

Mrs Rhonda Lange,

Thank you for being willing to serve on the citizens independent redistricting commission. As someone who spent a number of hours watching the commissioners debate the new state house and senate maps, I want to thank you for your patience and your service.

In a room often full of childish fights, partisan bickering and outright discrimination, you have been one of the few adults in the room. I know it has been hard with how you and some others have been treated. But I appreciate your perseverance and fight for the communities of interest being ignored during this mapping process.

My own Chaldean community has seemingly been targeted by certain commissioners. Yet, you all have given us the Cardinal map, as well as the Finch V2 map, that puts our Sterling Heights and Troy Chaldean community back together. Thank you for doing that. I believe these are the two best maps for the Chaldean community, and my family and neighbors seem to agree with me.

Even though it changes the current 9th district slightly, the Cardinal map truly does protect the Chaldean community of interest. I know you have been one of the best commissioners for standing up for our communities of interest, and I thank you for that.

And despite its "better" partisan fairness ratings, the Cardinal map would also give republicans a fighting chance this time around. It is good for fairness, good for my people, good for other communities of interest like the lakeshore community, good for the Detroit neighborhood communities of interest and good all around.

I would hope that your fellow commissioners would also realize how important it is to stand up for the Chaldean and other communities of interest in these new maps. I believe that the Cardinal map does do that for everyone, and I thank you for giving us this map as an option.

I thank you for who you are and how you've committed to serve. And PS I love your name 🐱

Thank you.

Rhonda Najor