

**Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission**  
**January 16, 2024 Meeting Public Comment**

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**Date of Submission:** January 14, 2024 1:46 AM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Andrew Gerlach  
**Subject:** <https://distrctr.org/plan/219739>

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**Date of Submission:** January 13, 2024 1:33 AM  
**Method of Submission:** Public comment form  
**Name:** SE MI Voter  
**Subject:** Redistricting Gamesmanship

In a possible attempt to sabotage the panel's efforts, it appears that the prior Redistricting consultant misled the panel by suggesting that racial issues do not matter. I would hope that the new plan does not imperil the process by trying to satisfy right wing ideologues to the detriment of fair boundaries.

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**Date of Submission:** January 13, 2024 1:00 PM  
**Method of Submission:** Public comment form  
**Name:** Christine J McCamont  
**Subject:** Keep up the good work

I as well as everyone I know appreciates the extraordinary time and effort the committee has devoted thus far into trying to make this revised method of determining state districts (approved by the voters) viable and that your labors apparently aren't over. Please don't become discouraged but persevere for our democracy and thus all us. Don't let the complainers get you down. Thank you.

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**Date of Submission:** January 11, 2024 1:42 AM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Price Mark  
**Subject:** Greetings, my name is Mark Ashley Price

Greetings to the Commissioners and all of Michigan,  
My name is Mark Ashley Price and I am the Treasurer of the School Board of Highland Park. I have communicated to this commission before and as I mentioned before, I just want this Commission to be fair and transparent. By being fair and transparent, it would best serve all of Michigan well. Forever bless our beloved State of Michigan!!

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**Date of Submission:** January 11, 2024 11:03 AM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** JACK BENGTTSSON  
**Subject:** Redistricting lawsuit

Dear Commissioners,

I just watched the first 50 minutes of today's meeting, which was a first for me. I must say that, I don't envy your position at all, and I appreciate all the work you have done. Had I been selected off that list, I'm not sure I would've had the patience. Your job truly is a thankless one.

That said, I would refer you to my last message if redrawing the maps is your goal. The example I provided does demonstrate that redrawing the districts in question without an overly adverse effect on partisan fairness is possible. My advice to the Commission is to pay more attention to the forest, less attention to the trees, and try not to make it any more complicated than it has to be.

In hindsight, perhaps I should've requested to speak. But I communicate better with the written word, and I'm sure you've heard enough public comment to last you a lifetime [already.](#)In any case, if I can be of any further assistance with regard to the previously submitted map example, please feel free to reach out. I'm more than happy to help.

On Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 10:22:02 AM EST, JACK BENGTTSSON <[REDACTED]> wrote:

I realize you have voted to appeal the ruling. That's perfectly fine with me, as I thought the lawsuit was unnecessary to begin with..

However, should you wish to redraw the current map at some point, you might want to look at the attached link. It might give you some ideas toward that end. The attached link is something I did on Dave's Redistricting wherein I rearranged the House districts in question, and did so without having to modify too many other districts.

The bottom line is, the attached link, contains 11 majority Black districts instead of the current 7. And, it does so without big changes to the other metrics.

Dem seats in this link are 54.51 as opposed to 55.12 in the current map, so it does a pretty good job of maintaining partisan balance.

As for the other metrics, like efficiency gap, partisan bias, mean-medium, etc., it does change them, but not by a lot.

[Copy of MI 2022 State House](#)



P.S. I could go through the whole map and tweak a few other things, like unnecessary splitting for example, but for the purposes of redrawing the map to satisfy the lawsuit, this might come close to fixing that problem.

Good Luck.

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