b> Branch and Hillsdale county share county lines and is a shopping district for Hillsdale. It offers another choice for a hospital and many connecting recreational opportunities for Hillsdale residents with all the lakes. Branch county also relies on Hillsdale for the many lakes it has a well. They are close neighbors who share many roads and properties. It is important to keep them in the same district.
c1793-3 (32312)	<b>Fair/Compact Map - Border County.</b>	<b>Community Collaboratives between border counties:</b> My name is Juliana Moore, and I live in Adrian Township in Lenawee County. My Community of interest links counties related by healthcare, including Monroe and Lenawee as well as Branch County with the common denominator of ProMedica Healthcare Systems. I have extended the community of interest by including border counties that have a unique interest as states dealing with interstate economic issues. As a member of Lenawee Health Network, another important link that border counties have is common is the influx of citizens of Ohio, crossing the border for Marijuana. The LHN group is concerned about the health of people in the county, and the struggles that people have with drug dependency, something that these other counties will battle as well. As well, many industries cross over, and areas like Lenawee and Monroe have more in common with an area like Toledo, Ohio, than they may have with Detroit, Ann Arbor or Ypsilanti. It is important to have representation that is able to recognize the unique battle that these border counties encounter. The other districts were modeled after other maps I have seen in the portal and include two Voting Rights districts. The districts are compact and fairly competitive, but overall, the border county district makes the most sense to me and my map was built off of this district.



c1860 (32713)	<b>Branch county.</b>	<b>District 7.</b>
c2044 (34720)	<b>Border Counties:</b> This is a rural community of interest. While it is not large enough to be a congressional district, I think it represents a community that should be united in representation due to its mostly rural lifestyle. If this should be used to make a congressional seat, it should not pick up any urban areas, as this would dilute the rural voice represented here. Border counties should be kept together and remain rural, not urban.	<b>Community 1.</b>
c2065-2 (34882)	<b>Improving Regions:</b> I have mapped two communities of interest. One is Washtenaw and Wayne county, the other is the border counties and Jackson county. These two communities have little in common, and should not in any way be combined in representation. For example, the commission decided to lump Washtenaw County and Monroe county together in a regional plan. While these regions are starting points and were determined previously by bureaucrats in DC, as a lifelong Michigander who is familiar with the areas and unique definition of these communities, here are some thoughts to clean these regions up for district drawings. Washtenaw County is much more connected to Wayne county. For example, the University of Michigan has a campus in Ann Arbor (Washtenaw) and Dearborn extension (Wayne). Additionally, with Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, the Ann Arbor-Ypsi connection should not be separated - especially in federal representation since the universities in this area deserve a representative focused on higher education and urban challenges. Washtenaw County and Wayne county have technology startups and large company offices. This urban area should not have to be represented by someone who is also representing large swaths of urban Michigan. Please consider these differences, and do not combine these two distinctively separate communities in a congressional seat. The rural community I mapped is much more agriculturally based. I lived in one of the rural counties mapped before and now live in one of the urban counties. I can personally attest that these communities have much less in common than some comments try to portray.	<b>Rural Areas:</b> Heavily agricultural, smaller communities, lower median income.
c2317-1 (35584)	Washtenaw and Wayne counties are vastly different than counties like Jackson, Branch, Hillsdale and Berrien.	<b>Community 1.</b>
c2321-1 (35588)	As someone who grew up and raised a family in rural Michigan, and now living in urban Michigan, I can say firsthand that these are two distinctively different communities, and therefore should not be stuck together in representation. They have different values, lifestyles, family structures, etc. They have different income levels, paces of life, and economies. Any attempt to combine these two communities are absolutely partisan in nature and I would strongly oppose these movements.	<b>Community 1.</b>
c2383-1 (35842)	As a lifelong resident of a border county I know how often I make runs into Ohio and Indiana for groceries and cold beer, and I know many others who do the same. In border counties we are always competing with Ohio and Indiana for the price of goods and services as well as labor. I have many friends who drive south to work out of state, do a majority of their shopping, attend parks, and attend church. This lifestyle is unique to border counties.	<b>Community 1.</b>
c2392-1 (35925)	As someone who goes to college in one of the communities of interest, and spend my summer months in the rural community, I can attest to the differences between these two areas. The Chi ties of Washtenaw and parts of Wayne are much more affluent, have different infrastructure needs, and have public universities. The rural parts are much more agricultural, smaller communities, etc. These two communities should not be connected in representation.	<b>Community 1.</b>
c1943-1 (33399)	<b>Three Southwest MI Communities:</b> Much of rural Michigan is similar, though in order to keep districts compact and contiguous it will need to be broken up. Allegan + Van Buren Counties + surrounding rural areas and small towns make a lot of sense as a Community of Interest. While they share similarities with rural areas to the south, the border counties have more in common and more reliance on Indiana than the counties to the north. Likewise, Kalamazoo and Battle Creek should be considered separate from the surrounding rural areas. Though these communities aren't perfectly following county lines, I believe that county lines are a good basis for determining COI-based district lines.	



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**Border County Congressional District:** I am the Township Supervisor for Bedford Township. We are more similar to Toledo than we are to Detroit or Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti. To illustrate this point, here are some of the interests tying us more to our border than the vastly different communities to our north: shared infrastructure, unions, United Way, print and broadcast media, hospital (ProMedica), environmental concerns related to the River Raisin Watershed and Lake Erie, and our areas water is part of the Toledo system. As a leader in a border community, we deal with issues daily related to the southern neighbors (property tax, income tax, sales tax, bottle deposit, shared fire protection) and these issues are not shared by the other 72 non-border counties. Only the UP counties bordering Wisconsin also share these concerns but based off of population in the UP, those counties will already have the same representation. That's why this southern border county area deserves to have representatives attentive to these unique issues. It is my understanding that districts need to be around 775,000 so I included Jackson county as well. I included Jackson county because I understand they have multiple inter-governmental partnerships with Lenawee and Hillsdale counties, and have US 127 headed south into Ohio so their industries understand interstate commerce.

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**Tom's Border/Agriculture District:** This district proposal groups the southern border counties and townships, particularly those with an emphasis on the agricultural industry. The border counties have significant synergy with the northern counties of Ohio and Indiana which are also heavily agriculture with the exception of the metro Toledo area. The southern boundary counties share in the River Raisin watershed and its environmental impact. The close proximity to the Maumee River watershed is also a key factor particularly as it empties into Lake Erie near the Michigan border. These counties share the needs of the farming communities that leads to common resource and political support.

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### Supporting Data for Cluster A24

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Portal Link (District)	Overall Submission Information	Individual Area Information
c2376-1 (35812)	Adding onto my original community of interest. I originally stated the tri-county area of Jackson, Hillsdale, and Lenawee counties, but as I have reflected I realized this COI can be easily expanded to include Calhoun and Branch. These two counties have similar industry and one mid sized community each and are sandwiched between the urban areas of Kalamazoo and Ann Arbor.	<b>Community 1:</b> Adding onto my original community of interest. I originally stated the tri-county area of Jackson, Hillsdale, and Lenawee counties, but as I have reflected I realized this COI can be easily expanded to include Calhoun and Branch. These two counties have similar industry and one mid sized community each and are sandwiched between the urban areas of Kalamazoo and Ann Arbor.

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## Supporting Data for Cluster A25

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Portal Link (District)	Overall Submission Information	Individual Area Information
c542 (23218)	<p><b>Dunham Lake:</b> Dunham Lake is a private lake straddling the borders of Livingston and Oakland counties in Southeast Michigan split roughly in half by the county line. The same county line also separates State house, senate, and US congress districts in addition to local school and municipalities (Hartland and Highland). There are approximately 400 property owners who live around Dunham Lake in communities planned primarily to conserve the natural beauty of the lake and allow them access to the water via a protected greenbelt. Dunham Lake is a 110-acre glacial lake that was formed anywhere from 7,000 to 10,000 years ago from a block of ice broken off by the retreating glacier - a so-called 'kettle lake'. Dunham has three deep basins, the deepest one about 125 feet, making it one of the deepest, if not the deepest lake in Southeast Michigan. In the 1920's Henry M. Wallace began buying up all available land around the lake to protect its natural beauty. Henry had heard a talk by the noted Canadian bird enthusiast, Jack Miner, who had a bird sanctuary in Ontario along the migratory flyway. Inspired by Miner, Henry decided to use his Dunham Lake property for the same purpose. Trees were planted caretakers hired and wild rice sown in the shallows of the lake to attract Canada Geese. The area became a State Wildlife Refuge and Federal Game Preserve. Upon Wallace's death in 1949, a consortium of five businessmen, headed by former governor of Michigan, Murray D. Van Wagoner (1940-42) purchased it in its entirety. However, the seller imposed certain restrictions on the deed. And the purchaser was required to submit a plan to preserve the beauty and purity of the lake. It was Van Wagoner who came up with the idea of the greenbelt and it was incorporated into the development plan as a valuable guard against lake ecosystem degradation. The greenbelt surrounding 70 percent of the lake varies in width from about 100 to almost 400 feet. Cedar trees, planted...</p>	<p><b>Dunham Lake:</b> Dunham Lake is a private lake straddling the borders of Livingston and Oakland counties in Southeast Michigan split roughly in half by the county line. The same county line also separates State house, senate, and US congress districts in addition to local school and municipalities (Hartland and Highland). There are approximately 400 property owners who live around Dunham Lake in communities planned primarily to conserve the natural beauty of the lake and allow them full access to the water via a protected greenbelt. Dunham Lake is a 110-acre glacial lake that was formed anywhere from 7,000 to 10,000 years ago from a block of ice broken off by the retreating glacier - a so-called 'kettle lake'. Dunham has three deep basins, the deepest one about 125 feet, making it one of the deepest, if not the deepest lake in Southeast Michigan. In the 1920's Henry M. Wallace began buying up all available land around the lake to protect its natural beauty. Henry had heard a talk by the noted Canadian bird enthusiast, Jack Miner, who had a bird sanctuary in Ontario along the migratory flyway. Inspired by Miner, Henry decided to use his Dunham Lake property for the same purpose. Trees were planted caretakers hired and wild rice sown in the shallows of the lake to attract Canada Geese. The area became a State Wildlife Refuge and Federal Game Preserve. Upon Wallace's death in 1949, a consortium of five businessmen, headed by former governor of Michigan, Murray D. Van Wagoner (1940-42) purchased it in its entirety. However, the seller imposed certain restrictions on the deed. And the purchaser was required to submit a plan to preserve the beauty and purity of the lake. It was Van Wagoner who came up with the idea of the greenbelt and it was incorporated into the development plan as a valuable guard against lake ecosystem degradation. The greenbelt surrounding 70 percent of the lake varies in width from about 100 to almost 400 feet. Cedar trees, pl...</p>



c930 (25509)	<b>Quinn Livingston Cty/nearby areas COI:</b> This community of interest is important to us as it contains nearby recreational areas and parks that we utilize as well as infrastructure such as the LETS transportation system, Senior Centers, Libraries, Livingston County United Way and Meals on Wheels	<b>Livingston and Nearby Counties Region:</b> Current make up of Livingston County and nearby county regions to include all the nearby recreation areas and parks, the LETS transportation system (Livingston Essential Transportation System) and the Howell, Brighton, Hartland Senior Centers, Brighton, Howell, Pinckney, Hartland libraries, and Livingston County United Way and Meals on Wheels are all important to remain in the same community of interest
c1549-1 (29615)	<b>Livingston County House Districts:</b> Southeast Livingston County is a community of interest with the Grand River corridor as its core, running from Howell to Brighton and with the townships on either side of Grand River. People go to the Grand River corridor for shopping, entertainment, post office, health care, restaurants, and more. The rest of the county is more rural and less of an exurban area. They should be two separate House districts.	<b>House District 42:</b> This community of interest is the Grand River corridor from Howell to Brighton and the surrounding townships. Grand River is the center of entertainment, shopping, restaurants, health care, and more for the townships in the southeast part of the county. The northern part of Brighton Township tends to be more closely associated with Hartland Township than with the Grand River area so I would not include that area with House district 42, but with House District 47.
c1549-2 (29615)	<b>Livingston County House Districts:</b> Southeast Livingston County is a community of interest with the Grand River corridor as its core, running from Howell to Brighton and with the townships on either side of Grand River. People go to the Grand River corridor for shopping, entertainment, post office, health care, restaurants, and more. The rest of the county is more rural and less of an exurban area. They should be two separate House districts.	<b>House District 47:</b> This is the more rural part of the county that is less densely populated. The rural area has more in common than with the more exurban areas of southeast Livingston County.
c1556-1 (29634)	<b>People from "Fenton" vs People from Fent:</b> Those these are different municipalities they are actually one community and should be kept together.	<b>People who think they are from Fenton:</b> People who think they are from Fenton
c1556-2 (29634)	<b>People from "Fenton" vs People from Fent:</b> Those these are different municipalities they are actually one community and should be kept together.	<b>People Actually from Fenton:</b> People Actually from Fenton
c1569-1 (29873)	<b>Fairer State House Districts - Livingston:</b> This map neatly creates two equal-population State House districts in Livingston County, one urban/suburban and one rural/agricultural.	<b>Livingston House District 42:</b> This community consists of the main commercial districts of the county, centered in the cities of Howell and Brighton and along the road Grand River corridor that connects them. It also includes suburban, non-agricultural townships close to U.S. 23 with many people who commute to Ann Arbor.
c1569-2 (29873)	<b>Fairer State House Districts - Livingston:</b> This map neatly creates two equal-population State House districts in Livingston County, one urban/suburban and one rural/agricultural.	<b>Livingston House District 47:</b> This community is the 47th House District and is the more rural, agricultural, less densely populated parts of the county that have more in common with each other than with the southeastern portion of the county. The townships of Unadilla and Iosco in the southwestern corner of the county are tied more to Ingham County due to being in the Stockbridge school district.
c1618 (30837)	<b>My Community of Interest - Livingston Co:</b> We're a semi-rural community, small towns, close knit neighbors with like-minded people, our kids play other schools in our community in sports, we attend church together and most of us grew up in the community and have a long history here.	<b>Community 1:</b> This is Livingston County. We are a semi-rural community with similar values and priorities for our families and communities. We are all under the same Livingston Educational Services Agency (LESA), so the kids play one another in sports in this county, they go to church together and enjoy the community. We have nothing in common with Washtenaw County, where our values and interests are very different.



c1668 (31167)	<b>Fenton area:</b> Fenton area	<b>Community 1:</b> Fenton
c1718 (31331)	<b>Brighton-Genoa Twp and surrounding area.</b>	<b>Brighton/Genoa Twp Area:</b> The Brighton/Genoa area is small town with a rural feel.
c1735-1 (31531)	<b>Dave's Greater Fenton Area Community.:</b> Fenton and the greater area are a great place to live, raise a family and share the amenities of with one another. Please keep it whole in every way possible!	<b>Fenton City and Fenton Township Area:</b> Centered along US23, this area tends to be the center of the overall area representing my Community of Interest. All other areas denoted in my COI tend to run together, centered from Fenton. The development in these areas run fairly contiguous throughout. With the overall COI area described then being bordered by countryside and farm land at roughly 90%.
c1735-3 (31531)	<b>Dave's Greater Fenton Area Community.:</b> Fenton and the greater area are a great place to live, raise a family and share the amenities of with one another. Please keep it whole in every way possible!	<b>Linden-Argentine Area..</b>
c1735-2 (31531)	<b>Dave's Greater Fenton Area Community.:</b> Fenton and the greater area are a great place to live, raise a family and share the amenities of with one another. Please keep it whole in every way possible!	<b>City of Holly and Holly Township..</b>
c1735-4 (31531)	<b>Dave's Greater Fenton Area Community.:</b> Fenton and the greater area are a great place to live, raise a family and share the amenities of with one another. Please keep it whole in every way possible!	<b>Grand Blanc.</b>
c1735-5 (31531)	<b>Dave's Greater Fenton Area Community.:</b> Fenton and the greater area are a great place to live, raise a family and share the amenities of with one another. Please keep it whole in every way possible!	<b>Heartland Area.</b>
c1754-1 (31718)	<b>Community of Interests:</b> To introduce myself, my name is Susan Nickels. I have been a resident of the state of Michigan my entire life. I am a graduate of our public schools and currently live in Genoa Township, zip code 48116, located in Livingston County. Livingston County is largely rural. Including my community with other rural communities is my desire. I support local farms in Howell and Brighton for our meat, eggs and produce. My views are traditional, family centric, and patriotically support our nation. I share these values with those around me. For the purpose of re-districting in the state of Michigan as the result of the 2020 census I submit the following to be considered when determining the new congressional districting. - Fair maps - Common sense approach to legislative districting - As much as possible maintain counties, cities and townships intact. - Avoid carving out sections of a distinct community and assigning those sections to adjacent districts for Congressional or state legislative purposes. - Draw district boundaries that are clearly delineated by boundaries of intact communities - Prevent small areas of a county from being incorporated into the district of another county	<b>My communities of interest.</b>
c1757 (31818)	<b>Local community.</b>	<b>Community 1.</b>
c1839-3 (32521)	<b>Scott's NW Metro Community:</b> My submission is based off of common boundaries by city/village/township in the NW section of the Metro Detroit area.	<b>Community 3:</b> Brighton, Hartland
c1839-10 (32521)	<b>Scott's NW Metro Community:</b> My submission is based off of common boundaries by city/village/township in the NW section of the Metro Detroit area.	<b>Community 10:</b> Highland, White Lake
c1839-11 (32521)	<b>Scott's NW Metro Community:</b> My submission is based off of common boundaries by city/village/township in the NW section of the Metro Detroit area.	<b>Community 11:</b> Howell, Marion Townships
c1839-12 (32521)	<b>Scott's NW Metro Community:</b> My submission is based off of common boundaries by city/village/township in the NW section of the Metro Detroit area.	<b>Community 12:</b> Fowlerville, Webberville, Williamston
c1916-2 (33053)	<b>Arab Americans Count!:</b> Genesee County has an estimated population of over 20,000 Arab Americans in the metropolitan-Flint area. We want to make sure that the Arab community is seen, heard, and represented as new district boundaries are drawn.	<b>Community 2.</b>



p70 (18329) **51 State District plan:** I believe that those that live within these communities see eye to eye on most issues and value the gift of loyalty and respect each other.

p989 (25988) **Livingston County House Districts:** This plan includes two House districts for Livingston County and incorporates the Grand River community of interest as described in my written testimony.

p1696 (31290) **White Lake:** I believe our State districts for congress and state senate were gerrymandered.

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Supporting Data for Cluster A26

Portal Link (District)	Overall Submission Information	Individual Area Information
c489 (22576)	<b>Flint &amp; Genesee County's Latinx Community:</b> Flint & Genesee County's Latinx Population	<b>Flint's Latinx Community:</b> Flint's Eastside historically has had the highest concentration of the Latinx community throughout the years. The Eastside has been home to many Latin families, Latin owned businesses, the Latin Community Center, and other culturally relevant businesses/places of community. Genesee County is the 5th largest county in the State of Michigan with a 4.4% Latinx population. Flint as a 4% Latinx population. The Eastside of Flint has a 10% Latinx population.
c1742 (31580)	<b>Karen's community:</b> I live in Atlas Township but identify with Flint as that is where we spend much of our time	<b>Home:</b> my home town and areas I spend time in nearby
c1844 (32619)	<b>Greater Flint Region:</b> The city of Flint is an anchor for the small communities in Genesee, Shiawassee, and Lapeer counties. Most of the non-agricultural households in the region were connected to Flint due to the auto industry throughout the 20th century. Greater Flint continues to be a hub and point of connection for transportation, culture/arts, health care, commerce, and economic activity in the region.	<b>Greater Flint region:</b> All of the smaller towns in the three counties of Genesee, Shiawassee, and Lapeer have economic and social history going back to the time when the auto industry was dominant. Many non-agricultural households have auto industry workers in their recent past. Flint is the anchor point for commerce, hospital services, arts, and communications for the region.
c1916-1 (33053)	<b>Arab Americans Count!:</b> Genesee County has an estimated population of over 20,000 Arab Americans in the metropolitan-Flint area. We want to make sure that the Arab community is seen, heard, and represented as new district boundaries are drawn.	<b>Flint.</b>
c2344-1 (35654)	The black and Hispanic communities in Saginaw and Flint deserve representation. If they are combined, the coalition could elect 2 minority state reps from the area. This would give real representation to the black-Hispanic coalition in the area.	<b>Flint - Saginaw Minority Community.</b>
c1071 (26355)	<b>People Count:</b> Communities of interest encompass the Tri-Cities (Saginaw, Midland, Bay City) and Flint. These cities have shared history such as the automotive industry, geology, and environment with its shared lakes and rivers. We need to unite the Great Lakes Bay region away from bigotry, and rampant gerrymandering, voter suppression, and allow all votes to count! In Midland alone we have had only one party represented in over a hundred years. That is simply unacceptable when poll after poll clearly shows the majority of residents don't agree with their elected officials that are supposed to represent them!	
c1769 (31983)	<b>Flint/Genesee County COI:</b> See my submission of 7/27/21 on Proposed Congressional District Based on Two Similar, Adjoining Communities of Interest and a Smaller, Overlapped Community of Interest for related testimony. Also see public comment #6 at Pontiac Hearing, 6/10/21 for related testimony.	
c1768 (31990)	<b>Flint Metro League COI Map:</b> See my submission of 7/27/21 on Proposed Congressional District Based on Two Similar, Adjoining Communities of Interest and a Smaller, Overlapped Community of Interest for related testimony. Also see public comment #6 at Pontiac Hearing, 6/10/21 for related testimony.	
p55 (18133)	<b>New Congressional map:</b> Would like to see Dan Kildee pick up most of Saginaw county and all of Genesee county. I believe he would represent this area well.	
p1426 (28054)	<b>Flint and Tri-Cities District:</b> Hello again commissioners, provided is a well thought out district that should be considered when creating the U.S. Congressional Districts. This area of the state is known as the Tri-Cities which are very economically tied together and they have much historical significance that includes Bay City, Saginaw, and Midland. Also Flint is included within this district to the same shared interests of the Tri-Cities which can then be extended to known as the Flint and Tri-Cities area. The Tri-Cities shared an airport together that stands for the the cities themselves; MBS (Midland, Bay, and Saginaw). These cities also have a plethora of colleges such as Northwoods University, SVSU, Delta College, U of M - Flint, and many more within the regions. They have many corporations that operate with these areas as well, notably being the Dow Chemical Company, GM (Powertrain), Nexteer Corporation (Saginaw Steering Systems), S.C. Johnson and Sons (Ziploc), and many more. This is a very large working class area that has much industrial history, so these areas should be combined into one congressional district due to these significant ties.	
p1600 (30740)	<b>Tri-Cities/Flint/Genesee Congressiona:</b> This map keeps the Tri-Cities (Bay City, Midland and Saginaw) together with Flint/Genesee in a Congressional Dis	



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**proposed state congressional map:** suggested state representation district because it need to be more diverse in representation.

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### Supporting Data for Cluster A27

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Portal Link (District)	Overall Submission Information	Individual Area Information
<a href="#">c1855-2</a> (32672)	<b>Equity for Michiganders:</b> These areas represent the division of the state of Michigan in a way that allows for true representation of its citizens. Elections are being decided by the vote in Detroit, which doesn't usually correspond to how the rest of the state votes. By isolating the heavily populated Detroit area from the relatively less populated remainder of the state, those in West Michigan and other areas will consolidate their vote to counter Detroit.	<b>The Rest of Michigan:</b> Mostly working class, mid-size communities
<a href="#">p1566</a> (29891)	<b>1 State 1 District - Serve All Equally:</b> Any would-be politician should serve all Michiganders equally to avoid partiality and avoid bias.	

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## Supporting Data for Cluster A28

Portal Link (District)	Overall Submission Information	Individual Area Information
c814 (24762)	<b>Central MI District Proposal:</b> These are all the places I range for work, within the community I have built among friends and co-workers. These boundaries represent the areas from which I have worked with contractors on professional or community projects. I only propose my district (roughly) due to admittedly not knowing much about areas outside their outside of tourism.	<b>Central Michigan.</b>
c1619 (30844)	<b>Rose's submission plan for DeWitt:</b> Re-Districting My name is Rosemarie DeLoof and I live in south DeWitt township in Clinton county. Clinton is just north of Ingham county. I grew up on a dairy farm in south DeWitt township. When I married I moved out of the area. My parents and siblings continued to live in the township. This community reflected my values then and it does today. In our retirement years my husband and I have moved back. We want Clinton to remain whole, we are a rural agrarian community. We know the issues of our farmers and their concerns. Clinton county works together and shares in responsibility. We are stable and not transient. Our spending is frugal and our tax rate is low and that is reflected in our budget. We renew millages for our fire and police as well as the blue bus for Clinton county because the monies are spent wisely and we believe in supporting the efforts of our elected officials. Our district needs to remain square and compact. Our population should remain the same. How will a Representative be able to adequately represent us if he has an urban as well as a rural area to serve. Will that Representative serve one at the cost of the other.	<b>Community 1:</b> These counties are all rural and have similar interest and population. It would be a disservice to have them mixed with urban communities.
c1690 (31231)	<b>West Michigan and Sunset Side:</b> The communities represented on this map are communities of interest that share religion, ethnicity, culture, economics and other demographics. In short, a shared way of life. The approximate population of this community is equivalent to a congressional district.	<b>Community 1.</b>
c1732 (31506)	<b>Mid-Michigan:</b> Combination of rural, small towns, and medium sized cities	<b>Mid Michigan:</b> Combination of rural, small towns, and medium sized city.
c1743 (31581)	<b>Isabella County - Congressional District:</b> Isabella County. northern lower Michigan, this map shows a Congressional District that I feel best defines our area of the state.	<b>Lake Isabella, Isabella County:</b> This would be an appropriate Congressional District for our community.
c1866 (32719)	<b>Proposed US Congressional District:</b> Proposed US Congressional District to accompany written input from July 2. These Michigan counties include the 5 counties (Leelanau, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Antrim and Kalkaska) that share more interests and cultural and historical history than our current vast geographic District 1 encompassing 25,000 square miles, all of the 15 Upper Peninsula counties and 17 Lower Peninsula counties.	<b>US Congressional District:</b> I sent public comment on a proposed "community of interest" on July 2 and am now adding a map for the US Congressional District. My original request was to pair Leelanau and part of Grand Traverse counties, but this is too small a federal district. The larger proposed district shares common interests and has historical and cultural similarities way beyond those counties comprising the current federal district. The five central counties (Leelanau, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Antrim and Kalkaska) also share many businesses and organizations.
c1884 (32841)	<b>Hello Township:</b> This is a very important community of interest that always greets you with a smile.	<b>Hello Township Area:</b> This is a very friendly community in the state of Michigan that is always welcoming and greets you the way you want to be greeted.
p1310 (25445)	<b>Federal House Lower Peninsula, W.Coast:</b> The mission of the Leelanau Early Childhood Development Commission (LECDC.) is to "provide families access to a high quality, comprehensive, accountable system of care and pre-school experience for children birth through age 5." The LECDC Board members are long term, and some life long, residents of Leelanau County. We are all active in our community and can say with certainty that we know the history, culture, economics and needs of our area. We have a school superintendent, student support staff, a county commissioner, pre-school directors, early childhood specialists, entrepreneurs, small business owners, fruit farmers, a judge, members of our local family collaborative, members of our local chambers of commerce, members of our Latino and indigenous communities on our Board. Although our "home base" is Leelanau County, a peninsula hugged by the Grand Traverse Bay and Lake Michigan, our collaborating partners are in Grand Traverse, Benzie, Antrim, and Kalkaska Counties. Much the same can be said of many organizations and businesses located in each of our five-counties. We ask that our five counties be kept together as a "community of interest" as much as feasible in the current redistricting process. We appreciate all five counties with approximately 172,000 residents could be in one state senate district, but have too great a population to be in one state house district, and too small a population to be the sole composition of a single federal district. However, we believe these five counties share cultural and historical characteristics and	



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(26799) **Lupe Petroff, central Michigan congress:** These counties share similar interests. Lots of farms and small towns with very different needs than more populated areas. I live in Shiawassee County and we deserve to have a member of Congress that looks out for us. My map breaks no county lines and it is compact.
- [p1588](#)  
(30585) **Tom DeFouw: Mi Congressional District:** I have submitted a House, Senate, and Congressional District as requested. Thank you.
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(30891) **Betty Jo Nelson - Congressional:** Thank you for considering my congressional district map. Betty Jo Nelson
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(30891) **Betty Jo Nelson - Congressional:** Thank you for considering my congressional district map. Betty Jo Nelson
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(31482) **Continuity in Central Michigan:** I drew this based on my residence in Midland and what I believe to be commonalities for my area. Midland County is an interesting blend of highly technical industry, primary area for health care and has smaller communities in adjoining counties commuting to the City of Midland.
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## Supporting Data for Cluster A29

Portal Link (District)	Overall Submission Information	Individual Area Information
c253 (19762)	<b>MBS: Midland, Bay and Saginaw Counties:</b> Midland, Bay and Saginaw Counties are united by shared history, interests and challenges. Unifiers include MBS Airport, Delta College, Saginaw Valley State University, the I-75/US-10 Crossroads, the Tittabawassee/Saginaw Rivers, Dow Chemical operations, The Dow Event Center and much more. They are "Tri-Cities" in almost every sense—except for the current, blatantly gerrymandered boundaries between Congressional and House Districts.	<b>MBS: Midland-Bay-Saginaw Counties:</b> The 3 counties of Midland, Bay and Saginaw are united by common ties of transportation, education, culture, environment and commerce. MBS International Airport serves and is jointly operated by the region. The I-75 / US-10 intersection links road traffic. Delta College serves and is operated by the 3 counties. Saginaw Valley State Univ. draws most of its students from these 3 counties. Many businesses and other organizations identify themselves by a name beginning with either Tri-City or Tri-County, and many with other names (e.g., UU Fellowship of Midland) state on their websites that they actually serve the entire tri-county area. Flooding, pollution and recreation concerns on the Tittabawassee and Saginaw Rivers also serve to unify the 3 counties. The current twisting borders for US Congress and Michigan House districts represent one of Michigan's most flagrant attempts to split the counties based on political party, not on real interests.
c353-1 (21400)	<b>Tri-Counties for State Senate District:</b> Bay County is the Community of Interest. The map is my request for State Senate redistricting as well as those who are in my community of interest, called I-75, A River Runs Through It.	<b>Bay County Community of Interest:</b> Bay County is a community where residents are connected by many gathering places, by many annual festivals that residents volunteer to make happen, by Tall Ships Festival, by Bay Sail, by DOW Bay Area Family YMCA, by the famous St. Patrick's Day Parade, by the St. Stan's Polish Festival. By Fishing Competitions.
c353-3 (21400)	<b>Tri-Counties for State Senate District:</b> Bay County is the Community of Interest. The map is my request for State Senate redistricting as well as those who are in my community of interest, called I-75, A River Runs Through It.	<b>Community 3 Saginaw County.</b>
c353-2 (21400)	<b>Tri-Counties for State Senate District:</b> Bay County is the Community of Interest. The map is my request for State Senate redistricting as well as those who are in my community of interest, called I-75, A River Runs Through It.	<b>Community 2 Midland City:</b> portion of Midland County
c1405 (27742)	<b>Dow-Midland PCB &amp; Dioxin Cleanup:</b> Dow Corporation of Midland, Michigan has a long history of discharging dioxins, PCBs and other chemicals into the Tittabawassee River, from where they flowed into the wetlands of Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge and on down the Saginaw River through Saginaw and Bay City to Saginaw Bay. Much of the discharged material remains in the river sediment and in flood plains, with a result that there are extensive restrictions on eating fish from these waters or game from adjoining areas. As a result of multiple court actions, Dow remains involved in a large number of EPA-supervised mitigation projects.	<b>Dow-Midland PCB &amp; Dioxin cleanup:</b> Dow Corporation of Midland, Michigan has a long history of discharging dioxins, PCBs and other chemicals into the Tittabawassee River, from where they flowed into the wetlands of Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge and on down the Saginaw River through Saginaw and Bay City to Saginaw Bay. Much of the discharged material remains in the river sediment and in flood plains, with a result that there are extensive restrictions on eating fish from these waters or game from adjoining areas. As a result of multiple court actions, Dow remains involved in a large number of EPA-supervised mitigation projects



c1746 (31587)	<b>Saginaw/Bay City Area:</b> The Saginaw and Bay City area is where I live and work.	<b>Community 1:</b> Saginaw/Bay City area
c1782-1 (32214)	<b>Midland Bay and Saginaw Counties:</b> This community consists of the three counties, Midland, Bay and Saginaw. Historically, they have cooperated in providing Air Transportation (MBS) and post High School Education (Delta College) For these reasons and others, this diverse community should be able to vote in such a way as to keep our common interests at the forefront of our representative government.	<b>TriCounty Saginaw Bay:</b> This is a community that shares an Economic Interest in that employees, employers and NGO services are shared in this geographic Area
c1827 (32472)	<b>Robert's submission plan:</b> The community is multi cultural. Many activities revolve around waterfront and a variety of cultural events. The area is connected by rail trails as will as the Saginaw Bay and the Tittabawassee and Saginaw waterways.	<b>Community 1.</b>
c1903 (32967)	<b>Bay area Plan.</b>	<b>Community 1:</b> Midland and Bay County
c1914 (33044)	<b>Matt - Midland-Bay City-Saginaw:</b> The exact size of this district is open for revision, however there is no doubt these communities' economies, families, and overall success will forever be linked. A large number of residents work in Midland, Bay City, or Saginaw but live in more rural communities like Swan Creek, Auburn, Freeland, etc. Youth sports, school activities, and entertainment consistently cause residents to move freely within this area. We all benefit and rely on surrounding communities, thus we should be voting as a single block. The current system is broken as it disenfranchises many residents by assuming residents in Flint have the same needs and community interests as those in Tawas City or residents in Cadillac have similar community interests and needs as folks in Frankenmuth. Perhaps more importantly, and not designed by intention, the demographics of this district mirror the state very well.	<b>Midland-Bay City-Saginaw:</b> The exact size of this district is open for revision, however there is no doubt these communities' economies, families, and overall success will forever be linked. A large number of residents work in Midland, Bay City, or Saginaw but live in more rural communities like Swan Creek, Auburn, Freeland, etc. Youth sports, school activities, and entertainment consistently cause residents to move freely within this area. We all benefit and rely on surrounding communities, thus we should be voting as a single block. The current system is broken as it disenfranchises many residents by assuming residents in Flint have the same needs and community interests as those in Tawas City or residents in Cadillac have similar community interests and needs as folks in Frankenmuth. Perhaps more importantly, and not designed by intention, the demographics of this district mirror the state very well.
c2012 (34317)	<b>Community if interest is the Tri-Cities:</b> My community if interest is the Tri-Cities of Bay City, Midland, Saginaw.	<b>Tri Cities- Bay City, Midland, Saginaw:</b> The Tri Cities composed of Bay City, Midland, and Saginaw have long had cultural, historical, and economic ties. Today they continue to expand toward each other, along with the smaller surrounding communities creating a diverse metropolitan area. The Tri Cites should not be separated, but considered as a whole community of interest as they always have .
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p899 (25238)	<b>Tri-Cities State Senate District:</b> As a resident of Bay City, I feel very little in common with the other places in my current Senate district (Lapeer and Tuscola Counties). I feel like a district that contains Bay City, Midland, and Saginaw would be better suited to meet the representation needs of this area, as we share more in common with them than the other two counties in the current district.	



p1126  
(26195)

**MBS-Tri-Cities:** To the Michigan Redistricting Commission: As we look to Michigan's 32nd senate district, there are several reasons this district must be redrawn. Historically, Saginaw, Midland and Bay City have been known as the Tri-cities. Three communities working together, pooling resources for mutual benefit has and should continue to be our moniker. In the content below you will find that these communities share a mutual benefit of being enveloped into one state senate district. These three communities share a community college (Delta College), a regional-tri-city airport (MBS) and of paramount importance, these communities share vital water infrastructure that serves the needs of the citizens and thousands of local and large businesses (SMMWSC). Our community will cite the historic, cultural, and the economic impact that we all share from these anchor institutions. Michigan's 32nd senate district should include Bay City, the City of Midland and the City of Saginaw for because they hold numerous vital communities of interest: Delta College Serving Saginaw, Midland and Bay City Content provided by Delta.edu -Educational Community of Interest Through the collaboration and innovation of 300 civic-minded individuals who saw the need for a top-quality community college in mid-Michigan, Delta College was created to serve Bay, Midland and Saginaw counties. Delta College opened in 1961 with 2,600 students, and now enrolls about 9,000 annually. Students range from high school students taking dual-enrollment classes to older adults returning to college to enhance their skills. Today, Delta continues to value collaboration and innovation as we lead the way in community college education. From our involvement as a founding member in the League for Innovation in the Community College to our commitment to Achieving the Dream as a Leader College, Delta College continues to learn and grow as we encourage our students to do the same. The ...

p1183  
(26792)

**Michael's Plan for Tuscola County:** Tuscola County and Huron County are already together in our state rep district. We have many farming communities that make up a Community of Interest in the thumb area. This sticks with county lines and is compact.

p1529  
(29467)

**Tri-Cities Senate District:** Hello again commissioners, based on many recent comments from people within my area talking about how they want a State Senate district that included Bay City, Saginaw, and Midland, so I created just that. Within this plan, it connects the Tri-Cities into one state Senate district in which it includes the main cities, Bay City, Saginaw and Midland, as well as the other cities and towns of Auburn, Freeland, Shields, Buena Vista city, Essexville, Zilwaukee, and Carrollton. I feel that this district is good since these areas have much in common based on the many comments that people have been recently stating within their posts. Politically, the area is very competitive, in which in the 2016 Presidential Election went Republican by 47.25% compared to Democrats 47.17%. In the 2018 Gubernatorial Election the district went to Democrats by 52.91% compared to Republicans 44.38%. Lastly, in the 2020 Presidential Election it went to Democrats by 50.91% compared to Republicans 47.47%. This shows leaves to a situation in which the Tri-Cities can have good representation since its not partisanly controlled and allows for the different cities to be able to have a common goal that they all want to achieve. I hope you take this plan into some consideration since this seems to be a popular opinion to some people within Midland and possibly to Bay City and Saginaw as well. Thank you.



p1585  
(30401)

**Tri-Counties for State Senate District:** I am submitting this Community of Interest Map as a State Senate District. Saginaw, Bay City and Midland are called the Tri-Cities. All three cities are urban/suburban communities with similar history, economy, industry, and environmental interests. Twenty years ago, Bay County was gerrymandered away from the Tri-County region in terms of state representation. Bay County was joined with Tuscola and Lapeer County to form a state senate district that has been represented by family farmers. As a result, Bay County has little representation of our more urban/suburban concerns as well as environmental concerns. Both Bay City and Saginaw grew up along the banks of the Saginaw River. Ours is a Community that is on the Northern edge of an Industrial Corridor. We share concerns over water quality resulting from heavy manufacturing, the lumber business which opened up this area of the country in the 1800's. The Saginaw River is still an important shipping route and one of Michigan's only navigable inland rivers. It is wide enough and deep enough for 800 foot freighters to reach the stone docks of Zilwaukee. In Bay County the river is spanned by 4 bascule drawbridges connecting the east and west sides of Bay City. While industry and boaters rely on river access, the City of Bay City is responsible for the bridges' upkeep and has struggled to maintain them. This is a tri county concern because movement from one side of the river to the other is necessary for all who live in this area. Services that were once available in each community are now shared, which requires additional travel and/or commuting. Goods that are transported to any community do so on roads leading directly from Bay City into Saginaw and Midland, such as I-75, I 10, M-84, The river Road (M-13), and M-47. Health services are shared among the Tri-Cities. McLaren Bay Region for example, has more than 5000 employees living throughout the Bay Region. Patie...

p1817  
(30490)

**Monumental Map- By Ezekiel Project:** This is a community of interest map made in precinct format to demonstrate our exact location/s This map marks a new beginning for our district. It is our desire to create a more challenging and more competitive district. We want to ensure that folks work to earn our vote and get us representation for what we need and deserve in order for us to thrive as a community. To that end, we want to be seen as a relevant voting area or a contested district. We want our COI to have their interests protected. It is imperative that our community of interests are inclusive of the ALICE population (Asset Limited Income Constrained), as well as folks in our communities that have been unemployed. Our community of interest should reflect the areas where the ESSER funds, as well as the ARPA funds, are most needed. Our target goal is a population of around 90,000, which represents where people worship, work, reside and attend school. Our map also engages areas with high unemployment rates so that representatives can focus on job creation. And lastly, we want to focus on areas where folks are clearly not getting their resources met (Jobs, Roads, Investment in education, Clean water, Health).

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### Supporting Data for Cluster A30

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Portal Link (District)	Overall Submission Information	Individual Area Information
<a href="#">c373</a> (21544)	<b>Tittabawassee River Community:</b> This community is closely linked by a shared waterway, the Tittabawassee River. The area has also experienced extreme flooding due to dam failures last year. The area is still working together to recover.	<b>Community 1:</b> Tittabawassee River Community
<a href="#">c1364</a> (27293)	<b>Pine Chip Community of Interest -</b>	<b>Our Commitment to Education , Economic and Health of Our Community of Interest:</b> Our Community of Interest (COI) is our commitment to education and vital health care support. We like having universities, community colleges and great public schools , to bolster our economy and provide excellent health care for our rural districts. The map included outlines our idea for Michigan's 102nd House of Representatives District. It is important to work on making education more inclusive and affordable for our community. Mount Pleasant in Isabella county, hosts McLaren Central Hospital. Big Rapids in Mecosta county, hosts Spectrum Health ; the same vital health care we believe to be valuable to our Community of Interest. In addition to our desire to have extremely important and supportive health care facilities, we value our colleges and public schools. Mecosta county inhabitants appreciate the close proximity of Central Michigan University (CMU) in Isabella County. CMU, entering its 2nd century, just established the nation's medical school to address the shortages of physicians in rural areas. It is the only university in Michigan that operates an island research station, CMU's Biological Station on Beaver Island. This research is so important to conservation. Ferris State University (FSU) in Big Rapids , the county seat of the great rural county of Mecosta, graduates one half of our state's pharmacists and has just added the only optometry college in Michigan. We must also include our community colleges such as Mid Michigan Community College and great public schools. Education should be inclusive and affordable for our communities.



c1366  
(27358)

**Pine Chips Community.**

**Pine Chips Community:** Our community is based on the purities of the Pine and Chippewa Rivers that have their headwaters in Mecosta County. We believe the essential economic, education and environmental contributions of hospitals, schools and universities along with our watersheds and waterways need stewardship. As you draw the lines for state and federal districts, please keep in mind this extremely vital fact: The Great Lakes system is the largest source of fresh surface water in the world and holds approximately 22% of the planet's freshwater. Lake Michigan is the largest body of freshwater entirely within the boundaries of the United States (Mi.gov). The maps we are contributing reflect lines, boundaries and population data of the 33rd Michigan Senate District. One fifth of the world's fresh water envelopes Michigan; which we must protect. There are 1400 injection wells in Michigan. We hope to lessen their existence in Mecosta, Isabella, Clare and Gratiot counties. These wells threaten aquifers and residential wells, by injecting chemical and radioactive waste under great pressure into old fracking well sites. There is minimal opportunity to track the status of this subterranean storage. The first notice: someone's well is contaminated. The operation of concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) pose a harm from livestock and fertilizer runoff. Run-off from CAFOs contribute to harmful algae blooms which shut down the sun and disrupt the floors of waterways and the aquatic life of our great lakes. Our 103 mile-long Pine River runs through five mid-Michigan counties. The 92 mile long Chippewa River runs through two mid-Michigan counties. Finally, the 216 mile long Muskegon River runs through seven counties. All tributaries eventually feed into the Great Lakes. Michigan has the longest freshwater coastline in the United States. Alongside the Muskegon River in western Mecosta county, Nestle extracts water faster than t...



c1604  
(30747)

**The Tittabawassee River Community.**

c1686  
(31212)

**Rural broadband access:** This community suffers from both poor economic opportunities and extremely limited access to broadband internet. Due to ineffective federal policy defining 'access' most community members are unable to secure a reasonably affordable internet service, and often unable to secure any service at all. With economic development a high priority, the limited access to broadband exacerbates the economic challenges and limits any opportunity for growth in the community.

c1700  
(31314)

**Central MI US-127 Corridor:** People in this community tend to shop, work and play along the US-127 corridor.

c1828  
(32491)

**Sally's Greater Midland Area Map:** As a lifelong Midlander, I made an effort to include communities surrounding the City which I feel should be included in a congressional district. I think the Midland area is distinct from Bay and Saginaw Counties, and has more in common with some of the rural municipalities to the North and Northeast of the City of Midland.

p359  
(21434)

**99th House dist educational catchment:** Good evening, and thank you for the opportunity to address you. My name is Cathy Willermet and I live in Mt. Pleasant, home of Central Michigan University (Fire Up Chips!) I ask that you consider educational catchment in your redistricting efforts for the State House district #99. Mount Pleasant is a town of about 26,000, surrounded by smaller rural communities right in the center of the state. We combine the best of small-town life and university amenities. In our immediate area are Central Michigan University, the Saginaw-Chippewa Tribal College, Mid-Michigan Community College, and Alma College. We provide a wide range of higher educational opportunities to local residents, as well as students all over the region and the state. The Mount Pleasant Public School district has a wide catchment area, including students as far away as Rosebush, Lake Isabella, and Shepherd. You can help us keep our educational community intact by redrawing the 99th district to include these areas. We provide pre-professional studies in health care and a medical school. We offer resources in STEM fields, language, the arts, history, and anthropology. Combining these communities into the 99th district will also streamline and simplify economic development including public-private partnerships like the CMU Research Corporation. Opportunities for life-long learning and skill retooling support employment needs for both workers and business. Higher education institutions are a powerful economic driver for the state. Having a strong voice in Lansing to advocate for all of us would benefit us and the region as a whole. I have submitted plan #21434 for your consideration. Thank you for your time.

**Community 1:** The Tittabawassee River Community. A community that encompasses rural areas as well as small towns and small cities that the residents live and work next to and depend on the river for recreational activities as well as the tourism the river brings that helps drive the local business in the area. This is also an area that has recently seen devastating flooding that has also strengthened the sense of community and brought families and neighbors together as they help each other recover. It is important that this community be represented by one congressman and not divided into multiple congressional districts because much of our recovery efforts depend on federal dollars etc. We need to have a solid voice in Washington to ensure we can recover. If we don't get Sanford and Wixom Lake back it will permanently destroy many business and damage the local economy.

**Coleman Area:** Rural community with low income and extremely limited access to broadband internet.

**Central MI 127 corridor:** Communities along the US 127 corridor tend to shop, work and play along its route.

**Greater Midland Area:** I chose to draw this community surrounding where I live, in the City of Midland.



- [p1181](#)  
(26788) **Sandra from Bay County : State House Map:** I live in Northern Bay County and our community shares the same needs and interests as Bay, Gladwin, Arenac, and Iosco Counties. We are a Community of Interest with many small towns and rural farming communities that have very different needs that are quite different than Bay City, City of Saginaw , and the City of Midland. We need our voices represented by one elected official that puts our needs first. This map also respects county lines and is fairly compact.
- [p1182](#)  
(26791) **Larry from Bay County: State House Map:** The counties I have included in this map have very similar needs. We are a Community of Interest that is made up of agricultural communities, small towns, and villages that depend on each other for commerce and other needs. Please consider keeping them together in one state house district. This is well within reasonable compact lines and it respects county and township lines as well.
- [p1438](#)  
(28407) **Central Michigan State House Plan.**
- [p1439](#)  
(28409) **Central Michigan State House Map:** I draw a state house district for the Central Michigan region that includes Isabella County and the northern portion of Gratiot County. There are numerous communities of interest linking the two areas, a few examples being education, transportation, watersheds and tribal land. Also this makes a competitive district with no party having an advantage.
- [p2213-1](#)  
(35174)
- [p2250-1](#)  
(35333) The redistricting of the state is a large burden but a necessary one deemed by the voters. I have created a map for the central Michigan district that includes all of Isabella county and the northern half of Gratiot county. These area are tied together by various means. We share the RESD, the Chippewa River watershed, and tribal community to name a few. Our economic ties are shared with the 127 highway which is a key transportation route and large infrastructure projects such as the wind turbines. This makes it a reasonable district as we share many aspects of community.
- [p2259-1](#)  
(35338) This is a tough job that has been tasked to the commission by the people of Michigan. We have an opportunity to create a fair map for our citizens to have an equal vote for our government. As a resident of Mt Pleasant in Isabella County, I feel the best way to represent Central Michigan is by having a state house district include Isabella County and the northern portion of Gratiot County, around Alma and St Louis. Our economic ties are particularly strong between Mt Pleasant and Alma, with our transportation, agriculture, and infrastructure. Education is an important connection between the two communities with Central Michigan University and Alma College in close proximity. And the Gratiot- Isabella RESD services the educational needs in both counties. The job is yours to produce a fair map. Combining Isabella and a portion of Gratiot county would create a fair chance for the citizens to have their voices heard.
- [p2323-1](#)  
(35582) I am asking you to consider pairing Isabella county and the northern part of Gratiot county in Michigan House District for 99th. There are a lot more ties between Isabella and northern Gratiot. The Gratiot- Isabella Regional Education Service district serves students in public, private and parochial schools in our community. Higher education is an economic and cultural driver. Central Michigan University , Alma College, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College and Mid-Michigan College are located here. The Chippewa Watershed Conservancy strives to protect land, water and wildlife in Isabella and Gratiot Counties. In Addition, US-127 corridor firmly impacts us all as a single community.
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Supporting Data for Cluster A31

Portal Link (District)	Overall Submission Information	Individual Area Information
c1550 (29618)	<b>Map of central Michigan farm community:</b> Small towns, farms, should not be included with Lansing	<b>Community 1:</b> Farming, small towns, NOT the Lansing area
c1596 (30726)	<b>different types of people, same values:</b> People in Clinton County have different beliefs than those in Lansing. It has been shown recently with the attitudes towards the police. People in Clinton County want strong laws, courts, and police while those in the Lansing area are calling for defunding police. Financial responsibility is high in Clinton County, a county of low taxes and low reliance on government.	<b>Community 1:</b> This is a county that has the same values. It is diverse in people but the ideas are the same. Things like festivals and farmers markets and car shows are something that sets this area apart from those in the area of Lansing. Clinton county has different values and are more independent on themselves than on requiring government assistance. Views of the police, crime, schools, courts are equal and have demonstrated by community involvement and support. Values that are way different in areas like Lansing and the big cities. There is a clear difference in values from Clinton County than Ingham.
c1629-6 (30897)	<b>COI Betty Jo Nelson.</b>	<b>Shiawassee County/M-52/St. Johns area:</b> Shiawassee County, St. Johns/Ovid Area, southwest Saginaw County along M-52 share a community of interest. We are made up of small towns, farming communities - mostly rural areas. Please try to keep our community of interest together as much as possible.
c1726 (31437)	<b>Zachary R. Wilson's Mid-Michigan Region.</b>	<b>Mid-Michigan:</b> Rural heart of the lower peninsula of Michigan. Bounded by the bay area cities to the east, Lansing to the south, Grand Rapids/ the western coast, and the north of Clare. My reason of picking these is because of being from St. Louis and thinking of the bounds of what I would consider my "home range." These are areas frequently mentioned and within the areas of sports and familial connections.
c2021-4 (34425)	<b>Karen Stites Community of Interest.</b>	<b>Shiawassee County - COI:</b> Our county is our community of interest. We are a community of small towns, and farming community with similar interests. We are interdependent when it comes to our schools, farms, and local economies. Our interests are more aligned with Clinton County or South Saginaw County. Please respect county lines and township lines when drawing maps for House, Senate, and Congress.
c2388-5 (35873)	Shiawassee County is an already established community of interest. Our small towns, farms, and villages around M-52 are interdependent. Our school districts also interact a lot and should stay together in whatever house, senate, or congressional district is drawn. Please respect the county lines when you draw maps that include Shiawassee County. If the maps do not respect county lines and the interests of Shiawassee County, we will expect a re-drawing of the maps that include our suggestions. When including us with other counties, please consider putting us with Clinton County or South Saginaw County.	<b>Community 5:</b> Shiawassee County is an already established community of interest. Our small towns, farms, and villages around M-52 are interdependent. Our school districts also interact a lot and should stay together in whatever house, senate, or congressional district is drawn. Please respect the county lines when you draw maps that include Shiawassee County. If the maps do not respect county lines and the interests of Shiawassee County, we will expect a re-drawing of the maps that include our suggestions.



- c2389-11**  
(35880) Shiawassee County is a community of interest. The communities near M-52 are interdependent as well as our school districts. We also interact frequently and should stay in the same house, senate, or congressional districts . Please respect and strongly consider county lines and compactness when drawing maps that include Shiawassee County. If the maps do not respect our county lines and the interests of Shiawassee, we will expect a re-drawing of the maps that include our suggestions. Thank you for your consideration.
- c2390-6**  
(35894) Please keep Shiawassee County in the same district when drawing maps. We are very interdependent and have similar economic and cultural interests. We need the same representative in the house, senate, and congress. We ask that you respect county lines and township lines as much as possible when drawing maps. Compactness is also an important factor. Thank you
- c2391-13**  
(35902) Please keep Shiawassee County in one compact district. Our economic and cultural interests are specific to our community and should not be drawn into other communities that deserve their own representation. Due to population, Shiawassee County will need to be connected to other counties when drawing maps. We would prefer being included with Clinton County or South Saginaw County. Thank you.
- p895**  
(25224) **"Shiawassee County" District.**
- p907**  
(25273) **Shiawassee/Saginaw State Rep Dist.:** All of Shiawassee County and townships included in this map that are a part of Saginaw County are a Community of Interest.
- p975**  
(25930) **Shiawassee / Saginaw State House:** Plan includes small towns, rural areas, farms, and suburban/rural precincts in northwest Saginaw county - all townships and towns have similar needs/interests. Under population threshold.
- p976**  
(25932) **Saginaw/Shiawassee State Senate Dist.:** Almost two whole counties that have similar communities of interest - small towns, small cities, rural communities, farms. Also very compact.
- p996**  
(26031) **Saginaw/Shiawassee COI:** West Saginaw County and north Shiawassee County share a community of interest. It's a balance of small towns, rural areas, rural/suburban areas, and farming communities. Please keep these areas together in the state house district.
- p1078**  
(26394) **Saginaw/Shiawassee COI:** Western Saginaw and Shiawassee share a community of interest. We have many small towns, rural farming communities, and rural/suburban communities, our sports teams play together as well. Please consider a map like the one I've drawn. Or at least consider keeping Shiawassee County and parts of Saginaw County together as a state house district.
- p1079**  
(26396) **Updated Saginaw/Shiawassee COI:** Please ignore my first submission. I incorrectly added a portion to the district that was not contiguous with the rest of the district. I would also like to add that the towns along the M-52 corridor are a community of interest. This would include Shields, St. Charles, Chesaning, Oakley, Henderson, and Owosso.
- Shiawassee County COI:** Shiawassee County is a community of interest. The communities near M-52 are interdependent as well as our school districts. We also interact frequently and should stay in the same house, senate, or congressional districts . Please respect and strongly consider county lines and compactness when drawing maps that include Shiawassee County. If the maps do not respect our county lines and the interests of Shiawassee, we will expect a re-drawing of the maps that include our suggestions. Thank you for your consideration.
- Shiawassee One COI:** Please keep Shiawassee County in the same district when drawing maps. We are very interdependent and have similar economic and cultural interests. We need the same representative in the house, senate, and congress. We ask that you respect county lines and township lines as much as possible when drawing maps. Compactness is also an important factor. Thank you
- One Shiawassee:** Please keep Shiawassee County in one compact district. Our economic and cultural interests are specific to our community and should not be drawn into other communities that deserve their own representation. Due to population, Shiawassee County will need to be connected to other counties when drawing maps. We would prefer being included with Clinton County or South Saginaw County. Thank you.



- p1135  
(26619) **Rick Ross: Shiawassee State House:** Shiawassee County shares a Community of Interest (COI) with the towns along M-52 (Chesaning, St. Charles, Oakley) in Saginaw County. Right now St. Charles and Swan Creek Townships are not a part of the 85th House District. It would make sense that the existing district should remain the same with only a few additions of towns or townships that are similar and have common needs/interests. Regardless of what townships are included in the final map, Shiawassee County and the rural western portion of Saginaw County share a community of interest.
- p1137  
(26627) **Gail Ross: Shiawassee State House:** Please keep the current 85th State House District together. We are a community of Interest that is very much dependent on each other. The small towns and townships near the M-52 corridor in Shiawassee County and Western Saginaw County share very similar interests. We encourage the commission to keep it the same.
- p1144  
(26659) **State House Map:** Rural portions of Shiawassee, Saginaw, and Clinton Counties.
- p1150  
(26665) **State Senate Map:** Included the primarily rural areas of central Michigan, which is made up of very common culture and interests.
- p1185  
(26796) **Peter's Saginaw County Senate District:** This respects county lines. It's two full counties that serves a well balanced community of interest. I live in Brant Township. We are a rural community, but this district serves rural, suburban, and urban interests. It follows the rule of compactness that the commission should follow if possible.
- p1350  
(27244) **Bruce's Shiawassee House District:** My map is close to the current 85th district lines. It is compact and it focuses on the communities of interest along M-52. I live in Owosso. Chesaning and St. Charles are small towns with similar interests to Owosso. Finally, it does respect county and township lines.
- p1586  
(30579) **Tom DeFouw: Mi House District:** I submitted written comment regarding COI and I was asked by the MICRC to draw a district map.
- p1623  
(30889) **Betty Jo Nelson - Shiawassee House:** Thank you for asking me to draw a specific map. I appreciate your attention to our public comment. Betty Jo Nelson
- p1892  
(32919) **Clintonia House District.**
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(32920) **Clinton West State Senate District.**
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## Supporting Data for Cluster A32

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Portal Link (Districtr)	Overall Submission Information	Individual Area Information
c51-1 (18093)	<p><b>Kentwood Public Schools:</b> Home to over 9,000 students, Kentwood Public Schools is one of the most diverse districts in the state. East Kentwood High School has been named the most diverse high school in Michigan and one of the most diverse in all of the United States, with students from over 60 countries. (Go Falcons!) This map includes all of the Kentwood Public School District, plus a few neighboring blocks (which I had to include because the Districtr platform wouldn't let me get more specific with my mapping). The district includes most of the City of Kentwood; much of Gaines Township; and a few precincts in Byron Township and the Cities of Wyoming and Grand Rapids. A more precise map of the KPS district can be found here: <a href="https://www.kentwoodps.org/ourdistrict/districtmap">https://www.kentwoodps.org/ourdistrict/districtmap</a> Grand Rapids currently includes two State House seats. When the city-level Census data comes out, it may show that GR is too big for just two State House districts - in other words, at least a few thousand GR residents will have to be included in a House district with the suburbs. The City of Grand Rapids and Kentwood Public Schools overlap in five voting precincts. It makes sense, therefore, to include these neighborhoods in a Kentwood-based House district. It also makes sense that this district include KPS "territory" in Gaines Township.</p>	<p><b>Kentwood Public Schools (approximate):</b> Home to over 9,000 students, Kentwood Public Schools is one of the most diverse districts in the state. East Kentwood High School has been named the most diverse high school in Michigan and one of the most diverse in all of the United States, with students from over 60 countries. (Go Falcons!) This map includes all of the Kentwood Public School District, plus a few neighboring blocks (which I had to include because the Districtr platform wouldn't let me get more specific with my mapping). The district includes most of the City of Kentwood; much of Gaines Township; and a few precincts in Byron Township and the Cities of Wyoming and Grand Rapids. A more precise map of the KPS district can be found here: <a href="https://www.kentwoodps.org/ourdistrict/districtmap">https://www.kentwoodps.org/ourdistrict/districtmap</a> Grand Rapids currently includes two State House seats. When the city-level Census data comes out, it may show that GR is too big for just two State House districts - in other words, at least a few thousand GR residents will have to be included in a House district with the suburbs. The City of Grand Rapids and Kentwood Public Schools overlap in five voting precincts. It makes sense, therefore, to include these neighborhoods in a Kentwood-based House district. It also makes sense that this district include KPS "territory" in Gaines Township.</p>



c627-2  
(23725)

**My good community...:** My community if Grand Rapids City with it's four unique areas, our great suburbs, our extended bedroom communities and our lovely adjacent small cities and rural counties that give us our unique and diverse flavor!

c667  
(23815)

**Lower West Michigan:** This is my idea of what I call the "Lower West Michigan" community; i.e. the area shared between Grand Rapids, Holland, Muskegon, and Grand Haven primarily. This community shares interests in our beaches and many institutions of higher education, among other things.

c701  
(23972)

**Southern Grand Rapids Metropolitan Area:** My name is Charlie and I live in Grand Rapids, Michigan. My Community of Interest is called the Southern Grand Rapids Metropolitan Area. I'm asking the commission to draw districts that keep our community intact! We are compromised of the southern half of Grand Rapids, and the entire cities of Wyoming, and Kentwood. There are roughly 200,000 residents in our community of interest. The City of Wyoming Vision statement perfectly summarizes the character of our community, "A diverse, strong, and authentic community where all individuals have the opportunity to thrive." If you find yourself in town, I hope you'll visit the Beltine Bar for the world famous wet burrito! Historically, our Community has been a mix of working classes suburbs, but we are quickly urbanizing and growing. In fact, we are the fastest growing area in Kent County. The rapid growth of our community requires representation that understands the issues and challenges we face. Our top issues include, affordable housing, environmental clean up, and improving reliable mass transit. The cost of housing is going up quickly. In fact, my rent has increased 5% in this past year alone. As for the health and safety of our community, we have half of Kent county's federal superfund cleanup sites, even though we represent only 1/4 of the county population. For a community of 200,000, it is frustrating that we were split apart by the 2011 district maps. Currently, we are in two congressional districts, 3 State Senate Districts, and 5 State House Districts. We deserve to be represented by 1 congressional district, 2 state house districts, and 1 state senate district. This commission can help the Southern Grand Rapids Metropolitan Community of Interest by drawing district lines that keep our community whole.

## Community 2.

**Lower West Michigan:** This area is very closely bound by both business and culture. While the Grand Rapids metro area is the anchor of lower West Michigan's population, the residents of this Kent County community are prone to frequent tourist excursions to the lakefront communities of Muskegon, Grand Haven, and Holland. The commerce-rich 196 corridor between Grand Rapids and Holland also connects the two cities with not only each other, but the smaller towns that line the corridor, such as Hudsonville and Zeeland. This area is home to many companies that employ folks from every town in the 196 corridor - Herman Miller, Gentex, Haworth, Hudsonville Ice Cream, etc. Additionally, a strong presence of not only the Christian Reformed Church, but an ethnic diversity not seen in much of the surrounding area help to set this region apart from the rest of the greater "West Michigan" area.

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c1011  
(26114)

**Kent County Core 6 Cities:** In Kent County there are 6 core metro cities. These are Grand Rapids, Walker, Grandville, Wyoming, Kentwood, and East Grand Rapids. They are a clear community of interest based on shared services and similar forms of government. The 6 cities have several unique partnerships that they do together and not with outlying townships. The most well known is that they share the Rapid Transit System. They also partner together to send all their garbage to the incinerator which burns garbage to produce energy. This is the only incinerator that remains in use in Michigan. Many of the 6 cities also partner with the city of Grand Rapids on water and sewer, such as Kentwood, East Grand Rapids, and Walker. The 6 cities also share a form of government that is dramatically different than surrounding townships. Cities have their own police departments, fire departments, park systems, and they take care of their own streets. To the contrary, townships rely on county services such as the county sheriff, volunteer fire departments, the county park systems, the county road commission, and they deliver fewer services because they are restricted to 5 mils of taxes. However you draw districts for State House, State Senate, and Congress. Please keep the 6 cities together as much as possible.

c1333  
(27185)

**Six Metro City Community of Interest:** As a resident of East Grand Rapids, I'm writing to ask you to keep the core metro six cities together as much as possible in state house, state senate, and congressional districts. These urban cities (Grand Rapids, Walker, Grandville, Walker, Kentwood, and East Grand Rapids) are significantly different from the surrounding townships that are mostly rural or far out suburban and therefore are interested in different laws coming from Lansing and DC. First, these two groups divide themselves on a state-wide and local level. At the state level, cities are organized into the Michigan Municipal League and townships are in the Michigan Townships Association. Here in Kent County, the six cities meet in the Urban Metro Mayors and Managers and the townships get together as the Kent County Township Supervisors group. So, you can see that when municipalities group into federations they divide cities from townships, and you should do the same. Second, cities and townships are just different in Michigan law, in how their residents encounter local government, and in the issues that they deal with. Cities have their own police departments, fire department, parks, and have water/sewer infrastructure. A representative from a city will be more focused on working on behalf of cities and their particular issues. Townships are not allowed to have more than 2 (by trustees) or 5 (with voter approval) mills of property taxes, so they offer far fewer services. They tend to rely on state and county governments for their law enforcement (the Sheriff), parks, and roads (county road commission). Township residents in Michigan tend to have septic systems and wells, instead of being on piped water and sewer. A representative from a township will be more focused on working on behalf of townships and their particular and unique issues. Finally, the six metro cities combine with only themselves on services such as public transit (Th...

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**Community 1.**

c1539  
(29568)**Greater Grand Rapids.**c1557  
(29633)

**Grandmas to the Rescue:** We would like to express our deepest gratitude to each of you serving on this redistricting commission, for taking our plans into account and seriously in order to enhance life for all Michigan residents. . . por un mundo mejor inclusivo.

c1578-4  
(30166)

**Listening to the voters - with COI:** Michigan voters across the state voted for this proposal because they believe in the fairness of democracy. The maps this commission creates for districts should reflect the voices of the voters of all political parties. Democracy is strongest when everyone's voice can be heard. I am a resident of Grand Rapids, and yet I do not exist solely in the city of Grand Rapids. I go on walks in East Grand Rapids, I go shopping in Kentwood, I go bike riding in Walker. All of these places in the Grand Rapids metro area are an interconnected network of lives, and any elected official from this area should understand that and should represent people throughout that network.

c1648  
(31131)**Ionia Mi area.**c1665  
(31161)

**Creston neighborhood in Grand Rapids:** This community of interest is the Creston neighborhood of Grand Rapids. It is a historic neighborhood within the city, uniting local businesses and residents within this common identity.

c1922  
(31740)

**Six Community Redistricting-Kent County:** Let me start by thanking members of the Redistricting Commission for volunteering their time and effort to this very important project which is the very definition of our democracy. My name is Cary Fleischer. I live in East Grand Rapids and moved here from Chicago 5 years ago. I am here today on my own behalf and on behalf of my Jewish faith based organization, Temple Emanuel which is located in Grand Rapids. In the last 5 years I have involved myself in many community activities and organizations. I have made friends in my community of Grand Rapids, East Grand Rapids, Wyoming, Granville, Kentwood and Grand Rapids Township. I visit my friends throughout these communities. They are members of my Jewish community. These areas contain members of my reading groups. I shop in these 6 areas. I attend interfaith activities throughout these 6 communities. For 5 years I have defined my community as these 6 contiguous areas or cities. I don't know the borders of one town or the next. I do know this is my community. and East Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids Township and Wyoming and Granville and Kentwood should be kept together with shared representation. I live in East Grand Rapids. My car is repaired in Granville. I shop in Kentwood and Wyoming. My Rabbi is in GR township. I spend most of my time in Grand Rapids. I admit I don't know much about maps and boundaries and redistricting and house or senate districts. I am very happy with my move from Chicago to my new community. However, I have also learned about gerrymandering. I admit I identify as a Democrat. When time comes for elections, I am shown maps that look like snakes and individual fingers rather than the palm of my hand. It is only at election time that because of gerrymandered boundaries, I am introduced to foreign names and areas. It is only because of politics and canvassing that I am asked to leave my community a...

**Community 1:** Greater Grand Rapids

**Community 1:** Our community is spread over several densely populated neighborhoods and one of the most diverse neighborhoods in Grand Rapids with a large population of Latino families living along side populations of African immigrants, Black and White families.

**Community of Interest - Redistricting.****Rural/Small Town West to Middle Michigan:**

This community is heavily influenced by being between Lansing and Grand Rapids, while consisting of smaller towns/rural areas

**Creston Community of Interest:** This map describes the neighborhood of Creston in Grand Rapids. As a community of interest, it is united by the common identity of Creston.

**6 Cities.**



c1766 (31895) **Wyoming/Grandville:** Wyoming/Grandville area both have common interest such as resources, parks, education, transit and much more

**Wyoming/Grandville:** Wyoming and Grandville have many resources, parks, and schools in common. If you blink you will miss where one ends and begins.

c1776-1 (32111) **Creston Environmental Group:** Our neighborhood is very committed to environmentally and racially just growth and development.

**Creston Neighborhood Environmental Group:** This is a neighborhood of members that are super invested in Creston Neighborhood, the economic growth and development of the neighborhood, and the environmental and racially just application of policies and projects.

c1801 (32419) **Why competitive elections are important.**

**Community 1:** This community is a community of people who work for a living, or struggle financially, or often lack what is necessary for a good life. They are a multiracial, multi-gendered class. they come from many countries, hold many religious beliefs, or none at all. They are black, Brown, and white people. They sometimes vote for one of the two major parties because they don't have many options, don't have billions of dollars to finance a new party. Sometimes they vote for other parties in protest, sometimes they don't vote at all and feel alienated by how "Democracy" works. They are angry that billionaires in West Michigan control most of the political processes here.

c1805 (32430) **Wil's Area of Interest:** It's the area where my home is located.

**Community 1.**

c1814-4 (32448) **Adam's grand rapids plan:** I have lived in GR my whole life. I want to make it a better and fair place for its citizens.

**Community 4.**

c1816 (32458) **Hudsonville/ Allendale Plan.**

**Community 1.**

c1852 (32665) **Metro Grand Rapids:** The metro Grand Rapids area (including Wyoming, Kentwood, and Plainfield Charter Township) is demographically similar and you don't realize when you cross from one municipality to another. It all feels like the same area. It make sense that we should have our own representation in state and national government. It is also logical to group us with Kalamazoo, a similar community, if needed for US congressional purposes. Currently our congressional district makes no sense because we are grouped with rural voters who do not share similar characteristics to the voters of Grand Rapids.

**Community 1:** This community is metro Grand Rapids. Wyoming, Kentwood, and Plainfield charter township are included because the borders are indistinguishable from the city of Grand Rapids. So, they have the look, feel, and demographics of Grand Rapids. This district might be too large to be just one state house district, but it is representative of our community as a whole. If a larger district is needed (congressional, for example), another similar community that we should be grouped with is Kalamazoo. So, it would make sense to create a congressional district that includes Kent, Allegan, and Kalamazoo counties.

c1918 (33119) **Tina's community of interest map:** Communities tied by similar educational interest

**Greater GR:** Congruent communities with close educational interests

c1920 (33122) **Northern Grandville/Jenison/Wyoming:** Mid-age suburbs with primarily middle and lower-middle class residents.

**Wyoming/Grandville/Jenison:** mid-age suburb with primarily middle class residents

c1931 (33302) **Reducing the fractioning of Kentwood:** Kentwood currently is chopped up between districts, not allowing our rich city culture to gain an identity. Kentwood is a highly diverse but community-oriented part of West Michigan centered around an incredibly inclusive school system. That school system's identity ties together the diverse voices of the area and allows people to find their first "home." Statistically, this cultural hearth I believe is relevant to politics because, despite ethnic and national differences within the community, community voters are conscious of the Kentwood community on a business and education level. That deserves a concrete voice.

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c1963 (33629)	<b>Where I live and work:</b> You asked me to describe my community of interest. This is where I spend 90% of my time living and working. So it is my community of interest. I did not look any factors other than geographical location.	<b>Community 1:</b> where I live and work
c1977 (33766)	<b>Liz's city plan of interest:</b> Living in Heritage Hill, I literally see how segregated the city is. A few blocks from my house, you go from an almost 100% white population to 100% black. The funding in the areas are markedly different, as well as the opportunities the inhabitants can enjoy. I see an opportunity for diversity and for change, especially when it comes to schools and housing. The area I selected was heavily red-districted, and you can see that still reflected to this day.	<b>Community 1:</b> This area of Kent County represents an area that is extremely gentrified and segregated. It has an opportunity to become more diverse, if proper funding and districting were to be implemented.
c24-1 (17892)	<b>Example: Grand Rapids center and exurbs.</b>	
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c1779-1 (32172)	<b>Western Michigan Communities of Interest:</b> I think this is the best representation of communities of interest in Western Michigan	
c1825 (32482)	<b>Kent County-based Congressional District:</b> With Grand Rapids being the regional economic anchor, a Kent County-based Congressional District that keeps the county whole is essential. Muskegon County's demographics best align with Kent County in both rural and urban settings. This district outline represents the best alignment while including whole municipalities and by only splitting one county (Muskegon). *This map reinforces my previously submitted written testimony*	
c2050-1 (34731)	<b>Grand Rapids NE COI:</b> I have lived in Grand Rapids for over 40 years, and in NE Grand Rapids for almost 30. People here enjoy Riverside Park and the Grand River. We walk, ride bikes, take public busses, or drive to the neighborhood businesses and restaurants, or to downtown.	
p56 (18136)	<b>KENT COUNTY-3RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: JUSTIFICATION FOR KENT COUNTY MICHIGAN IN ITS ENTIRETY BEING THE 3RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT</b> This paper supports making Kent County Michigan in its entirety the 3rd congressional district. Following are the stated criteria for redistricting in priority order: (a) Districts shall be of equal population as mandated by the United States constitution, and shall comply with the voting rights act and other federal laws. (b) Districts shall be geographically contiguous. Island areas are considered to be contiguous by land to the county of which they are a part. (c) Districts shall reflect the state's diverse population and communities of interest. 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. (d) Districts shall not provide a disproportionate advantage to any political party. A disproportionate advantage to a political party shall be determined using accepted measures of partisan fairness. (e) Districts shall not favor or disfavor an incumbent elected official or a candidate. (f) Districts shall reflect consideration of county, city, and township boundaries. (g) Districts shall be reasonably compact. Kent county especially meets the important "Communities of Interest" criteria for redistricting by the Commission. Kent County contains the city of Grand Rapids and the suburbs/cities Grandville, Kentwood, Walker, and Wyoming. Kent County, Michigan's estimated population is 660,560 according to the most recent United States census data. This is very close to the specified size of a congressional district. 2020 average size target for congressional district nationwide is 775,726. Michigan population (9,966,555 in 2020 census) divided by 13 districts (one less than current as ...	



- p65 (18255) **Jakob's West Michigan Plan:** This represents about what I'd consider my "west Michigan community." What I've shaded roughly encompasses the area I'd say us west Michiganders frequently commute to. When I think of west MI, this is what I think of. People within these bounds often travel for work or business; it's often people from the lakeshore go to Grand Rapids and vice versa. This is the area that shares the same local news, where we travel to see family in, live, work, eat. It's not exactly defined- some parts such as Plainfield or anything North of Muskegon (I'd say anything north would not be west Mi) could be trimmed out perhaps. The city of Hamilton could perhaps be added in. Again, it's not crafted exactly down to the street, but when I think of west MI, this is my community I think of. (this map is for a federal congressional district)
- p1005 (26099) **Grand Rapids Senate District:** This district is within the County and retains the communities of interest held in common between northeast Grand rapids and Plainfield and northwest Grand Rapids and Walker. Grand Rapids is a metro area part of the Six Cities community. These areas have a lot in common with each other and I strongly associate with them. North and West of this area are areas which I have much less in common.
- p1008 (26101) **KentCounty State Senate:** redraws state senate seat to keep Grand Rapids Metro areas together
- p1009 (26105) **State senate: diversity of GR metro:** I'm a resident of Southeast Grand Rapids, and I strongly support having state senate districts that accurately represent the Grand Rapids metro area and our unique and diverse populations. My proposed state senate district centers around the south part of Grand Rapids, the city of Kentwood, the city of East Grand Rapids, and Grand Rapids Township. As a resident of SE Grand Rapids, we have a diverse population that is closely aligned with neighboring cities - I spend more time in Kentwood or East Grand Rapids than I do in the Northwest part of Grand Rapids. This state senate district also represents the unique diversity of our area. Kentwood is an incredibly diverse city, pairing well with the large Black and Hispanic populations in the south of Grand Rapids City. Splitting Grand Rapids City by the north and south allows for two state senate districts that are more representative for the entire metro region, and allow better representation for minority populations in the various cities of the metro. This senate map would allow for more effective representation of minorities in our community, and a state house map that also combines Kentwood and south Grand Rapids would continue to highlight the diversity of our area.
- p1013 (26117) **Urban Township/City Plan:** Grand Rapids Township belongs in a district with Grand Rapids and East Grand Rapids. They are our neighbors. We use their business areas. We shop their stores. We uses their roads to work and play. Currently we are in a district with Oakfield and Spencer Townships. These are rural areas which are miles away and very different from our urban township. And Grand Rapids Township is becoming more urban every day. Furthermore, in my current district I have never been represented by an official that reflects the more urban nature of where I live. We should be included with an area like Kentwood, communities that more reflect our urban interests. Please keep the more metropolitan areas together.
- p1039 (26223) **Kent Cty NW MI Representative District:** These communities are centered around the agriculture business of growing fruit like apples, cherries, peaches, etc. The area starts on the southern end in Walker and progresses to the north through the small towns of Sparta, Kent City, and Casnovia to the northern border of Kent County on the western border of Kent County-mostly the current district 74. We are a rural community with life, commerce, support business's revolving around the fruit growing industry. We are excited about tractor shows, country western bands and outdoor sports. Typical issues are support of rural schools and accommodat-ing migrant workers. We enjoy the space around us and community bonding that a rural community provides. This area provides the population and environment that A dedicated State Representative is needed to support our way of life.



- [p1040](#)  
(26227) **Grandville-Wyoming Kent Cty District:** Suggesting that Grandville and Wyoming are an ideal combination of two of the main six cities in Grand Rapids City Metro Area for a State House of Representatives seat. In these two adjacent cities, the constituency frequently interacts in work, shopping and education environments. Our communities have interconnecting transit services, school systems, utility services, and share many community services. The population diversity compares favorably with the area and the medium income is average. People in these cities are primarily working class living in a city neighborhood environment and are employed at labor intensive businesses in the area. Ethnic diversity is very evident. Periodically, we may travel to the adjacent Grand Rapids city for healthcare, concerts or shopping. Typical issues in these communities are better schools, working wages and child care in support of working mothers.
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(26230) **Kent Cty NW MI Representative District:** These communities are centered around the agriculture business of growing fruit like apples, cherries, peaches, etc. The area starts on the southern end in Walker and progresses to the north through the small towns of Sparta, Kent City, and Casnovia to the northern border of Kent County on the western border of Kent County-mostly the current district 74. We are a rural community with life, commerce, support business's revolving around the fruit growing industry. We are excited about tractor shows, country western bands and outdoor sports. Typical issues are support of rural schools and accommodating migrant workers. We enjoy the space around us and community bonding that a rural community provides. This area provides the population and environment that A dedicated State Representative is needed to support our way of life.
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- [p1151](#)  
(26667) **Rockford resident area:** circled around like communities
- [p1153](#)  
(26670) **Northern Kent County:** northern kent county residents deserve to be represented by a common legislator
- [p1273](#)  
(26825) **Keep Wyoming and Grandville Together:** I am a Grandville resident and would like to state my support of a MI house district that includes the entire cities of Grandville and Wyoming. The cities of Grandville and Wyoming are closely intertwined through agreements of shared water and sewer services; connected emergency fire services; and an overlapping school district. Due to the shared interest of these communities, it makes sense to have a shared legislative representative and advocate in Lansing.
- [p1228](#)  
(26950) **An equal 73rd district:** This takes Grand Rapids Township and combines it with other developed suburbs to create a more equal house district.
- [p1252](#)  
(27044) **Idea for Kentwood-centered district:** Kentwood has a lot in common with both Gaines Township and far southern Grand Rapids. Many Kentwood residents either work or do errands in either southern Grand Rapids or in Gaines Township, and vice versa. For example, many residents shop at Family Fare in Gaines Township or at Meijer at either 28th and Kalamazoo or 68th and Kalamazoo. My dad and I (who live in Kentwood) often go to both the Kentwood and Gaines Township branches of the Kent District Library. In addition, parts of southern Grand Rapids and northern Gaines Township are in the Kentwood Public Schools district, one of the most diverse districts in Michigan. Located in Gaines Township, East Kentwood High School was recently named the most diverse high school in all of Michigan, with students from dozens of countries who speak dozens of languages! Put simply, we have much more in common with these areas than we do with northeastern Allegan County (with which we currently share a House District) or most other suburban jurisdictions (such as the more affluent and less diverse East Grand Rapids or Grand Rapids Township).



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(27069) **Michigan House District 86 - Proposal 1:** If your desire and goal is to “square off” and simplify districts, it would make a LOT of sense to keep The Townships District communities together and utilize township lines to draw the district. Proposal 1 encompasses 12 adjoining townships with a population of 94,537 and a Deviation from the target population of 5.21%. This proposal meets all the statutory requirements of balanced populations, geographic contiguity, compactness, keeping communities of interest together, boundary preservation, and compliance with the Voting Rights Act.
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(27073) **Michigan House District 86 - Proposal 2:** If your desire and goal is to “square off” and simplify districts, it would make a LOT of sense to keep The Townships District communities together and utilize township lines to draw the district. Proposal 2 encompasses 12 adjoining townships with a population of 89,911 (2010 Census Data) and a Deviation from the target population of 0.07%. This proposal meets all the statutory requirements of balanced populations, geographic contiguity, compactness, keeping communities of interest together, boundary preservation, and compliance with the Voting Rights Act.
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(27079) **State Senate District 29 - Proposal 1:** If your desire and goal is to “square off” and simplify districts, it would make a LOT of sense to keep the similar urban communities together and utilize city lines to draw the district. Proposal 1 for Senate District 29 includes the City of Grand Rapids, City of East Grand Rapids, and portions of the City of Wyoming and City of Kentwood with a natural southern border of 44th Street. The population for this proposal is 262,479 with a Deviation of 0.92% from the target population. This proposal meets all the statutory requirements of balanced populations, geographic contiguity, compactness, keeping communities of interest together, boundary preservation, and compliance with the Voting Rights Act.
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(27083) **State Senate District 29 - Proposal 2:** If your desire and goal is to “square off” and simplify districts, it would make a LOT of sense to keep the similar urban communities together and utilize city lines to draw the district. Proposal 2 for State Senate District 29 includes the City of Grand Rapids, City of East Grand Rapids, and the adjoining City of Wyoming. The population for this proposal is 270,857 (2010 Census Data) with a Deviation of 4.14% from the target population. This proposal meets all the statutory requirements of balanced populations, geographic contiguity, compactness, keeping communities of interest together, boundary preservation, and compliance with the Voting Rights Act.
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(31166) **New Northern Kent/Ottawa House District:** This district would more closely align rural and agricultural interests in Kent, Ottawa, Muskegon, and Newaygo counties. It would be a very, very competitive district.
- [p1762](#)  
(31839) **Proposed State House District:** I gave oral testimony about this plan on July 1 in Grand Rapids. These 3 contiguous suburbs of Grand Rapids share many transportation methods, services, and natural resources and form a natural community of interest. They should be together in a State House District.
- [p1774](#)  
(32014) **Sue's state senate district:** As a resident of Grandville I was one of the many people who spoke at the July 1 meeting in GR that Grandville and Wyoming fit together perfectly to create a state senate district. Since I was speaker #100 that night and everyone was a little tired by then, I am including a copy of my remarks. My first suggestion is to follow county lines when possible. Grandville, where I live, is on the western border of Kent County. I don't think there's even a sign to tell you when you drive out of Kent and into Ottawa County, but that invisible line makes a difference. A couple years ago I injured my hand on a Sunday. I asked my phone for the closest urgent care and was directed to a facility in Jenison. They said I needed to see a hand surgeon, but because the med center was in Ottawa County they sent me to one at Holland Hospital, 25 miles away, instead of much closer specialists in Kent County. Gerrymandered districts that zig zag across county lines cause similar problems. Take the current Second Congressional District. It follows the Lakeshore except for a skinny, crooked finger that jabs into Kent County and snags voters like me from Grandville, Wyoming and Kentwood. This muffles our voices by burying us under a blanket of lakeshore voices and prevents us from impacting Kent County's Third Congressional District where we really belong. I'm glad this commission is committed to drawing compact, contiguous districts with common interests. Grandville and Wyoming could be such a district. I live on a little neighborhood lake in Grandville, but the people on the other side of the lake live in Wyoming. That's how intertwined these two towns are. Our main drags, 28th street and 44th street, run parallel across both towns. That's where we shop, and eat out and where many residents work every day. The combined population of Grandville and Wyoming is roughly the number you are looking for in a House District. So there y...



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(34070)

**Grandville-Wyoming Kent Cty District:** My name is Dorothy Munson. I am a representative for the non profit, non partisan group PROACTIVE here in Grand Rapids. PROACTIVE represents underserved people primarily on the south side of the metro Grand Rapids area. The group works on voter registration, voting rights, vaccine distribution and other community issues. Eighteen months ago, I decided that getting 100 people to vote regularly was a worthy legacy. My husband and I developed, funded and distributed with friends packets of non-partisan bi-lingual permanent absentee voter sign up information to the residents of 22 of these precincts. Ideally the cities of Wyoming and Grandville would be a state house district as these communities have many things in common. They share similar school systems, working class populations that also work nearby, community services, parks, utilities, and water/sewer systems. <https://districtr.org/plan/34070> Getting this right will have the power to provide voices for justice, balance, equity, and shared resources for those who have been gerrymandered and left behind. Thank you again for your commitment to this important issue.

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**Divide Grand Rapids Dist North & South:** My name is Dorothy Munson. I am a representative for the non profit, non partisan group PROACTIVE here in Grand Rapids. PROACTIVE represents underserved people primarily on the south side of the metro Grand Rapids area. The group works on voter registration, voting rights, vaccine distribution and other community issues. Eighteen months ago, I decided that getting 100 people to vote regularly was a worthy legacy. My husband and I developed, funded and distributed with friends packets of non-partisan bi-lingual permanent absentee voter sign up information to the residents of 22 of these precincts. Grand Rapids now has two state representatives, but their districts are split as the inner city and outer city including some other areas. Grand Rapids should have 2 representatives, population wise, and be split north and south as these areas have distinctly different communities of people and both need dedicated representation. <https://districtr.org/plan/34074>. The house districts could be split north and south along the east/west street Fulton Avenue which would divide the population and communities of interest well. Getting this right will have the power to provide voices for justice, balance, equity, and shared resources for those who have been gerrymandered and left behind. Thank you again for your commitment to this important issue.

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**KFK's GR Congressional Plan:** No

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**RHowell 28th Senate District:** The past gerrymandering took this senate district and pushed it south to Cities of Wyoming only to include the homes of the strong party candidates and did not reflect the rural nature of NE Kent County and beyond

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(35222)

This is a community of interest map submitted in district format so that the exact precincts contained can be easily understood by map makers. There are around 100,000 Latinx people living in West Michigan. In Kent County the Latinx community makes up about 10% of the total population. The Hispanic community in West Michigan is a mix of recent immigrants and multigenerational families with historic ties to the region. We might have differences such as our country of origin, documentation status, skin color, immigration history, but the community connection to the region and shared interests are strong. Most of us speak Spanish (sometimes as a first language, except for our indigenous people), we eat similar foods and share a history. The community faces many challenges including experience poverty, education systems that do not take us into account, lack of economic opportunities, and an overall lack of representation. The last two years with the pandemic have intensified many of these challenges. According to Kent County data 1 in 7 Hispanic people contracted Covid in the past year, while the number for White residents was 1 in 14. Of course, inequalities did not start with Covid-19, the pandemic just made those inequities more obvious. Financially, we do not fare very well either; 47% of Hispanics in Kent County are unable to pay for housing, utilities, food, or medical care. Educational attainment is another struggle for our youth. It's difficult to navigate the school system for many parents, as English is not their native language and little to no language access to public information is available to the community. There is enough evidence that there are many shortfalls in our systems and that we need more than what we are getting. I see it every day at the Hispanic Center of Western Michigan, from people trying to gain employment or those stretching their money and applying for food assistance to make ends meet. As you can see, we are united in ...





## Supporting Data for Cluster A33

Portal Link (District)	Overall Submission Information	Individual Area Information
c918 (24500)	<p><b>Lakeshore, Ludington to Whitehall:</b> In addition to the COI map I submit for my groups of residents, I add the following concerns from them: • Affordable rental housing is much needed for migrant workers as well as owned housing for low-income year-round residents; • There is need to promote more public appreciation and celebration of Native American and LatinX cultural traditions along with those of other residents in programming, festivals, music, educational events in schools, etc. • Improvement of Native American and LatinX living standards where needed; • Incorporation and celebration of the cultural contributions of above groups to the community along with those of other residents; • Upgrading of area infrastructure to attract young progressives and retain them in the COI as a workforce. • Transportation: M-31 needs promoting as a major artery for commercial transport of goods and services and that allows easy access from Oceana County to Mason and Muskegon county cities and amenities. • We depend on Ludington and Muskegon to be healthy, vibrant communities for our own needs and services, as well as for entertainment, industrial jobs, small business and professional jobs, dining, etc. • NOTE: Non-eligible owners of vacation homes may seem ineligible to voice opinions in redistricting, but they are subject to the decisions of the political representatives from their locations in Michigan and deserve to be heard, contrary to the Michigan GOP's recent online posting. This COI is being submitted by year-round residents with some input from long-time second-home property-owners, many if not most of whom are members of the Republican Party but not exclusively.</p>	<p><b>IO &amp; OD 1:</b> Michigan Lakeshore Ludington to Whitehall</p>
c1452 (28631)	<p><b>Grand River/Muskegon River watersheds:</b> This COI covers the watersheds of Muskegon River and the Grand River, as well as municipalities along these waterways. Both watersheds share concerns about condition of the rivers, preservation of the rural and peaceful use of the rivers, water use. All blocks share a concern about overdevelopment of our pristine waterways. The towns included offer diversity of other interests and together are a suggested US Congressional District.</p>	<p><b>Community 1:</b> Grand River watershed M-11</p>
c1633 (30935)	<p><b>COI of Tri-Cities, Ferrysburg &amp; Muskegon:</b> The cities of Grand Haven, Spring Lake and Ferrysburg comprise The Tri-Cities area of Northern Ottawa County and they form the southern portion of my COI. Residents in the Tri-Cities area share commonalities that have their focal point in being Lakeshore communities located in very close proximity to each other. Residents engage in similar recreational activities, including beach-going, swimming, boating, walking and biking; attending one of the many area churches; shopping and frequenting local restaurants. Many Tri-Cities residents also feel more attached to Muskegon than Holland, and Muskegon is also a Lakeshore community replete with many recreational and shopping opportunities and restaurants and popular drinking establishments. In addition, Muskegon boasts many offers cultural events including community theater, an outstanding art museum, and a wide array of popular festivals that range from Irish Music to Bike Time which draw Tri-City residents to the city.</p>	<p><b>North Ottawa Tri-Cities COI:</b> The cities of Grand Haven, Spring Lake and Ferrysburg comprise The Tri-Cities area of Northern Ottawa County and they form the southern portion of my COI. Residents in the Tri-Cities area share commonalities that have their focal point in being Lakeshore communities located in very close proximity to each other. Residents engage in similar recreational activities, including beach-going, swimming, boating, walking and biking; attending one of the many area churches; shopping and frequenting local restaurants. Many Tri-Cities residents also feel more attached to Muskegon than Holland, and Muskegon is also a Lakeshore community replete with many recreational and shopping opportunities and restaurants and popular drinking establishments. In addition, Muskegon boasts many offers cultural events including community theater, an outstanding art museum, and a wide array of popular festivals that range from Irish Music to Bike Time which draw Tri-City residents to the city.</p>



c1806 (32432)	<b>Muskegon Map.</b>	<b>Muskegon.</b>
c1808 (32434)	<b>Grand Haven/Tri-Cities plus rural.</b>	<b>Community 1:</b> Grand Haven/Tri-Cities is the town closest to me, plus the rural area around it is where I live.
c1812 (32442)	<b>Rick's protect these waterways plan..</b>	<b>Northern Ottawa Harbor Area:</b> These communities hold a significant amount of the Grand River, Spring Lake and channel to Lake Michigan. This area produces a large amount of tourism dollars and the boating community. We collectively have an interest in preserving the waterways and the natural habitats for all to enjoy. A balance between commerce and preservation must be established. Growth should be scrutinized at all costs to preserve the long term viability to this remarkable area.
c1856 (32679)	<b>School District.</b>	<b>Community 1:</b> This would be a school services community. These school districts have similar economic status in common.
c1859 (32703)	<b>Muskegon Airport Area Plan:</b> My community can not be created using the politically biased, racist, and socially egregious map blocks provided by this program.	<b>Muskegon airport community:</b> You have already forced political lines in to the mapping process and there is no way to create an appropriate map using this tool. This method of mapping is inherently racist, socially egregious and politically biased. No appropriate map could ever be drawn from the blocks. Your constitutional mandate can not be upheld using this method.
c1874 (32760)	<b>Lakeshore/ag.</b>	<b>Community 1:</b> Lakeshore agriculture and tourism. Below median incomes - shoot, prolly below most Michigan medians, lol. Little industry, little opportunity. Mostly white and hispanic. Mostly high school diplomas. Lots of outdoor activities.
c1879 (32791)	<b>One Community:</b> I made notes in the map, but the shorthand version is this is one community. People work and travel and daily shop in this entire area.	<b>Community 1:</b> I live in the northwest section of the painted areas. I work in the southern section of this map. I shop in the entire area. Most of my neighbors do so as well. Traveling between their homes in the area to their jobs in Muskegon. Then shopping in Whitehall or Muskegon. The activities their children participate in are all over this area. I cannot see how this area has been divided into two districts in the State House elections. It is one community.
c1955-1 (33557)	<b>Ashland Township and surrounding areas.:</b> Wonderful rural community to relax and raise your children.	<b>Ashland Township and surrounding areas:</b> Ashland township includes river and lake communities that primarily include lower-middle-class individuals that have concerns about flooding and invasive underwater growth such as algae. Also included are the town merchants that are primarily individually owned businesses. The community is primarily a rural farming community and relies on it for sustainability.



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(26188)

**Lakeshore Senate Seat:** Muskegon has more in common with other lakeshore communities than they do with rural inland areas like Newaygo.

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## Supporting Data for Cluster A34

Portal Link (District)	Overall Submission Information	Individual Area Information
c1270-1 (27091)	<b>Southwest Michigan Lakeshore COI:</b> The south west coast of Michigan, including South Haven, St. Joseph, and as far south as New Buffalo confront similar challenges facing all Michigan citizens. However the factors contributing to our issues are unique to the lakeshore area, and the citizens of our communities will be best represented by someone that lives and works in our area. Lakeshore erosion, beach preservation, local control of short term rentals, developing affordable housing allowing workers to live in the same community where they work, reviving the tourism economy, creating jobs that attract, maintain and provide wages for both seasonal and year-round workers, are but a few of the issues requiring knowledgeable representation for reasonable and appropriate solutions. These aren't issues that more inland communities even in the same county have to contend with, and they, much like us, should be represented by someone familiar with their issues.	<b>Southwest Michigan Lakeshore Community:</b> Southwest Michigan area along the Michigan lakeshore that sharing similar factors impacting the lives of its residents.
c1270-2 (27091)	<b>Southwest Michigan Lakeshore COI:</b> The south west coast of Michigan, including South Haven, St. Joseph, and as far south as New Buffalo confront similar challenges facing all Michigan citizens. However the factors contributing to our issues are unique to the lakeshore area, and the citizens of our communities will be best represented by someone that lives and works in our area. Lakeshore erosion, beach preservation, local control of short term rentals, developing affordable housing allowing workers to live in the same community where they work, reviving the tourism economy, creating jobs that attract, maintain and provide wages for both seasonal and year-round workers, are but a few of the issues requiring knowledgeable representation for reasonable and appropriate solutions. These aren't issues that more inland communities even in the same county have to contend with, and they, much like us, should be represented by someone familiar with their issues.	<b>Larger African American Community:</b> African American community of southwest Michigan divided by current electoral maps, but with new maps, bringing these communities together, will realize more equitable representation.
c1594 (30719)	<b>Historic Underground Railroad Community:</b> This is roughly the corridor of historic Underground Railroad communities, places where formerly enslaved persons were brought and settled. It is diverse, integrated and more bi-partisan than much of rural and small town Michigan.	<b>Historic Underground Railroad corridor:</b> This area is integrated, diverse and bi-partisan, since it was settled by formerly enslaved persons and their descendants. Most of rural and small town Michigan is segregated and solidly Republican, so keeping this community intact may satisfy the requirements of diversity and bi-partisanship.
c1601-1 (30746)	<b>State Senate District:</b> It just seems better balanced and less politically secure.	<b>Community 1:</b> State Senate District
c1631 (30927)	<b>Ontwa Township/Cass County COI Map:</b> This COI map is to accompany written testimony ID: w1255	<b>Community 1:</b> This map is to accompany written testimony ID:w1255, submitted by Ann Tideman. I surveyed 10 members of Ontwa Township for our community of interest. On the map, I marked our most frequently visited places for various activities and services. These included locations in Cass County, Berrien County and communities in Indiana (not mapped). I concluded that our community of interest extends east to Cassopolis, south to the Indiana state line, west to Lake Michigan and north to St. Joseph and Benton Harbor.



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(31100)

**Congressional District 6 Map.**

**Congressional District 6:** A congressional district that includes the Kalamazoo and Battle Creek communities.

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(31141)

**Benton Harbor City Limit:** Benton Harbor City we would like the best rezoning for our city

**Community 1:** Benton Harbor is my community please keep us in mind.

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(31146)

**Cass, VanBuren, & Berrien Counties COI.**

**Community 1:** Cass, Van Buren, and Berrien Counties are connected through educational, governmental, socio-economic, healthcare, and recreational ties. I am focusing here on education. As a life-long educator, I want to talk about some of the educational connections that help to make Cass, Van Buren, and Berrien Counties a community of interest. These same connections do not exist with St. Joseph County to our east. Consequently, we in Cass County see our state senate district including Cass, Van Buren, and Berrien Counties rather than St. Joseph County. Years ago, I worked for Tri-County Head Start, a group that is still a strong force in the lives of young children and their families in Cass, Van Buren and Berrien counties. I worked for 35 years as a teacher and administrator at Southwestern Michigan College (SMC) in Dowagiac. Our students are predominantly from Cass, Berrien, and Van Buren Counties. Cass County students also choose to attend Lake Michigan College (LMC) in Benton Harbor in Berrien County. Cass County students don't go east to Glen Oaks Community College in St. Joseph County. In addition, SMC has a second campus in Niles as does LMC, reinforcing the connections between Berrien and Cass Counties. The K-12 schools in Cass County are also connected to SMC and LMC through early college programs, and Cass and Van Buren counties share the Van Buren Skills Center in Lawrence. Likewise, the Cass County Intermediate School Districts of Cass and Berrien Counties have collaborated on a variety of projects for their teachers and students. Consequently, when state senate seats are drawn, I am asking that the long-standing connections that create a community of interest between Cass, Van Buren and Berrien Counties be considered.



c1707-1 (31353)	<b>Paul's Plan for SW Michigan.</b>	<b>State house representatives:</b> While hard to draw on this map my suggestion is to divide Berrien County into two districts using the St. Joseph River as the division line. This may be a concern in the Niles area but it's a clean way to set the lines.
c1707-2 (31353)	<b>Paul's Plan for SW Michigan.</b>	<b>State Representative lines.:</b> My suggestion is to divide Berrien County into two districts using the St. Joseph River as the boundary. This may need 'tweeking' in the Niles are but it does set clear lines.
c1709 (31358)	<b>Paul's Plan for SW Michigan:</b> SW Michigan Senate Rep,	<b>State Senate:</b> My idea for State senate boundary in SW Michigan is to include the counties of Berrien, Cass and Van Buren. These counties work together now and it just trades St. Joseph county for Van Buren.
c1798 (32413)	<b>Southwest Lakeshore Community:</b> This is the Lake Michigan Coast district of SW Michigan. These communities have incredibly similar economic, cultural, and historical backgrounds. They all rely on agriculture and tourism for their well-being.	<b>Southwest lakeshore:</b> The southwestern lakeshore of Michigan from South Haven to the Indiana border have much in common. I hope the Commission can value their similarities and keep them conjoined whenever possible
c1885 (32851)	<b>SW michigan.</b>	<b>Southwest Michigan:</b> This is SW michigan, unlike the gerrymandered layout of Fred Upton's district of today.
c2377-2 (35737)	Allegan and Van Buren counties are a natural fit. They are shoreline, non-border counties with rural communities and small towns. They are largely based on agriculture, manufacturing and tourism businesses, the local governments work together, and they face the same environmental and access to broadband challenges. Berrien, Cass and St. Joseph counties are a community of interest. They are border counties, the schools are in conferences together, community colleges are significant in the area, and they are rural with small towns. Kalamazoo County is a community of interest. Same media market, one county, same economic engines, and home of Western Michigan University.	<b>Border Counties:</b> Community of Interest along Indiana Border
c2377-2 (35737)	Growing up in West Michigan, I'm very familiar with which counties should be combined together for Senate districts. Allegan and Van Buren counties are a clear community of interest-agriculture, manufacturing, tourism, shoreline, rural with small towns, and schools, communities, businesses, and local telecommunications providers that cover both counties. Berrien, Cass, and St. Joseph are all border counties that face similar challenges-school districts overlap, agriculture, community colleges, and government and non-profit entities covering multiple counties. Kalamazoo County is culturally, socially, economically, and geographically a community of interest.	<b>Border Counties:</b> Community of Interest along Indiana Border
c1779-1 (32172)	<b>Western Michigan Communities of Interest:</b> I think this is the best representation of communities of interest in Western Michigan	
c2378-1 (35825)	These are several communities that each feature something unique. While they are mostly rural with some larger cities, the rural areas go together well on a map and share many interests, challenges, and governmental functions. The differences are based on location and proximity to other cities. Kalamazoo fits into its own community.	
c2380-1 (35834)	I was born and raised in South MI and also believe that county lines are a good basis for communities of interest in Michigan. These four communities each share interests and cooperate within themselves in many ways such as government, economy, and tourism. They are also uniquely different from one another due to where they sit on a map. These communities would be a good base for our maps in Michigan.	



- p83 (18482) **Carter's SW Michigan plan:** Culturally significant SW Michigan plan. I've seen plans for the southwestern portion of the state which include Berrien County in the same district as Monroe County. This is deeply inaccurate and does not represent similar communities in the slightest. As a lifelong SW Michigan resident, I believe this district makes the most sense given our shared histories, commutes, and even aligned sports conferences. These are very close-knit communities and building a district stretching the entirety of Michigan's southern border would be a shame to those who live on the Western end of the state.
- p1141 (26635) **Benton Harbor to South Haven - Fair:** I have lived in Berrien County since I was 10-years-old. I want to make the case for why we need a connected district from Stevensville up to South Haven; African American representation on the state level is non-existent in Berrien County. Benton Harbor is over 90% African American; South Haven has a size-able African-American population; and Benton Charter Township also has a size-able latino population which has been under represented. Other areas do not have the possibility to create a district with this much representation in Berrien, instead of splitting them up and diluting down minority populations - we should link them together and allow them to speak together. In order to make a representative map for the 79th state house district, you must link these three cities together and allow minority groups to have a real voice in the community they live in.
- p1149 (26637) **Proposed Senate District in SW Michigan:** My State Senator should represent communities that have shared interests and cultural activities with the population they will represent. Since Van Buren and Cass Counties share a Health Department it is critical that their state senator represents those interests. All services that are shared between Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren Counties such as Head Start, the Area Commission on Aging, Health Departments, Intermediate School Districts, and migrant labor communities should be represented by someone who is from the area and familiar with the population and geographical needs of the district. Berrien and Van Buren counties are home to aging nuclear power plants and the needs for developing better alternative energy and accessible broadband. Many of the Pokagon Band Tribal members reside in the combined counties of Berrien, Cass and Van Buren and their state senator should be familiar with the needs and concerns of the tribe.
- p1148 (26643) **Lakeshore community of interest for 79th:** The lakeshore communities have many economic, historical, cultural, educational and recreational similarities. The economic commonalities revolve around lakeshore specific industries such as recreation (boating, fishing, golfing, kayaking, hiking etc.), tourism (retail, restaurants, summer rentals, etc.) and lakefront real estate to name a few. Educationally there are unique student needs that span our lakeshore communities. For example our local community college, Lake Michigan College, has campuses in both Benton Harbor and South Haven and as a faculty member I regularly help students with needs such as transportation and course coordination. Having a representative who lives in this community and understands its unique needs and challenges would allow us a stronger voice. I live in St. Joseph and work in Benton Harbor and personally and professionally feel my community is not currently represented fairly with our current maps. Thank you for allowing this important citizen input and considering our needs.
- p1143 (26646) **Michigan's southwest lakeshore district:** Southwest Michigan's lakeshore area in Berrien County, an area that stretches along Lake Michigan from New Buffalo in the south to South Haven in the north, is an area that is unique from even the inland communities that are adjacent to it. While not homogenous, the citizens of this area are largely united in their interests. The area is heavily reliant on tourism and service industries. In particular, the twin cities of St. Joseph and Benton Harbor, the "Twin Cities," have a long, shared history and an intertwined future. These communities live together and work together, and we should vote together as well. As a longtime resident of the St. Joseph-Benton Harbor community, I urge you to adopt this district for the State House.



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(26647) **Southwest Michigan Faith Community:** This map is the best way this district should be drawn considering the religious community. I have experienced and been part of many efforts to form coalition between faiths and denominations that strive towards community building and ministry to our community's most vulnerable people. By including South Haven in a district with the Benton Harbor, Benton Charter Township, Benton Heights, Niles community, you strengthen the connection between organizations such as the Southwestern Michigan Ministerial Alliance, the Interfaith Action community, and the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Covert and Vicinity. With organizations like these, all connected through faith and commitment to using their faith to help uplift the community through fellowship and outreach, it becomes much easier to bridge the gaps where both organized faith and community building are much needed.
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(26648) **Senate District Tri-county SWM:** As a long time resident of Berrien County, it is clear that Berrien, Van Buren and Cass counties are more closely linked than Berrien, Cass and St. Joseph counties. Berrien and Cass are naturally linked by their shared border. Van Buren and Berrien are both part of the I-94 corridor and also share Lake Michigan shoreline. Van Buren and Berrien counties also share educational resources at the K-12 level and have a lot interaction through high school sporting activities.
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(26664) **South Berrien County Communities:** I think there is a natural link, or connection, between the cities of Niles and Dowagiac, as well as Niles and Buchanan—seem to be sister cities to me. The district I have drawn contrasts the rural areas of the County with the lakeshore cities; I see quite a difference there.
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(31371) **JFW Plan.**
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(31375) **JFW Plan Senate.**
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(33008) **Eric's North Berrien Map:** I reviewed a recent meeting held, and I appreciate the commission's commitment to taking history of our communities into account while they draw districts for the 2022 election. Since its founding, Berrien County has always been split into a North/South County mentality. Our founding townships were St. Joseph Township and Niles Township. St. Joseph encompassing the Northern parts of the County and Niles including the Southern region. As the committee looks to draw new lines for our county, I would encourage you to maintain the North/South lines we currently have. Because of our history, natural communities of interest have formed amongst this split. For our citizens to get news, our papers follow the North/South split. In the North, the Tri-City Record covers Hagar, Coloma, Watervliet, and Bainbridge Township. In the South, Leader Publications cover the southern communities. These local media outlets cover local news and happenings in our communities and at our schools. Because of this coverage that goes back generations, natural communities of interest have formed within the distribution areas of these papers. As alluded to earlier, our schools also play an essential part in our communities of interest. From the lines of the school districts to their sports teams, our schools in Southwest Michigan are the heart and soul of our communities. Lakeshore vs. St. Joe, Coloma vs. Watervliet, Michigan Lutheran vs. Lake Michigan Catholic are all rivalries that date back generations. Splitting up our communities into new gerrymandered districts would help tear apart our community; it wouldn't bring us closer together. Berrien County has always had a North/South split, naturally creating communities of interest. I would encourage this commission to do everything it can to keep our communities together the way they are now and not tear them apart.



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**Tom - North Berrien + Baroda:** As the commission looks to draw new lines for our districts at the state and federal level, I would encourage them to keep North and South Berrien County together. Since our county is too big for one district, maintaining the North/South split is critical to preserving our communities of interest. From a public safety point of view, our county has already split itself into a North/South territory relating to public safety. In North Berrien County, the North Berrien Fire Rescue Department serves our northern townships of Hagar, Water-vliet, Coloma, Benton, and Bainbridge. While our Sheriff's Department has command posts in Niles City and St. Joseph City, splitting our officers into North and South Patrols. As we discuss all the benefits of community policing, maintaining house and senate districts that overlap with municipal jurisdictions is critical as we look to preserve communities of interest. As we work together on criminal justice reforms, maintaining these municipal police lines benefits everybody as the officers interact with the people of their communities who also interact with their representatives in Lansing and Washington. As the commission looks to draw new lines, I strongly encourage you to maintain Berrien County's Northern and Southern districts. In this specific district, I've added Baroda to Michigan's 79th House District. It makes the most sense because they share a public safety force with Lake Township and are part of the Lakeshore School district which is based in Stevensville, but covers Baroda.

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**Rodney's AG Community - N/S Berrien:** As the commission looks to draw new lines for the state house and senate, I'm writing to encourage you to do everything you can to keep Michigan's Agricultural communities of interest intact. Agriculture in Michigan is more than a \$100 billion industry, with our state producing more than 300 commodities on a commercial basis, including tart cherries, blueberries, dry beans, floriculture products, and cucumbers for pickles. Berrien County is the crown jewel of the fruit belt. Our farmers not only feed the nation but also contribute to our community's booming tourism industry. It's no secret that farmers' markets are popular. Almost every town in Berrien County has some sort of roadside fruit stand or weekly farmers market throughout the summer, which are visited by both locals and tourists alike. As the commission seeks to draw new lines, I encourage you to maintain our agricultural communities. While the more rural areas of our County grow the product, it's sold in farmers' markets in our cities- creating a symbiotic relationship. St. Joseph, Bridgman, and Benton Harbor all have farmers' markets or open-air markets which attract vendors from Coloma, Water-vliet, and Bainbridge Township. This natural relationship formed by our Northern Communities is an excellent reason why this commission should maintain Berrien County's Northern and Southern House districts. Agriculture and Tourism are two of the largest industries in our state, and as decisions are made in Lansing, it's important the representatives we send there have a holistic understanding of our community's naturally occurring relationships. A coastal community/district may understand the tourism impact but not the agricultural impact, while the inverse may be said about a purely rural district. As drawn now, we have two districts that include both coastal communities and rural communities that form a natural community of interest in terms...



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**Steve - Municipalities:** There is nothing that describes a community of interest more than a local municipality, be it a city, township, or village. Local control is always paramount, and if you ask any voter, they'd prefer more decisions to be made at the local level instead of a faraway capital. If this commission splits up municipal lines, it would be the single greatest disservice to the people of Michigan in recent memory. Currently, municipal leaders closest to the people respond to what they hear from their residents and advance policies that their communities want. These municipal leaders speak with their representatives and senators in Lansing and Washington as the voices of their communities. Splitting municipalities up would severely water down the influence of communities and ensure that residents' voices aren't heard. In Berrien County, they've taken it one step further by creating a "best practices" committee where municipal leaders gather together to advance common policies that they all support. When one community applies for a grant, they are supported by all the other committee members. They understand that when one of them wins, it benefits the entire region. I'm asking you to preserve municipal lines and not water down residents' voices and stomp on the good work that is already happening in Berrien County. This commission has the opportunity to do the right thing, and I hope they do so by preserving municipal lines and their communities of interest.

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## Supporting Data for Cluster A35

Portal Link (District)	Overall Submission Information	Individual Area Information
c502 (22797)	<b>Kalamazoo Higher Education COI:</b> 3 institutions of post-secondary education strongly connect the Kalamazoo area as a Community of Interest.	<b>Kalamazoo Higher Education COI:</b> Higher education characterizes the greater Kalamazoo area, given the three important institutions of post-secondary education in a concentrated area. Many residents of the area are directly connected to those institutions, such as students, employees or persons who enjoy the enrichment activities offered by those institutions, such as performances, exhibits, sporting events, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and running track. Other residents are affected secondarily by the economic activity of these institutions—restaurants, bars, drug and grocery stores, for example, or by benefiting from student volunteers and interns who work in local hospitals, agencies and schools.
c1535-1 (29550)	<b>Greater Kalamazoo and Greater Battle Cre:</b> The communities of Greater Kalamazoo and Greater Battle Creek share many commonalities: a 20-mile section of I-94, an international airport, economic and social services agencies, hospital systems, the Kalamazoo River, and many people commute daily because they live in one community and work in the other. Greater Kalamazoo and Greater Battle Creek need to be in the same US congressional district as they were prior to being gerrymandered apart in the 1990s.	<b>Greater Kalamazoo and Greater Battle Creek:</b> Kalamazoo County and Calhoun County, specifically the communities of Greater Kalamazoo (including Portage) and Greater Battle Creek.
c1544 (29590)	<b>I-94 Corridor-Kalamazoo and Battle Creek:</b> Kalamazoo and Battle Creek share many economic, non-profit, infrastructure, and news sources. They have historically been connected, and are more alike than Grand Rapids or Jackson.	<b>Kalamazoo/Battle Creek COI:</b> Kalamazoo and Battle Creek share an International Airport, a watershed, workforces, news stations, United Way and other non-profits, and much more. They have historically been connected, and were a common community as recently as the 1990s. Battle Creek, in particular, shares more with Kalamazoo than it does with Grand Rapids.
c1575 (30108)	<b>Gull Lake Community Schools StRep map:</b> Gull Lake Community schools: should have one state representative	<b>Community 1:</b> Gull Lake Community Schools
c1601-3 (30746)	<b>State Senate District:</b> It just seems better balanced and less politically secure.	<b>Community 3.</b>
c1699 (31306)	<b>Kalamazoo.</b>	<b>Kalamazoo.</b>
c1843 (32613)	<b>The Kalamazoo-Calhoun county COI:</b> Economically interdependent, sharing a large workforce and retail/service economy, the counties are also politically and culturally diverse. The major political parties would be competitive in district-wide races, which would foster stronger civic engagement and independent-minded elected leaders more inclined to listen to all constituents. Sharing a district would foster more collaboration and creative solutions for our shared challenges.	<b>Community 1:</b> Calhoun and Kalamazoo counties together form a cogent community of interest. Economically interdependent, yet politically and culturally diverse, comprising urban, small town and rural communities. Both major political parties would be competitive in district-wide races. Prioritize the I94 corridor.
c1857 (32689)	<b>melanie - kzoo.</b>	<b>Community 1.</b>
c1888-1 (32882)	<b>Greater Kalamazoo Metro Area.</b>	<b>State Rep District, Greater Kalamazoo Metro Area:</b> College town, with shifting demographics of urban, rural, and suburban. A mixture of center-left, leftist, social conservative, and fiscally liberal views.



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**Military Communities in Battle Creek:** Battle Creek has a populous Veteran community. We have a large VA Hospital, Air National Guard Base, National Cemetery, and many other military establishments. Some are located in Calhoun County, but a few are in Kalamazoo County. It would be nice if all the establishments were in the same District. It would help the Veterans here with resources if we had a Representative who understands what Veterans need.

**Veteran Community, Military establishments:** There are several Military establishments throughout Calhoun County, primarily in Battle Creek. The majority of these locations are in Calhoun County, including the Battle Creek VA Medical Center. Other parts of this military community is in Kalamazoo County. If possible could we keep these places in one District. It would be nice to have the same Representative who understands the many things Veterans needs.

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**Oshtemo - Urban:** Oshtemo spends the majority of tax dollars developing rural areas. Values sewers, public water, sidewalks, metro transit, biking trails, etc...

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**Oshtemo - Rural:** Green spaces, farms, few subdivisions, value privacy, land use, gun use, farming, etc...

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(34980)

**Mattawan/ Antwerp Township:** Mattawan is located in eastern Van Buren County in SW Michigan along the I-94 corridor. The Village of Mattawan itself is 4 square miles, encompassing a downtown area of small restaurants, churches, and public park where community events happen, as well as an area of development just south of the I-94 interchange. North of that interchange are restaurants, small manufacturing, trucking companies. It is related to the villages of Paw Paw, and the Almena Township by shared highways, shopping, farms, and recreational options such as golf courses. What was once a very rural area has become more suburban over time but it still has a rural flavor due to farms and orchards, parks and open spaces, and small lakes and streams. The Mattawan Consolidated School District covers areas of both Van Buren County and western Kalamazoo County. This section of Van Buren County, and in particular Mattawan and Paw Paw are part of the Metropolitan Planning Organization known as the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study, which is responsible for infrastructure (roads, bridges, sidewalks, public transportation funding, etc). Representatives to that MPO are appointed by the Mattawan Village Council, the Van Buren County Commission, and the Paw Paw Village Council. In the past 20 years the Mattawan Village joined the wastewater treatment plant located in Kalamazoo, and through that arrangement was able to offer sewer services throughout the 4 square mile village and therefore increase options for economic development along the corridors leading to Paw Paw and Almena. Recently a group called "Save Hayden Creek" was formed to hold the Mattawan Village Council accountable for a proposed local wastewater treatment system to be located in an area within the triangle of Mattawan, Almena, and Paw Paw, yet outside Village limits, discharging in tributaries on lands that would have an adverse impact on surface waters as well as groundwater over time. There is ...

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c2377-3 (35737)	Allegan and Van Buren counties are a natural fit. They are shoreline, non-border counties with rural communities and small towns. They are largely based on agriculture, manufacturing and tourism businesses, the local governments work together, and they face the same environmental and access to broadband challenges. Berrien, Cass and St. Joseph counties are a community of interest. They are border counties, the schools are in conferences together, community colleges are significant in the area, and they are rural with small towns. Kalamazoo County is a community of interest. Same media market, one county, same economic engines, and home of Western Michigan University.	<b>Kalamazoo:</b> Kalamazoo and immediate surrounding areas form a Community of interest
c2377-3 (35737)	Growing up in West Michigan, I'm very familiar with which counties should be combined together for Senate districts. Allegan and Van Buren counties are a clear community of interest-agriculture, manufacturing, tourism, shoreline, rural with small towns, and schools, communities, businesses, and local telecommunications providers that cover both counties. Berrien, Cass, and St. Joseph are all border counties that face similar challenges-school districts overlap, agriculture, community colleges, and government and non-profit entities covering multiple counties. Kalamazoo County is culturally, socially, economically, and geographically a community of interest.	<b>Kalamazoo:</b> Kalamazoo and immediate surrounding areas form a Community of interest
c246 (19889)	<b>Battle Creek Kalamazoo I-94 Community:</b> I live in Battle Creek. We are an I-94 community. Most people I know consider ourselves connected in a community of interest with Kalamazoo more so than with communities (like Jackson) to the east and much more so than with Grand Rapids to the north. I will submit written testimony that describes this connection in more detail.	
c1943-1 (33399)	<b>Three Southwest MI Communities:</b> Much of rural Michigan is similar, though in order to keep districts compact and contiguous it will need to be broken up. Allegan + Van Buren Counties + surrounding rural areas and small towns make a lot of sense as a Community of Interest. While they share similarities with rural areas to the south, the border counties have more in common and more reliance on Indiana than the counties to the north. Likewise, Kalamazoo and Battle Creek should be considered separate from the surrounding rural areas. Though these communities aren't perfectly following county lines, I believe that county lines are a good basis for determining COI-based district lines.	
c2378-1 (35825)	These are several communities that each feature something unique. While they are mostly rural with some larger cities, the rural areas go together well on a map and share many interests, challenges, and governmental functions. The differences are based on location and proximity to other cities. Kalamazoo fits into its own community.	
c2380-1 (35834)	I was born and raised in South MI and also believe that county lines are a good basis for communities of interest in Michigan. These four communities each share interests and cooperate within themselves in many ways such as government, economy, and tourism. They are also uniquely different from one another due to where they sit on a map. These communities would be a good base for our maps in Michigan.	

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## Supporting Data for Cluster A36

Portal Link (District)	Overall Submission Information	Individual Area Information
c973 (25913)	<p><b>Macatawa Park area:</b> My name is Lisa Jevens and I have a home in Macatawa Park. Macatawa Park is a very special community of several hundred historic cottages dating from the 1800's on Lake Michigan, just south of the Holland, MI lighthouse. It is a beautiful peninsula that lies between Lake Michigan and Lake Macatawa. The Macatawa Park Cottagers' Association (MPCA) is our volunteer homeowner association. Macatawa itself is not a town, but it does have a post office, a large marina and yacht club. The reason I am writing this testimony is because for decades, the Macatawa community (peninsula) has been split in half horizontally along an imaginary line that is an extension of 32nd Street in Holland, running east to west. Everything to the north of 32nd Street is in Ottawa County and Park Township. Everything to the south is in Allegan County and Laketown Township. What does this have to do with redistricting? Unfortunately, the lines for our Congressional Districts, State Senate Districts and State House Districts were also drawn to follow this imaginary line. So everyone in the north part of Macatawa is in the 2nd Congressional District, the 30th State Senate and 98th State House District. Everyone to the south is in the 6th Congressional District, the 26th State Senate and 80th State House District. We should be represented by ONE person in each legislative body, not two. Some of the issues we are facing are high water on both lakes and severe beach erosion. We had to spend a lot of money on revetment in 2020 and our beach access is still compromised. It makes it more difficult for our community to address this if we have to consult two Congressmen, two State Senators and two State Representatives. I believe Macatawa should be represented together as one, joined with the beach communities to the south on Lake Michigan and to the east on Lake Macatawa. This is our community where we share the same interests, challenges and activities. 32nd Street (and i...</p>	<p><b>Macatawa area:</b> Macatawa Park is a very special community of several hundred historic cottages dating from the 1800's on Lake Michigan, just south of the Holland, MI lighthouse. It is a beautiful peninsula that lies between Lake Michigan and Lake Macatawa. Macatawa itself is not a town, but it does have a post office, a large marina and yacht club. The community is populated by year-round homeowners, seasonal owners and renters. This map extends beyond the Macatawa Park boundaries, but that is because it is drawn using large precincts and I could not make it any smaller.</p>
c997 (26038)	<p><b>Holland/West Ottawa School Dist. Parents:</b> This community is made up of parents in the Holland and West Ottawa School Districts. Both school districts have a fair percentage of minority students and students receiving free and reduced-price school meals. Right now, these parents have to talk to 2 Michigan House Representatives/district and their influence is diminished when they try to lobby their representatives. They should all be part of one district and if House District 90 went all the way west to Lake Michigan, while not extending as far east, that would put most of both districts under one Michigan House seat.</p>	<p><b>West Ottawa &amp; Holland School District Parents:</b> This community is made up of parents in the Holland and West Ottawa School Districts. Both school districts have a fair percentage of minority students and students receiving free and reduced-price school meals, meaning their parents have many social and economic interests in common. Right now these parents have to talk to 2 Michigan House Representatives/district and their influence is diminished when they try to lobby their representatives. They should all be part of one district and if House District 90 went all the way west to Lake Michigan, while not extending as far east, that would put most of both districts under one Michigan House seat.</p>
c1020 (26138)	<p><b>Blue Star &amp; M89 Allegan Co Corridor:</b> Blue Star M89 Allegan County corridor shares many economic, cultural, geographical, and social similarities. historic summer resorts, Native American culture, geography and citizens, small independent family businesses and farms, working artists and studios, Buddhist religious colony and retreat. Small weekly newspaper, community agreements for services, Lake Michigan small inland lake conservation.</p>	<p><b>Blue Star &amp; M89 Corridor Allegan County:</b> The COI made up of small entities of Saugatuck, Douglas, Saugatuck Twp, Ganges Twp, Casco Twp, Fennville, Hutchins Lake Area and the Lake Shore by South Haven</p>
c1565-1 (29810)	<p><b>MR:</b> This is an attempt to show areas of Southwest Michigan that share a common bond of urban and suburban lifestyles which are very different from those in true rural areas. Rural voters should not be mixed with urban/suburban voters as their lifestyles and needs do not align with rural voters very well and diluting one or the other interests in the current districts creates unfair tradeoffs in representation. In the current maps rural and urban/suburban voters are badly mixed around Grand Rapids/Holland, Kalamazoo/Battle Creek and Benton Harbor/Saint Joseph. The current map drowns out urban voters with large numbers of rural voters in the state house and state senate districts and care needs to be taken to provide both types of lifestyles fair representation in state offices this time around. The US Congress map is not as madly mixed except for Battle Creek, which shares a representative with areas east and north of Grand Rapids when Lansing and Kalamazoo are closer and would share more common interests. The same issues exist around Detroit and Ann Arbor, but I do not know those areas well enough to highlight communities there.</p>	<p><b>Urban/Suburban Communities - SW Michigan:</b> Attempt to show areas that share common bod of urban and suburban lifestyles which are completely different from those living in true rural areas. Rural voters should not be mixed with urban/suburban voters as their lifestyles and needs do not align very well and diluting one or the other interests in the current districts creates unfair tradeoffs in representation.</p>
c1605 (30758)	<p><b>Comments from Kalamazoo Hearing:</b> Rural community of interest</p>	<p><b>Community I:</b> Rural community of interest</p>



c1660 (31155)	<b>South Haven:</b> South Haven has consistently voted in alignment with the boundaries I have suggested. I believe Mattawan and Paw Paw belong to Kalamazoo.	<b>Community 1.</b>
c1664 (31158)	<b>Western Michigan Agricultural Interests:</b> This map encompasses a large amount of the agricultural interests in West Michigan for a congressional district.	<b>Western Ag Interests- New MI-3:</b> This area represents a majority of the apple, blueberry, and vegetable growers in Michigan. It is a mostly rural and suburban district, that encompasses a huge majority of the grain and livestock farms west of US 131. The folks in this demographic share commonality based on agriculture. The one drawback of this proposed district that I one foresee is a lack of African-American representation outside of the greater Muskegon area; however, this district would have almost double the state average of Hispanic voters, many of whom do have strong ties to the agricultural industry.
c1711 (31373)	<b>Paul's Plan for SW Michigan:</b> SW Michigan	<b>US House of Rep. District 6:</b> This also is along county lines and includes Berrien, Cass, Van Buren, Allegan, Holland and Muskegon counties. With us losing one seat all districts must change. I fell this will represent Western Michigan well.
c1751 (31662)	<b>Holland city and surrounding communities.</b>	<b>Community 1:</b> Holland city and surrounding communities
c1968 (33685)	<b>Zeeland and the Lakeshore:</b> <a href="https://districtr.org/COI/33685">#Zeeland, #Lakeshore #Holland</a>	<b>Community 1:</b> Zeeland and the Lakeshore.
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c971 (25885)	<b>Southwest Michigan Lakeshore COI:</b> The Southwest Michigan Lakeshore COI preserves the environmental aspect and is based west of the I-196 corridor. Residents in these communities are committed to preserving the shoreline and natural dunes; most are boaters (of one kind or another) or general outdoor enthusiasts; tourism is our main economy. This COI also consists of orchards and wineries.	
c1943-1 (33399)	<b>Three Southwest MI Communities:</b> Much of rural Michigan is similar, though in order to keep districts compact and contiguous it will need to be broken up. Allegan + Van Buren Counties + surrounding rural areas and small towns make a lot of sense as a Community of Interest. While they share similarities with rural areas to the south, the border counties have more in common and more reliance on Indiana than the counties to the north. Likewise, Kalamazoo and Battle Creek should be considered separate from the surrounding rural areas. Though these communities aren't perfectly following county lines, I believe that county lines are a good basis for determining COI-based district lines.	



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(23907) **HOLLAND/Lake Macatawa House District:** The Holland/Lake Macatawa area is a very culturally and historically unified region, based on migration patterns from 1850 through to the modern day. It is likewise based on similarities in pastimes, religious participation and family cohesion and connections. It is a diverse mix of long-time Dutch, Hispanic, Southeast Asian, African African, and others, who work together, pray together and play together; who have learned to celebrate our diversity as Holland community through events like the annual Tulip Time, our appreciation of Holland's vibrant downtown, and all the recreational opportunities that living on Lake Macatawa offers. I believe placing Park Township, Holland Township and the City of Holland into a single House district will allow better representation for each member of this great community because of all the cultural and daily connections this community possesses.
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(27440) **West Michigan Tourism and Agriculture:** Allegan County, Van Buren County and the Holland coastal area are a community of interest for the senate: \* Area consists of significant agriculture and tourism economies. \* County governments routinely collaborate, including veterans court and public defender between Allegan and Van Buren. \* School districts, infrastructure services, churches, and business operations overlap. \* The coastal, tourism-based cities of Holland, South Haven and Saugatuck are together (South Haven community is in Allegan and Van Buren, while Holland is in Ottawa and Allegan). \* Same local TV market, and strong local Van Buren County newspapers, Allegan County newspaper, and the Holland Sentinel newspaper circulation is most dominant in this district. Holland radio station listenership mostly contained within this district. \* Hispanic population in this district will be double the state average, providing minority a powerful voting voice in West Michigan. \* These are all non-border areas. The southern border counties of Berrien, Cass, and St. Joseph face different challenges and should not be tied in with Van Buren, Allegan or Holland.
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(31383) **JFW US.**
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