

Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission
December 16, 2021 Meeting Public Comment

Date of Submission: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 4:52 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Thomas J. Bailey
Subject: Midland redistricting

To the committee,

I am writing to express my support for the committee's activities in redistricting for the 2020 census. As a resident of Midland, I realize the proposed changes would align city residents with those in Bay City and Saginaw and I think this is appropriate.

More importantly, the MICRC was set up to provide a more even distribution of representation between voting democrat and republican citizens. We have lived in gerrymandered districts for as long as I can remember, and I happily voted for the referendum to provide more representative districts. The recent noise from the Midland-Gladwin county organizations decrying the change in districts is merely those worried of losing their gerrymandered positions of power.

Please continue with the new districts as proposed.

Thank you for your efforts on this project.

Sincerely,

Thomas J Bailey

████████████████████
Midland, MI 48640

phone ██████████

Date of Submission: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 2:56 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Joan Gustafson
Subject: Keep Working to Improve House Maps

Dear Commissioners:

I write today to ask you to keep working on the House maps. Spending a little more time now will ensure fair maps for the next 10 years.

Please consider P9240, named HickoryHandled11. The link to the submission is here: <https://www.michigan-mapping.org/submission/p9240>. This map gives direction for improving Hickory's partisan fairness, VRA compliance, and adherence to Communities of Interest.

Thank you. Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Joan M. Gustafson

[REDACTED]

Bath, MI 48808

[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 1:03 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Lyndon Salathiel
Subject: proposed redistricting maps

Ladies and gentlemen,

As a lifelong resident of Michigan living in Grand Traverse county, I urge the committee to take the time needed to make the new maps as fair as possible. If that means taking more time to ensure fairness, please do it.

This is vitally critical to our state and the representation of its citizens for the next ten years! Only by so doing will all of our voters be fairly represented, especially on the critical issues of our time.

Please do not rush this process. Please do not gerrymander these districts. This is such a critical period in our state's history that we must be sure to get it right. We're all putting much trust in you to create these maps justly and fairly.

Thank you for your thoughtful work.

Lyndon Salathiel
[REDACTED]
Williamsburg, Mi. 49690

Date of Submission: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 12:30 PM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Leepointmary
Subject: Request for Fair Maps for the Mi. House of Representatives

Hello,

I am a constituent of Leelanau County, Michigan and am requesting that you please take the additional time needed to make the redistricting map fair for the Michigan House of Representatives .

Thank you,

Mary Swartz

[REDACTED]
Suttons Bay, MI 49682

Date of Submission: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 12:12 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Sarah Biggs
Subject: A big concern –

Please consider what is truly fair in this process. It is so important to so many! Thank you.

S. Biggs
Leland, MI

Date of Submission: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 11:24 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Jill Wellman
Subject: Redistricting comment

I am a northern Michigan resident. First, I would like to thank you all for the time and effort you have put into this Herculean task. I have concern about the maps you have proposed for the Michigan House Districts. Please take some extra time to reconsider them. I know you have set a time deadline, but you have the authority to extend it, and you should take that option to make sure you do this right. A fair map will ensure that the next ten years of elections in Michigan will be an example for all states, that redistricting can be done successfully with citizen participation in the process. I appreciate that you have considered input from throughout the state, and given the average voter a chance to comment and be a part of the process. Please finish the job and provide us with maps that are fair for all the elective offices you have considered.

Respectfully,

Jill Wellman
Cedar, Michigan

Date of Submission: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 9:58 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Danee Kaplan
Subject: Fair maps

It is imperative to our democracy that we have fair maps for all elected officials in Michigan. We cannot have a thriving, healthy democracy if one party has an unfair advantage. The House map still needs work to ensure it is fair to all political parties. Please ensure that our democracy is fair and just and that every voter gets a vote regardless of where they live.

Danee Kaplan
[REDACTED]
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Date of Submission: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 9:53 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Rivero, Estela M
Subject: Spend More Time-Get It Right

Please spend more time- whatever it takes to do it with care...
I'm a Michigan resident who cares about equity in voting!

Get Outlook for iOS
Estela M. Rivero, PhD

Date of Submission: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 9:25 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Ann Pearlman
Subject: new maps for Mi voting!

MICRC! Take the time to improve the maps for 10,000,000 people for 10 years!
thank you,

Ann Pearlman

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Ann Pearlman
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Pinterest: <https://www.pinterest.com/annpearlman/boards/>

Date of Submission: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 8:27 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Cathy Sehnert
Subject: Map

I am writing to urge you to make the redistricting map fair! We worked hard for this. If it is taking longer than expected, please extend the time. Have the integrity to make this map fair.

Thank you,
Cathy Sehnert
Leelanau County

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 8:27 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Martha Johnson
Subject: Extending the time

Please consider extending the time of redistricting to fully understand the issue.

Sent from my iPad

Date of Submission: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 7:11 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Mary Kay Davis
Subject: Current Concerns

Please take the time to make this a fair map. A lot of us are concerned out here! We worked hard for this and passed this. If you ran out of time to make it fair, extend the time. This is new and we may not have known how long it would take. Have the integrity to make it fair and just. Please.

M.K. Davis
Leelanau County, MI

Date of Submission: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 5:26 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Beth Shepherd
Subject: Please request more time

The maps for the Michigan House DO NOT MEET the standard of partisan equality. The commission needs MORE TIME to create appropriate maps.

Thank you,
Beth L Shepherd
[REDACTED]
Charlevoix, Mi 49720
Sent from my iPad

Date of Submission: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 9:50 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: telliotmich
Subject: Redistributing

Gerrymandered congressional districts short circuit democracy!
Voters are entitled to fair congressional district representation.
This is the sole duty and mission of congressional redistricting anything less is immoral and antithetical.
When a states voters casts more votes for one party but the party that received less votes is seated in congress there is clear misrepresentation of the majority of voters will, democracy is blocked!
Your duty is to preserve this democratic republic.
It really is just that clear REPRESENT the U.S. that is the voice of us the voters, not the well funded speech of the few.

Tom Elliott
[REDACTED]
Detroit, Mi. 48228

Date of Submission: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 8:34 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: marcia curren
Subject: Redo the Michigan State House maps

This message is for the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission:

Thank you for your hard work on the maps that you have proposed for Michigan voters to comment on. I think you have done good work on the Congressional and State Senate maps, but the State House maps should be redone. My vote is for the Birch V2 map for the Congressional districts. My vote is for the Linden map for the State Senate districts.

The State House maps are far too partisan and favor one party over another, thereby looking gerrymandered for one party. The Michigan voters overwhelmingly voted against gerrymandering in 2018. The maps should be redrawn to create more competitive districts. Competitive districts are more desirable because they are fairer, but also because they will create winning candidates who are less extreme and therefore can work more effectively for the good of all constituents in the state.

Yours sincerely,

Marcia Curran

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Frankfort, MI 49635
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Date of Submission: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 7:52 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Wanda Diamond
Subject: PLEASE Take More Time to Get Michigan House Districts Right

Dear Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commissioners,

Thank you so much for all the excellent work which you have done thus far.

Your proposed US Senate and Congressional districts are excellent. However, I – along with many fellow Michigan citizens – are deeply concerned about the proposed Michigan Congressional districts.

The Michigan Constitution requires partisan fairness in our election maps which will be in place for the next decade. This is an extraordinarily important decision.

Many experts are questioning the fairness of the currently proposed maps for the Michigan State House districts. Presenting no fair options is not legal.

Please extend the deadline, which I understand you have the power to do, to ensure that your decisions are constitutionally sound and fair – and that the maps are balanced and equitable for the next ten years. Our citizens, especially our children, depend on it.

Please take all the time you need to develop map options that present the requisite partisan fairness.

Thank you for your faithful service to this state and our constitution .. and Happy Holidays to you all.

Sincerely,

Wanda Diamond

Cleveland Township, Leelanau County

Maple City, MI 49664

Date of Submission: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 2:25 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: M Bayless
Subject: Please keep working on the Michigan State House maps!

Thank you for your hard work to make the US House and Michigan Senate less partisan and more fair.

None of the current options for the Michigan State House is fair. PLEASE take the time needed to develop additional, fairer, options.

Sincerely,
Margaret Bayless

Date of Submission: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 2:16 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Susan Miller
Subject: House maps

Hello commissioners,
Thank you for your very hard work on map-drawing. I have watched quite a few hours of your proceedings. I am writing to encourage continued work on the House maps from the perspective of partisan fairness. The maps currently give an advantage to Republicans. Please strive for greater fairness on these maps, as you've done with other maps.

Best wishes,

Susan B Miller, PhD
Michigan Licensed Psychologist
[REDACTED]
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 1:12 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Katie DeVries
Subject: Maps

To Whom It May Concern,

The current redistricting maps for the state of Michigan are not acceptable at this point. The lines as they are currently drawn will strip rights from the those in minority districts.

Please adjust these maps so that they fairly represent the people of our state.

Sincerely,

Katherine DeVries
[REDACTED]
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 10:38 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Kevin Weber
Subject: State house maps

Dear Commissioners:

Please request additional time to develop acceptable maps for the State House. Available State House map options do not achieve partisan fairness.

Thank you all for your hard work on the Commission.

Kevin Weber
Suttons Bay
[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 10:18 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: DOROTHY KING
Subject: Don't do anything to further support disenfranchisement of people or color. The current plan will do just that

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 9:44 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Hotmail
Subject: Let's keep Maps Fair for everyone!

Let's keep Maps the way they were. Why change them if the majority is satisfied with the Maps. We want Fairness for everyone please. Thank you!

Have a blessed day!
Sharon Ann Redmond
Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 9:37 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Richard Robb
Subject: Fwd: Here Is My Email To The Redistricting Commission

Dear Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commissioners,

Thank you so much for all the excellent work which you have done with the redistricting. Your proposed US Senate and Congressional districts are excellent.

However, many of us are deeply concerned about the proposed Michigan Congressional districts.

The Michigan Constitution requires partisan fairness in our election maps which will be in place for the next decade. This is an extraordinarily important decision.

Many experts are questioning the fairness of the currently proposed maps for the Michigan State House districts. Presenting no fair options is not legal.

Please extend the deadline, which I understand you have the power to do, to ensure that your decisions are constitutionally sound and fair. Our citizens, especially our children, depend on it.

Please take all the time you need to develop map options that present the requisite partisan fairness.

Thank you for your faithful service to this state and our constitution.

Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

Richard Robb



Frankfort,MI 49635

Date of Submission: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 9:27 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Rosemary Peterson
Subject: Redistricting fairness

Dear Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission:

The Michigan Constitution requires partisan fairness in our election maps. I understand that you are currently deciding on new maps that will be in place for the next ten years. I understand that many experts are questioning the fairness of the currently proposed maps for the Michigan State House races. Presenting no fair options is not legal. For both sides of the issue take time to be just and fair. Please extend the deadline, which I understand you have the power to do, to ensure that your decisions are constitutionally sound and as fair as you can make them. Please do not rush this vital decision. Thank you for taking this non partisan issue seriously. We trust that all will be done to draw fair districting lines.

May you enjoy your families at this season of peace and goodwill.

Sincerely

R peterson
Traverse city

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 12:29 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Glenn Maxwell
Subject: Comments on Redistricting Maps

After reviewing the maps...

This is an enormous job. Can't imagine how you did this.

I believe it is very important to be able to represent all the "communities of interest".

Seems like that should be the first priority.

It is with the idea that all cultures need to be represented in Lansing.

But then when I think about how politics has been dominated by the party in majority without compromise what difference does this make?

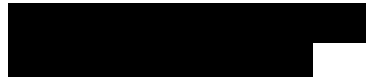
May peace be with you.

Glenn Maxwell

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Glenn Maxwell

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Date of Submission: Monday, December 13, 2021 5:10 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Thomas C. Petersen
Subject: Maps

Please make sure we have fair maps for the Michigan State House. You have done such a good job making fair maps, don't fail the state by not also having a fair map for the Michigan State House. We are counting on you!

Thomas Petersen



Maple City MI 49664

Date of Submission: Monday, December 13, 2021 4:38 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Mary Armstrong
Subject: Take time!

Dear Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commissioners,

I appreciate all the work you have done with redistricting. However I am really concerned about the proposed Michigan Congressional districts. I have questions about the fairness of the currently proposed maps for Michigan State House districts. Please extend the deadline, which you have the power to do, to ensure your decisions are constitutionally sound. Take all the time you need. It is important for our children and for our future country.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary Armstrong, Frankfort, Michigan 496354

Date of Submission: Monday, December 13, 2021 4:16 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Neil Schoof
Subject: State House Maps

Please take more time to to get the State House Districting maps done right. The Constitution requires it and Michigan citizens need it done correctly!

Thank you,
Neil Schoof

Date of Submission: Monday, December 13, 2021 3:45 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Fred J. Rehak
Subject: maps

Please make sure redistricting maps are fair. Keep working on them until they are fair & representative of the people within the lines. Regards, D.R.

Date of Submission: Monday, December 13, 2021 2:40 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Mary Kay Davis
Subject: Fairness

Please make our new redistricting fair. You need to take the proper time to make that happen. This cannot be a rushed decision. There is time if you extend it.

Mary Kay Davis
Sutton's Bay, MI

Date of Submission: Monday, December 13, 2021 1:55 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Cathy Moras
Subject: Take more time to create equitable districts

Please take the time to create house districts that fairly reflect the citizenry of Michigan. The current house maps do not meet that requirement.

Sincerely,
Cathy Moras

Date of Submission: Monday, December 13, 2021 11:06 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Bob Calt
Subject: Redistricting

Take the time necessary to preserve democracy. Gerrymandering is a disgrace to democracy. If you believe in our Constitution and that everyone's vote should have equal value you will take the time necessary to protect what those that have gone before us gave their lives for.

Bob Calt

Date of Submission: Monday, December 13, 2021 11:03 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: dalerolley
Subject: Redistricting project

Commissioners,

Thank you so much for your efforts to create new district maps for Michigan. I understand that after completing some great work on the US House districts and MI Senate districts you've run out of time.

PLEASE request more time so that you can rework the MI House districts to meet the Partisan Fairness requirement.

Thanks you for your hard work.

All the best,

Dale Rolley

Lake Leelanau MI

Date of Submission: Monday, December 13, 2021 10:09 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Barb Pons
Subject: Take the time to do it right, please!

It is my understanding that the re-districting process has fallen short of completing the task in the time allotted to the commission and that there is still work to be done. It is also my understanding that the commission has the option to extend the deadline with the goal towards completing the process. Please take the time to complete the process for the Michigan House so that our voices can be heard appropriately.

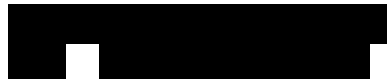
Thank you for making this happen in a manner that serves the Michigan voters.

Regards,
Barbara J B Pons
Traverse City, MI

Date of Submission: Monday, December 13, 2021 8:43 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Whitney, Doug, Roberts
Subject: Please Get the House Map Right

To the Committee,
I very much hope you will take the time, even if an extension is needed, to make the distribution of Michigan House seats equitable. Not to do so will result in the disenfranchisement of many voters whose voices deserve to be heard. As my mother said: "Fast and well seldom go together."
Thank you.
Whitney Roberts

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Date of Submission: Monday, December 13, 2021 8:28 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Phil Diamond
Subject: Excellent Work for US Districts! PLEASE Take More Time to Get Michigan House Districts Right

Dear Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commissioners,

Thank you so much for all the excellent work which you have done with the redistricting. Your proposed US Senate and Congressional districts are excellent.

However, many of us are deeply concerned about the proposed Michigan Congressional districts.

The Michigan Constitution requires partisan fairness in our election maps which will be in place for the next decade. This is an extraordinarily important decision.

Many experts are questioning the fairness of the currently proposed maps for the Michigan State House districts. Presenting no fair options is not legal.

Please extend the deadline, which I understand you have the power to do, to ensure that your decisions are constitutionally sound and fair. Our citizens, especially our children, depend on it.

Please take all the time you need to develop map options that present the requisite partisan fairness.

Thank you for your faithful service to this state and our constitution.

Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

Phil Diamond

Cleveland Township


Maple City, MI 49664

Date of Submission: Monday, December 13, 2021 7:03 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: jane packard
Subject: Michigan House Redistricting

Committee Members,
Thank you for the important work you've already done but now PLEASE take the additional time needed to make redistricting fair and equitable for the Michigan House. This is far too important of an issue to kick down the road.
Thank you.
Jane Packard
Northport, Michigan

Sent from my iPad

Date of Submission: Sunday, December 12, 2021 8:59 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: John Herbst Sr.
Subject: Please take more time to ensure Michigan's democracy

Dear Commissioners,
It's very important to ensure voting districts are drawn fairly for balanced voter participation. Please extend your deadline and take the time to make sure that all proposed districts are fairly established for the next decade. Our democracy depends it.
Sincerely,
John A. Herbst

Leland, MI 49654

Date of Submission: Sunday, December 12, 2021 8:15 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Sue Miller
Subject: Mapping of Michigan State House Districts

Redistricting Commissioners,
I want to start by thanking you for all the time and energy that you have put into the creation of new district maps for the state of MI. It has obviously been a huge undertaking and you are appreciated for your involvement in a more fair redistricting process. With this acknowledgement, I would like to express my disappointment in one area. It appears as though you ran out of time to make the same considered decisions for the state house maps that you made for the congressional and state senate maps. The state house maps seem to have been put together more hurriedly and without the same consideration for partisan fairness. The projected maps appear to favor the current majority in the

Michigan House. I implore you to take the necessary time to review these maps through the lens of partisan fairness. If you do Michigan residents should have more confidence in the final result. Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely yours,

Sue Miller

Lake Leelanau, MI. 49653

Date of Submission: Sunday, December 12, 2021 7:20 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Linda Frank
Subject: Take more time

As I understand it, you ran out of time before you completed your work and thus our redistricting map is not fair and complete.

Please ask for an extension of the deadline and get back to work. I appreciate your efforts and the complexity of the task. As my father always said, "If you are going to do a job, do it well."

Remember your results are for ten years.

Thank you,

Linda Frank

Williamsburg, MI

Date of Submission: Sunday, December 12, 2021 9:08 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Patrick McCool
Subject: House maps

Thanks for your hard work. Please ask for an extension of time to complete the House maps. Your work is very important

Date of Submission: Sunday, December 12, 2021 9:01 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Maureen Penfold
Subject: House maps

Dear committee members,

Thanks for your hard work thus far. Please ask for a time extension to continue your excellent work on the House maps.

Maureen Penfold
RE/Max Bayshore Properties
[REDACTED]
www.mpenfold.com

Date of Submission: Saturday, December 11, 2021 8:09 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Rebecca Reynolds
Subject: Fair State House Maps

To the Commission:

Please keep working on the Michigan State House maps to make sure they are fair. Previously you have done such a good job making fair maps. At present there are no fair options. so please make sure we have fair maps for the Michigan State House.

We're counting on you to keep up the good work.

Rebecca Reynolds
[REDACTED]
Leland, MI 49654

Rebecca Reynolds, Producer
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Date of Submission: Saturday, December 11, 2021 5:56 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Luana Russell
Subject: meetings

Please do not allow outside influences to interfere with your fairness mission.

Thank you,

John W. Russell

Midland



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<https://www.avast.com/antivirus>

Date of Submission: Saturday, December 11, 2021 3:17 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: lois bahle
Subject: State House maps

Please continue working on the Michigan State house maps to make them more balanced and equitable

Lois Bahle
Suttons Bay, MI 49682

Date of Submission: Saturday, December 11, 2021 1:39 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Jeremy Connolly
Subject: Fair maps for the Michigan State House

Please make sure as you are redistributing voting districts that you do your best to make sure that the maps drawn for the Michigan State House are also fair!
Thank you.
Jeremy and Michael Connolly

Date of Submission: Saturday, December 11, 2021 1:36 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Cheryl Paul
Subject: Fair elections!

Please make sure we have fair maps for the Michigan State House. You have done such a good job making fair maps, don't fail the state by not also having a fair map for the Michigan State House. We are counting on you!

Thank you.

Cheryl Paul

[REDACTED]
Traverse City MI 49684

Date of Submission: Saturday, December 11, 2021 1:19 PM

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

Name: Ellen Fred

Subject: Redistricting I Please extend the deadline to create fair maps

Dear Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission:

The Michigan Constitution requires partisan fairness in our election maps. I understand that you are currently deciding on new maps that will be in place for the next decade. This is an extraordinarily important decision. I understand that the Commission has made great strides by improving the U.S. Congress and State Senate maps, but I also understand that many experts are questioning the fairness of the currently proposed maps for the Michigan State House races. Presenting no fair options is not legal.

Please extend the deadline, which I understand you have the power to do, to ensure that your decisions are constitutionally sound and fair. Our citizens, especially our children, depend on it. Please take all the time you need to develop map options that present the requisite partisan fairness.

Thank you for your faithful service to this state and our constitution. I hope you have a safe and lovely holiday.

Best,

/s/ Ellen A. Fred

Ellen A. Fred
Attorney at Law
Licensed in Michigan and California
[REDACTED]
Cedar, MI 49621
[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Saturday, December 11, 2021 1:11 PM

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

Name: Linda Morris

Subject: Michigan Redistricting

Please make sure we have fair maps for the Michigan State House. You have done such a good job making fair maps, don't fail the state by not also having a fair map for the Michigan State House. We are counting on you!

Linda Morris
[REDACTED]
Washington, MI 48094

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Saturday, December 11, 2021 1:03 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Barbaileen
Subject: State House maps

Hello: Please make sure we have fair maps for the Michigan State House. You have done such a good job making fair maps
don't fail the state by not also having a fair map for the Michigan State house.

Barbara Schneider
[REDACTED]
Maple Michigan 49664

Date of Submission: Saturday, December 11, 2021 12:42 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Dana Getsinger
Subject: Revisit the Michigan House maps!

Please you have done such a good job making fair maps, don't fail the state by not also having a fair map for the Michigan State House.
We are counting on you!
Dana Getsinger
[REDACTED]
Traverse City MI

Date of Submission: Saturday, December 11, 2021 11:39 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Michael Hertz
Subject: Make Redistricting Equitable

To the MIRC:

In 2018 you were chartered by an overwhelming majority of Michigan voters to return our democracy to the principle of one person, one vote. You are obligated to redraw Michigan's Congressional, State Senate and State House district lines that especially do not provide an advantage to ANY party, and

hence promote partisan fairness. To date, that has not happened with any of the proposed redistricting maps for the State House. None of these maps completely address this critical explicit criteria of your constitutionally mandated task.

You have the opportunity to take as much time as necessary to accomplish this. You must do so to fulfill what the voters of Michigan empowered you to do.

Sincerely,
Michael Hertz, MD, MPH
Benzie County

Date of Submission: Saturday, December 11, 2021 11:23 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Jeanie Williams
Subject: Please take more time on MI House maps

Hello Redistricting Committee!
You have done so much great work in a short period of time, and there is a little bit more to be done. The redistricting maps for the Michigan House maps need more time to develop. None of them meet the requirement of partisan fairness. Please request more time to develop these maps so that the aim of the commission - to have fair elections - is met.

Sincerely,
Jeanette Williams
Suttons Bay, MI

Date of Submission: Saturday, December 11, 2021 10:07 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: LEE BERRY
Subject: True Democracy

Dear Committee:

I support the improved Hickory plan - P9240 - as it ensures the fairest representation of citizens across our state. Fair representation is the fundamental feature of a successful state and nation. Thank you.

Lee Berry
Scio Township

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Friday, December 10, 2021 12:24 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Lisa Kamil
Subject: FAIR Maps to support

PLEASE and thank you for all of your work.
US Congress Maps Chestnut and Birch V2
Senate Map Linden
MI House HickoryHandled11 was submitted to you. This is an improved Hickory Map. I support the improved Hickory House map P9240!

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Sent from phone

Date of Submission: Friday, December 10, 2021 10:59 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Camilek
Subject: Fair maps

The reason I worked so hard to get rid of gerrymandering in our state was because I want elections to be fair and my vote to matter. Some of the districts you have outlined still slant as much as a plus 6 GOP. Any area should have representation that matches its residents. Political fairness should not be an after thought. Please continue to work to level the playing field. MI is mostly a 50/50 state and the districts should match that.
Patricia MacIntosh - Traverse City

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Friday, December 10, 2021 10:02 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Fred Cole
Subject: Michigan House Maps

To the Redistricting Commission :

I am writing to ask you to keep working on the maps for the Michigan House of Representatives. The maps so far still allow a minority of the voters to contra majority of the seats in the Michigan House.

Hickory, the most fair of the maps you are currently considering, can be improved to make it truly reflect "a government of the people, by the people, and for the people."

Please add the HickoryHandled11 map into your consideration for the Michigan House of Representatives .

Thank you for your work on redistricting Michigan to make it fairly reflect the people of Michigan.

Sincerely,

Fred Cole

██████████ Marquette, MI 49855

Date of Submission: Friday, December 10, 2021 9:53 AM

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

Name: Dgitterman

Subject: Please implement something a lot like Hickory House map P9240

We need fair redistricting, not a partisan whitewash.

Thank you!

Dave Gitterman

Ypslanti, MI

Date of Submission: Friday, December 10, 2021 9:48 AM

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

Name: Susan Gitterman

Subject: P9240

I am a supporter of HickoryHandled11. I urge you to support the improved Hickory House map P9240. Our democracy is in danger, and we must have fair elections.

Thank you,

Susan Lockett Gitterman

Date of Submission: Thursday, December 9, 2021 12:14 PM

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

Name: glasser.chris

Subject: Maps

Hello,

Is there a way to view the maps without the comment bubbles? I would like to share the images, but with so many comments, the borders are blocked unless you zoom in.

Thank you,

Chris Glasser

Date of Submission: Thursday, December 9, 2021 11:29 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Zucker, Bob
Subject: MI house redistricting maps

Please spend more time and thought in setting up the redistricting. It is not good enough/fair enough yet.

Thank you
Robert A Zucker
[REDACTED]
Ann Arbor 48105
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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Date of Submission: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 1:04 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: marty mccormick
Subject: Court of appeals

Will the Ct of Appeals districts be redrawn for next years election? Who will do draw the districts/ what is the process?

Date of Submission: Thursday, December 2, 2021 3:54 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Janet Cannon
Subject: Thank you, PLEASE keep working

I have so much appreciation for all you have done and so much recognition of the pressure you must be feeling! I really appreciate the good work done, especially for the Congressional maps and the State Senate. I am supporting the Birch map, and if it does not get enough support, Commissioner Szetela's map.

For State Senate, Linden and Cherry are both good solutions. I appreciate the judicious way that Washtenaw County is treated, integrating the population centers with their surroundings.

Like many, I am deeply concerned with the lack of fair options for the State House. Please, take the time now before it gets any later. This is too important to get wrong. Both parties must have a chance to persuade the voters in the middle, and these maps do not afford an equal chance to Dems.

Thank you again. I realize that the balance between fairness and representation of communities of interest is a very difficult one. I hope that the next commission will be able to learn from this experience and spend some time defining which sorts of expressed communities of interest are of a nature to need political representation, and which are not!

Janet Cannon



Ann Arbor
MI 48104

Date of Submission: Friday, December 3, 2021 1:39 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Anitra Gordon
Subject: Spend more time and get it fair

Thank you
Anitra Gordon
48104

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Friday, December 3, 2021 11:34 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Camilek
Subject: Comment on the maps

Dear committee members

I was one of the VotersNotPoliticians volunteers who spent hours getting signatures so the request to have an independent commission to end partisan gerrymandering could be put on our ballot. I was one of the majority of Michigan residents who voted to make this possible. I am very disappointed to find out that some of the districts still have up to a plus 6 Republican slant. Partisan fairness means the legislators seated to represent any given area must adequately mirror the percentage of voters from each party. Until this is accomplished, your work is not done. I know there are other factors (such as population) that must be considered. However the entire purpose of your position is to give the voters what they requested - partisan fairness. We will be happy to wait through any delay, if we get what we worked so hard to bring about.

Patricia MacIntoh

Date of Submission: Thursday, December 2, 2021 10:08 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Ellen Halter

Subject: Re: Map for State House of Rep

Hickory is the best of the maps for the State House, but even it is not sufficiently non-partisan. It still favors the Republicans.

Please continue to work on the map to make it fair to both Democrats and Republicans.

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Ellen K Halter,

Date of Submission: Thursday, December 2, 2021 1:56 PM

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

Name: Leslie Kamil

Subject: Redistricting

More work is needed on the MI House maps. Please review the AFL CIO maps for some ideas on how to improve what you have submitted. Your current maps do not reflect that the majority of voters get the majority of seats. What you have submitted is woefully INADEQUATE.

Congressional maps- both Birch V2 and Chestnut are reasonable.

Michigan Senate-Linden, Cherry V2 & Szetela are all reasonable.

Thank you for your hard work, but please don't stop now; Michigan House maps need more work.

Date of Submission: Thursday, December 2, 2021 1:10 PM

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

Name: Anthony

Subject: Public comments – Open meetings violation

Dear Michigan Secretary of State,

The MICRC only gave me 49 seconds for public comments at their Thursday Dec. 2 meeting, whereas other participants were given a full minute & even given the opportunity to re-do their comment if technical error occurred. . . No such opportunity to reclaim the full minute of public comments was given to me.

This plainly occurred on the recording of their meeting, which is currently underway.

Please address this unequal application of their open meetings requirements.

Date of Submission: Thursday, December 2, 2021 1:01 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Kathleen Singer
Subject: State Redistricting maps

Dear Committee,

I thought that after the redistricting proposal passed, my concerns about gerrymandered districts in Michigan were behind me. Alas, that is not the case with the State House map. It looks like something politicians would create - that is it looks gerrymandered. Don't let this map tarnish the rest of your work,

Sincerely,
Kathleen Singer
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Date of Submission: Thursday, December 2, 2021 12:34 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Kim Ranger
Subject: MI House of Rep maps

Greetings, Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission members,

Please continue to work on the map lines to to improve fairness for both political parties. The work you have done and will continue to do is so very important!

Sincerely,
Kim L. Ranger
[REDACTED]
Grand Rapids, MI 49534
[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Thursday, December 2, 2021 12:23 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Loida Tapia
Subject: Recommended Improvements on Hickory House Map to represent COIs and better VRA districts

Hello from NextVote,

We have been working to improve the Hickory map, which has been proposed by the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission for the Michigan House of Representatives and has some

significant support from the public. It is a great work-in-progress with good intent we have made through 11 progressive versions, a roadmap to further complying with Michigan's constitutional requirement for making new voting maps.

1. A majority of seats to the majority of voters by a count of 57D to 53R inclusive of 8 highly competitive districts within 1% of each other, split 50/50. We use 2020 official election results, by precinct, to analyze and determine these findings.
2. 17 Voting Right Acts (VRA) districts above 40% with the majority of them over 45% and inclusive of 7 Districts over 50%, the best of any house map presented.
3. More significant Communities of Interest (COIs) are incorporated. Well vetted COIs, represented by Michigan nonprofits and gathered by Michigan Nonprofit Association and Voters Not Politicians. 20% more legitimate COIs survive in Detroit and Flint, like LGBT-Detroit, and map P7273 of Flint, while protecting those the commission accommodated like APIA-Votes, Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation, ACCESS and many more.
4. More potential for candidates of choice in Detroit by increasing VRA% and through more compact districts that don't reach as far north and west into the suburbs. This work allowed for more Communities of Interest to be incorporated. We hope that you will take our work as a demonstration that additional meaningful progress can be made quickly.
5. Flint residents and community leaders clearly asked for the current District 34 to remain intact at the Lansing meeting on 12/2. They also asked for a second opportunity to elect a candidate of choice, like they have today and that they have demonstrated through their Community of Interest map, P7273. We hope we've done well to accommodate these ideas while not disrupting the other work you've done in Hickory.

Visit <http://nextvote.us/Mapy.aspx?mapid=2419> to see HickoryHandled11 and our analysis of the map

Visit <https://districtr.org/plan/89527> to see HickoryHandled11 at DistrictR for their independent analysis and download

We hope you will take these recommendations as intended, as a continuation of your work to improve the House Maps for Michigan, which will be in place for the next 10 years impacting 10 million people.

Thank you,

Loida L. Tapia

Co-Founder

NextVote

Date of Submission: Thursday, December 2, 2021 12:27 PM

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

Name: Kristine Freeark

Subject: Please continue improving the State House of Reps map

Dear MICRC members,

I respectfully urge you to continue work on the State House of Representatives map. There is sufficient evidence-based analysis provided by Next Vote to indicate that an acceptable solution has not yet been reached.

Please spend more time refining this map to the level you have accomplished on the other two. We need democracy in our state to be well-served over the critical upcoming decade rather than rushed.

Thank you for your hard work on our behalf!

Respectfully,

Kristine Freeark-Zucker

██████████ Ann Arbor, 48105

Date of Submission: Thursday, December 2, 2021 12:18 PM

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

Name: Janet Cannon

Subject: Thanks! And please, more work on the House

I have so much appreciation for the hard work you have put in. I'm a teacher, musician, and advocate for our immigrant community, living in Ann Arbor. I urge you to adopt the Birch Congressional map, or if no agreement, Commissioner Szetela's.

For State Senate Linden and Cherry both work for me. However, as has been much repeated, no State House map achieves a reasonable standard of fairness. The longer you wait to address this the harder the process will become!

My observation is that the notion of Communities of Interest, while certainly of value, is hard to define. I think that the next commission should spend some time on the question of what types of interests provide a legitimate basis for political representation. Clearly, State House reps have the opportunity to represent smaller communities more effectively, though they must also continue to represent the greater whole of their district. For State Senate, obviously some legitimate communities will be subsumed into a greater whole, and hopefully, candidates will need to take a variety of communities into account.

Thank you, Janet Cannon

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Ann Arbor

MI 48104

Date of Submission: Thursday, December 2, 2021 11:23 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Anthony
Subject: AG opinion: MICRC public comment

Dear AG,

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This is plainly visible on the recording of their meeting, which is currently underway.

Please address this unequal application of their open meetings requirements.
thank you

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Anthony Scannell

Phone: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Thursday, December 2, 2021 11:10 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Laurie Krauth
Subject: Please continue work on the maps!

Hi. While Hickory is the best of the proposed maps for the House, even it creates more gerrymandering than what it would replace. Republicans are winning before ballots are even counted. Please extend the time you're spending to ensure that MICRC can complete the job it was given and create fair maps. As a lifelong voter, I so want my vote to count and to see Michigan prosper when voters have their say. As a northern Michigan resident, I believe everyone's vote needs to count.

Thanks for your commitment to this work.

Warmly,
Laurie Krauth
Central Lake, Michigan

Date of Submission: Thursday, December 2, 2021 8:31 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Danny Inman
Subject: Continue the work

Good morning, redistricting commission!

Please continue your work of redrawing the Congressional maps for Michigan. I am concerned that there are currently 2 more Republican districts in the state, and no districts that make People of Color a majority, when there are currently 5 districts that do so.

Please take your time to ensure fairness and access of representation, which I believe, the commission was designed to do.

Thank you again,
Danny

Date of Submission: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 10:29 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: James Gallant
Subject: MICRC FOIA request 12-01-2021

MICRC's FOIA Coordinator,

Will you please provide me with a copy of the "written legal opinion documents" that the MICRC received on 11-08-2021 from their Litigation Council that was reviewed during a recess that was extended to 25 minutes at the request of member Lett for the specific purpose of reviewing those documents?

Also, will you please provide me with a copy of the meeting minutes, transcripts, and audio recordings of the wrongful "Closed Session Meeting" conducted during a recess that was extended to 25 minutes at the request of member Lett for the stated purpose of reviewing a written legal opinion from the Commission's Litigation Council at the meeting on 11-08-2021?

Please provide me with a written estimate of any associated costs before fulfilling this request.

Thank you,
James Gallant, Marquette County Suicide Prevention Coalition, P.O. Box 41, Skandia MI 49885 (906) 360-7347

Date of Submission: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 8:39 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: M u r r a y
Subject: Fwd: Michigan House of Representatives Map

Hello,

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> Thank you very much for the work you are doing! I appreciate it.

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> Please, this is very important to me, keep working on the Michigan State House of Representatives' Map. It is important that there be partisan fairness. So far the current maps do not have partisan fairness. Please make sure the final map for the Michigan State House of Representatives has partisan fairness.

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> Thank you,
> Mike Murray

Date of Submission: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 8:32 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Claire Murray
Subject: Michigan House of Representatives Map

Hello,

Thank you very much for the work you are doing! I appreciate it.

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Thank you,
Claire Murray

Date of Submission: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 7:52 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Laurie Lisi
Subject: Please keep working on the House map

Dear MICRC.

Please keep working on the proposed maps for the State House. There are no fair State House maps. Although Hickory is the best of the lot, it is still worse than the current gerrymandered map. You have all done an amazing job on drawing maps, especially given all the challenges you faced - first time there has been a citizen's commission, Covid, the lateness of getting census data, and the incredible partisan rift in the electorate that makes the process so fraught.

Please finish strong and redraft a house map which is fair.

Thank you.

Laurie Lisi
Huntington Woods, MI

Date of Submission: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 7:35 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Kathy Silver
Subject: redistricting

Dear members of the MICRC,

Please don't stop your work on the redistricting maps until they honestly and correctly represent every citizen of our great state in a fair manner. I appreciate the work you are doing. I know that it is difficult and complicated, but our representation for the next ten years hangs in the balance.

Thank you for your efforts,

Kathy Silver

Kathy Silver
Director of Religious Education
New Hope Congregation
New Hudson, MI

Date of Submission: Thursday, November 23, 2021 7:36 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Tjc887755
Subject: County Splits

Hello,

As I'm looking at the suggested maps for house districts and am wondering why there is so much splitting of counties that have a high enough population to host multiple districts in of itself?

I am a resident of Muskegon county, on the north side and all of the maps area putting my area with Oceana county. The people of our area are not more aligned with Oceana, and the decisions that affect our county will affect us more. Similar issue on the south side of the county. Why would a representative who is there primarily for a chunk of Ottawa care about Norton Shores in Muskegon?

I thank you for your time,
Tiffanie

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Friday, November 17, 2021 11:57 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Dave Brown
Subject: Where can I get maps showing proposed state & Federal Districts?

What us the WWW I need to use to see proposed congressional and state house & Senate districts?



MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 9, 2021

TO: Members of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

FROM: John E. Johnson, Jr., Executive Director of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights on behalf of the MDCR and the Michigan Civil Rights Commission

SUBJECT: **Analysis of MICRC's Proposed Maps**

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commissions' (MICRC) proposed, maps may lead to forbidden retrogression in minority voting strength. Election district maps cannot be drawn that will impair the ability of geographically insular and politically cohesive groups of black voters to participate equally in the political process and to elect candidates of their choice. *Thornburg v. Gingles* (1986).

No voting qualification or prerequisite to voting, or standard, practice, or procedure shall be imposed or applied by any State or political subdivision to deny or abridge the right of any citizen of the United States to vote on account of race or color.

—Voting Rights Act of 1965

Coalitions of Black, Asian, Hispanic, Native American, "Other," and those who identify with "two or more" racial groups have had the ability to coalesce and elect candidates of their choice. The VRA requires majority-minority districts be drawn to prevent vote dilution in Saginaw, Southfield, Flint, Pontiac, Taylor, Inkster, Redford, Hamtramck, and Detroit. Each of these communities of interest could be denied the opportunity to elect a candidate of their choice if the present percentages of majority-minority districts are diluted.

The U.S. Supreme Court determined three threshold measures in *Thornburg v. Gingles* (1986) to evaluate whether or not an electoral map violates the rights of minority groups set forth in the Voting Rights Act.

- A minority group must demonstrate it is large enough and compact enough to constitute a majority in an electoral district;
- A minority group must demonstrate it is politically united;
- A minority group must demonstrate the majority group historically votes

sufficiently as a group to defeat the minority group's preferred candidate; coalitions of Black, Asian, Hispanic, Native American, "Other," and those who identify with "two or more" racial groups have had the ability to come together and elect candidates of their choice.

Justice Brennan said in *Gingles*, 478 U.S. at 36-37, that there are several additional “objective factors” in determining the “totality of circumstances” surrounding an alleged violation of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. Some objective factors include the extent to which the members of the minority group bear the effects of discrimination in areas like education, employment, and health, which hinder effective participation, is one measure.

In Michigan the effects of discrimination that help demonstrate the “totality of circumstances”, that surround the potential violation of the Voting Rights Act in the MICRC is proposed November 5, 2021, maps include:

- Until the 1954 election of Charles Diggs in the old 15th District (13th today) followed by the election of John Conyers 10 years later in 1964 in the old 1st District (14th today) Detroit’s majority-minority community could not elect a Congressional candidate of their choice
- The quality of education in Michigan depends greatly on where students live. Residency is dependent on household income, which in turn is dependent on the opportunities provided to families, which is also dependent on parents’ own race and background.
- The continuing crisis in Flint, Michigan relating to its public water supply and delivery system includes allegations that the city’s residents are the victims of discrimination based on their race, color, national origin, age, and disability.
- Black, Hispanic, and Latino ethnicity, non-English speaking status, lower socioeconomic status, and are more likely to be admitted to the hospital as Michigan’s Covid-19 hospitalized patients. This creates a disparity in the ability to vote.

One measure of whether the majority-minority communities will be worse off than before is whether they are likely to be able to elect fewer minority representatives than before redistricting. If they are able to elect fewer minority representatives, then there is a dilution of present Black voting strength.

Table 1 demonstrates the number of predominantly Black Michigan districts under the Legislative Plans that are current and the collaborative and individual Commissioner plans.

The collaborative MICRC plans are Apple V2, Birch V2 Chestnut, Magnolia, Magnolia am, Hickory, Cherry V2, Palm, and Linden. The individual MICR Commissioner plans are: Stzetela Congressional, Stzetela House, Stzetela Senate, Kellom Senate, and Lange Senate.

Citizen Voting Age by Race and Ethnicity (CVAP) is tabulated by the US Census Bureau at the request of the US Department of Justice. Work on a CVAP directly from the 2020 Census data has been suspended indefinitely.

Voting Rights Act and Citizen Voting Age Population Statistics

Table 1

Legislative Plan	Majority- Black Districts (2019 CVAP)	
Current US House	2	
Apple V2	0	
Birch V2	0	
Chestnut	0	
Lange	0	
Stzetela	0	
Current State House	12	
Magnolia am	6	
Magnolia	6	
Hickory	6	
Stzetela House	6	
Current State Senate	4	
Cherry V2	0	
Palm	0	
Linden	0	
Stzetela Senate	0	
Kellom Senate	3	
Lange Senate	0	

Based on Black-alone and Black/White 2-race

<https://promotethevotemi.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/2021-rd-metric-report-with-charts.pdf>

Using the latest available 2019 Citizens Voting Age Population (CVAP) none of the five Nov. 5, 2021, proposed Congressional District maps has a majority Black district (50% plus) while currently there are two.

With 2019 CVAP data there twelve State House Districts that are majority Black (with three majority-minority districts). MICRC Nov. 5, 2021, proposed maps would cut the number of majority Black districts in half.

Similarly, the four State Senate Districts that are majority Black using 2019 CVAP data would be reduced in five of the six Nov. 5, 2021, maps. Commissioner Kellom's map contains three majority Black State Senate districts.

An act that reduces minorities' opportunity to participate in the political process and to elect representatives of their choice is a violation of the Voting Rights Act, 42 USC § 1973(b).