

***Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission
February 8, 2024 Meeting Public Comment***

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Good afternoon,

For your records, attached is a written copy of the public comment provided by the NAACP Michigan State Conference during today's meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC).

Thank you!

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February 1, 2024

TO: Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC)

RE: NAACP Public Comment

Dear Commissioners,

As a non-partisan organization that has been in existence for 115 years, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Michigan State Conference is a very proud member of Promote the Vote (PTV), a coalition of civil and human rights organizations who have a **very strong trusted voice** in our communities of interest throughout Michigan and nationally.

The Promote the Vote Unity Maps submitted for your consideration can help return power back to the people, where it belongs. Our coalition's 2024 Redistricting Project was guided by four (4) foundational mapping principles that:

1. Meet or exceed Michigan's constitutional criteria.
2. Improve the current maps and ensures no retrogression in the number of Voting Rights Act (VRA) districts.
3. Incorporate communities of interest (COI) submissions and input from our coalition partners.
4. Eliminate legislative maps where one political party has a lasting unfair advantage by aiming for overall partisan fairness.

We know MICRC is ultimately responsible for the redrawing of the district maps identified by the court, however, we want to ensure that that you have input from COI most trusted voices in order to do the best job possible for all Michigan voters.

Thank you for your commitment and dedication throughout this entire process. We sincerely hope you take into consideration and support the Promote the Vote Unity Maps.

Best regards,

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