

***Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission  
December 28, 2021 Meeting Public Comment***

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**Date of Submission:** Sunday, December 26, 2021 5:44 PM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Nomi Joyrich  
**Subject:** please adopt Szetela or Birch, Linden and Hickory

I am Nomi Joyrich and am speaking on behalf of the Michigan Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Network. We are a nonpartisan, faith based, statewide organization. I have been empowered by the Board to speak to you on behalf of our diverse members.

I've had the chance to testify in person several times, but I want to take this final opportunity to thank you for your dedication to this sacred work and listening intently to public comments.

We applaud your work on the Congressional maps. The Szetela map is the best and only map to have a perfect partisan fairness score. The Szetela Congressional map is my favorite of all the maps under consideration. I hope that you are willing to consider one of the individual maps and adopt this one. The Birch map is also fair. The Birch is a little better than the Chestnut because the Birch does a better job having the same number of voters in every district. The Apple and Lange maps must be dismissed because they would result in electoral outcomes that do not accurately reflect the way Michiganders vote. Please adopt the Szetela or Chestnut congressional map.

Several Senate maps come very close to fairness, especially the Linden and Cherry maps. The Linden map comes the closest to partisan fairness and creates two competitive districts. However even the Linden and Cherry maps should be altered slightly in order to achieve a higher partisan fairness score. The Palm and Lange Senate maps also must be dismissed as they would almost guarantee awarding the majority of seats to the party that receives the minority of votes. The Palm and Lange also do not include minority-majority districts. Please adopt the Linden Senate map.

We ask you to do more work on the House maps. While Hickory comes the closest, none of the House maps would result in an outcome that accurately reflects the way we vote. None of the House maps are acceptable. If you insist on adopting a House map this week, then please choose the Hickory.

We do not want to delay the process, but the worst outcome would be to settle for inherently unfair maps. We understand that you are very reluctant to do anything that would trigger another 45-day public comment period. We are sensitive to the fact that you have a deadline and understand that it would be missed if you try to fix any of the maps. However, that is a small price to pay to end gerrymandering. Maps that are less unfair, are still unfair. We all deserve to have maps that are genuinely fair and just: maps that accurately reflect how we vote while also addressing the needs of our most vulnerable communities of interest.

Once again, thank you so much for your time and dedication. We know that you have each had to sacrifice a great deal in this process. We humbly appreciate your service to this great state.

Thank you very much.

Nomi Joyrich, MUUSJN

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**Date of Submission:** Sunday, December 26, 2021 5:13 PM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Briana Cartwright  
**Subject:** Metro-Detroit

Hello,

Thank you Commissioners for your hard work and commitment to this process. My name is Briana Cartwright and I am a member of the Southfield Deltas. The closest maps I support are the Chestnut Congressional map, the Linden State Senate map, and the Hickory State House map. I understand during this process there was an attempt for fair maps that should represent my community of interest. Yet, all of these still have not quite made it.

Foremost, when determining the final maps I would like to press that the city of Southfield be kept intact as a House voting district. It is important that majority-minority communities like ours are kept intact so that our interests are not diluted in the voting process. Same would go for the city of Oak Park. In order to do that then both the Linden map and Chestnut map should have Oak Park to be part of Southfield instead of Beverly Hills.

Oak Park is part of our Southfield Alumnae Delta service area and currently the Hickory map has Oak Park gandermandered. It is just as important to keep oak park whole as it is to keep southfield whole. We do not want our black votes diluted. I believe these maps are all a good start but still have more work to do before finalized.

Im begging you to not grow weary now and keep doing the work so my community interests can stay together. Black votes matter! It took us a long time to get our vote and we dont want this to be just another way in taking the impact of our vote away. Please continue to do the work. We have suffered enough injustices please do not have it be at your hands.

Thank you!

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**Date of Submission:** Sunday, December 26, 2021 2:26 PM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Raphael S. Marciniak  
**Subject:** redistricting maps

To: MI Redistricting Commission

Please continue working on the Hickory map.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kathy Marciniak

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**Date of Submission:** Sunday, December 26, 2021 1:07 AM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Linda H. Holsapple  
**Subject:** Like Hickory and Linden

I do like Hickory for the House maps and Linden for the Senate maps.

Linda Holsapple  
[REDACTED]  
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236  
Sent from my iPhone

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**Date of Submission:** Sunday, December 26, 2021 1:04 AM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Linda H. Holsapple  
**Subject:** Palm map is no good

I would like to say that I find the Palm map very objectionable. Absolutely no!!

Linda Holsapple  
[REDACTED]  
Grosse Pointe Farms 48236

Sent from my iPhone

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**Date of Submission:** Friday, December 24, 2021 10:08 PM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Gaia Kile  
**Subject:** State House Map

Thank you for your good work on redistricting. I believe that at the state house level the Hickory map is good but could be better. I encourage you to do just a little more work on this map.

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**Date of Submission:** Friday, December 24, 2021 10:22 AM

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

**Name:** Ninadabrams

**Subject:** House maps – Hickory

PLEASE re-do the House maps. If you take proposed Districts 5, 6, 7, and 8 on Hickory, combine the populations so that on just those Districts cut them horizontal, then the benefits are Royal Oak Township stays together, Oak Park stays together, and Detroit gets two minority majority districts. Combining Wayne and Oakland is just crazy. Your help in cleaning up this mess is critical. NINA ABRAMS

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**Date of Submission:** Friday, December 24, 2021 9:59 AM

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

**Name:** Corinne Rigoni

**Subject:** Birch and Hickory maps

Birch: I support this map. More cohesive to the communities in it by keeping the districts more locally centered.

Hickory: please keep working in this map. It's close to what's needed to make the House districts more representative of the communities to be served.

Thank you

Corinne Rigoni

Parma, Michigan 49269

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**Date of Submission:** Tuesday, December 21, 2021 7:01 PM

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

**Name:** KJMcPhail

**Subject:** Please Please Please

Please continue working on the House redistricting maps, we all have to live with these for the next 10 years, Thank you for your efforts!

Kathe McPhail

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**Date of Submission:** Tuesday, December 21, 2021 5:17 PM

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

**Name:** Michele Hulsey

**Subject:** House Maps

Please keep working on the House Maps! Michiganders deserve fair maps. Thank you.

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V. Michele Hulseley

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Suttons Bay, MI 49682

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**Date of Submission:** Monday, December 20, 2021 10:09 PM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** LA  
**Subject:** redistricting maps

I am so pleased that Michigan is evaluating and voting on new redistricting maps.  
Please continue working on the Hickory House map.  
It is critical that this is done fairly and correctly. Please take the necessary time to do this correctly.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lynda Asher

[REDACTED]

Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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**Date of Submission:** Monday, December 20, 2021 12:08 PM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

**Name:** John Hoyt  
**Subject:** Fair 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! Thank You!

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**Date of Submission:** Monday, December 20, 2021 10:27 AM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Bob Nassauer  
**Subject:** Please Keep Working on Hickory

Thank you. Bob Nassauer

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**Date of Submission:** Monday, December 20, 2021 8:58 AM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Margaret Schankler  
**Subject:** Hickory map

Hello,

Please keep working on the Hickory house map to provide a higher degree of partisan fairness. This is the best house map, but falls short on this important measure for fairness.

Thank you.

Margaret Schankler

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**Date of Submission:** Monday, December 20, 2021 7:01 AM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** james jonas  
**Subject:** Hickory

Please continue to work on Hickory. We need balanced voting.

Jim Jonas

James L. Jonas, CPA  
[REDACTED]  
West Bloomfield, MI 48322

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**Date of Submission:** Sunday, December 19, 2021 7:47 PM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** JAMES HALLOCK  
**Subject:** State House Maps

Please improve Hickory for State House maps

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**Date of Submission:** Sunday, December 19, 2021 7:04 PM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Kathleen k Dahlstrom  
**Subject:** Hickory house district

The Hickory House District still needs work. Please make it more fair.

Thank you

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**Date of Submission:** Sunday, December 19, 2021 7:04 PM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Kathleen k Dahlstrom  
**Subject:** Hickory house district

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Thank you

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**Date of Submission:** Sunday, December 19, 2021 6:58 PM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** edward miller  
**Subject:** (No Subject)

Continue working on Hickory for Michigan House maps.

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**Date of Submission:** Sunday, December 19, 2021 3:16 PM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Richard Frank  
**Subject:** Redistricting Finalization

Dear Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission:

Thank you for your efforts to define fair districts in Michigan for the next decade. I am concerned that the pressure from partisan groups is affecting your ability to define equitable maps. I support delaying the finalization of these maps over releasing maps that are not fully refined to get the best balanced representation for all constituencies.

Sincerely,  
Richard Frank  
[REDACTED]  
Traverse City, MI 49686

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**Date of Submission:** Friday, December 17, 2021 9:16 PM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Bill Burnham  
**Subject:** Districting Maps

To the Commission --

I firmly believe the Commission should continue to work on maps for the MICHIGAN HOUSE. The maps proposed so far are unfair. The Commission should continue work to produce a House map that does not reflect partisan bias and does not allow a minority of the voters to control a majority of the seats.

William Burnham  
[REDACTED]  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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**Date of Submission:** Friday, December 17, 2021 7:08 PM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Barbara Reynolds  
**Subject:** Maps

Please spend more time and effort on redistricting.! It's important.  
Thanks for your attention to this urgent matter , in advance.  
Barbara Hooberman  
Attorney, Ann Arbor

Sent from my iPhone

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**Date of Submission:** Friday, December 17, 2021 5:18 PM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>



**Name:** Dari Stuhl

**Subject:** House of Representatives redistricting maps

Dear committee members, I'm writing to encourage you to keep working on the Michigan house of Representatives redistricting maps. From my review of the options it seems like more could be done to ensure a fair election. Thanks for your consideration of this matter. Dari Stuhl

Get Outlook for Android

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**Date of Submission:** Friday, December 17, 2021 11:17 AM

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

**Name:** Hasselcastle

**Subject:** Spend more time on the Michigan House of Representative maps!

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**Date of Submission:** Friday, December 17, 2021 10:13 AM

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

**Name:** Richard Zane

**Subject:** Redistributing in Michigan

To whom it may concern,

Please continue with your efforts to stop political redistricting in Michigan.

Regards,

Richard Zane

Sent from my iPad

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**Date of Submission:** Friday, December 17, 2021 6:13 AM

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

**Name:** james jonas

**Subject:** Hickory

Please keep working on Hickory. We need a balanced map

James L. Jonas, CPA

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West Bloomfield, MI 48322

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**Date of Submission:** Thursday, December 16, 2021 3:14 PM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Cyndi Rolley  
**Subject:** Fwd: Saturday's Zoom re: Bunek recall – Urgent before 12/

Thank you for your efforts to create more equitable district maps for the US House and Michigan Senate. I understand that you've run out of time to work to complete districting maps for the Michigan State House that meet the Partisan Fairness requirement, but you have the ability to ask for more time to complete this work. PLEASE make that request and work toward ensuring that every vote in Michigan counts.

Thank you.

Resident of Lake Leelanau

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**Date of Submission:** Thursday, December 16, 2021 2:56 PM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** judy maiga izzo  
**Subject:** Downriver is a Community of Interest

Good Afternoon:

Your Chestnut congressional map is decent but is last on the list for preserving Communities of Interest according to the non partisan MGGG Redistricting Open Maps Coalition.

TRUE communities of interest (which do not include counties) are linked by public policy issues that may be affected by legislation.

The Role of Communities of Interest in Michigan's New Approach to Redist...

If you could move the cities Wyandotte and Southgate into Congressional district 6 (as the Birch map does) it would add a true community of interest to that map and be closer to the goals outlined in the constitution. Many people have requested this change in the online portal.

We share these federal issues in our COI:

A police and fire assistance program (Downriver Mutual Aid);

Downriver Area Narcotics Organization and Swat Team;

A riverfront with an abandoned steel plant that has an EPA superfund clean up site upon it. A congress person in this area regularly assists us with that issue and two separate reps would be duplicative and a waste of taxpayer money.

We share a host of environmental, safety and geographical interests. Our communities are intertwined - please keep us together and improve the quality of Chestnut for COI's - a win/win for all of us.

I also encourage you to disregard the ridiculous petition brandished about this morning that alleges 600 people saying a county is a community of interest. If the petition had 6,000 signatures it would still not make a county a COI. Counties have their own elected reps and commissioners and a host of ways to represent themselves and fight for their interests. This absurd, desperate attempt by the GOP should be ignored.

"A Community of Interest is not a political jurisdiction (in Michigan, a county, city, village, or township), since they are considered in a separate section of the Amendment.

The common bonds associated with a Community of Interest are linked to a set of public policy issues that may reasonably be expected to be affected by legislation. In most cases, these shared interests in legislation lead the community to wish to remain intact in legislative districts in order to secure more effective representation rather than be split across two or more districts." Source: <https://closupstage.fordschool.umich.edu/policy-reports/18/the-role-of-communities-of-interest-in-michigans-new-approach-to-redistricting-recommendations> (Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy (CLOSUP) launched at the University of Michigan's Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy in 2001)

Thank you very much for your work. I know it has not been easy. I truly thank you for trying to unrig the system.

Judy Maiga  
Grosse Ile MI

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**Date of Submission:** Thursday, December 16, 2021 2:52 PM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Emily Clancy  
**Subject:** 12/16 Public Comment

Hello. My name is Emily Clancy. I am here today as a resident and voter in northwest Detroit's Grandmont #1 and a lifelong Michigander. I appreciate the work of the Commission throughout this process.

I support the Linden state Senate map because it is the most balanced AND keeps an important Community of Interest - the Grandmont Rosedale communities- together. Palm is the worst senate map because it is politically biased and clearly that is not what our communities have asked for.

The Hickory map is the least unfair state House map, but the Commission's state house maps NEED to do better on racial justice and partisan fairness.

Cracking Black communities and tilting the playing field toward the Republican Party fail on both counts.


The Hickory map shows my Detroit state house in Grandmont #1 separated from the other historic Grandmont Rosedale communities, and if the Hickory map was adopted as is my house district would extend well into the city of Livonia, which would absolutely disenfranchise Detroit voters.

It is critical to enact a process for voting that leads you to choosing the most fair plan, rather than a process that would allow a vote on a procedural power move based on who makes a motion first.

The process should include making sure all plans of each district type receive thorough discussion on both the constitutional requirements and public comments before any vote takes place.

Please take into consideration the comments made here today and take the time to make changes on the state house maps before voting. Michigan deserves better for the next 10 years.

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Emily Ann Clancy  


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**Date of Submission:** Thursday, December 16, 2021 1:26 PM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Abclark  
**Subject:** Support for a fair and transparent final vote process

Dear commissioners,

After all your hard work to map in a fair and transparent way, I ask that you devote attention to ensure a fair and transparent process for the final vote, that prevents a decision resulting from a procedural power move by a small number of commissioners. The Secretary of State's recommended procedure seems fair and thoughtful to me.

Sincerely,  
Abigail Clark

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**Date of Submission:** Thursday, December 16, 2021 1:16 PM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

**Name:** Judy Daubenmier  
**Subject:** Commission Voting Procedures

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to ask that you take some time to devise a fair voting procedure for the adoption of maps later this month.

You have spent months drawing these maps and taking public comments. I think it's important that each commissioner has a chance to say how they feel about each of the maps. Also, the public deserves to know whether their comments were heard and how the commissioners feel about what they said and how they attempted to accommodate those comments or why they felt they were less important than other factors.

My fear is that the voting will come down to a "Quick Draw McGraw" contest where the first commissioner to make a motion for a particular map closes out all discussion of other maps or any consideration of other motions.

There should be a thorough discussion of all the maps before any motions are made. After the recent discussion about closed door meetings, I think the commission must make a real effort to be totally transparent about how they feel about the maps, why some are being discarded, and others adopted.

Thank you for all your hard work.

Cordially,

Judy Daubenmier  
[REDACTED]  
Brighton, MI 48116

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**Date of Submission:** Thursday, December 16, 2021 12:34 PM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Lisa Kamil  
**Subject:** Maps – redistricting

Hi,

Thank you so much for your tireless work on this highly complex project. Your work on it separates us from many states in our ability to have fair and nonpartisan gerrymandered maps.

US Congressional Maps - TChestnut and Birch V2 are good and fair maps.

Michigan Senate Maps: Linden is the best map.

State House Maps - All you have submitted are horribly gerrymandered and unacceptable. However, I did see a map that is a redo of Hickory. It is called HickoryHandled11 map #P9240. Either use that map, or you need to start from scratch for the MI House map.

Thank you

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Sent from phone

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**Date of Submission:** Thursday, December 16, 2021 12:01 PM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Gloria Albrecht  
**Subject:** voting Maps

Voting maps should have the goal of making voting available to all eligible voters, regardless of their views or party membership.

To that end I strongly support the work and analysis of the Michigan Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Network (muusjn@gmail.com) . They represent the values I believe we need from each candidate and each voter: the goal is true democracy,

Gloria Albrecht  
[REDACTED]  
Detroit, MI 48221

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**Date of Submission:** Thursday, December 16, 2021 11:38 AM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Doug Kimble  
**Subject:** please listen

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO DO THIS JOB RIGHT. The intention of an election is to let voters elect a government BY, FOR and of the PEOPLE. The intention is not for one party to contrive, to manipulate, the process for it's own benefit. The purpose of this commission is to create a process that ensures that votes are counted as the will of the PEOPLE, not the will of the PARTY THAT DRAWS DISTRICTS. Please have the courage act in accordance with democratic values, with honesty and as if fairness and truth are the ultimate purposes of drawing districts.

Thanks and PLEASE meet my and our expectations  
Doug Kimble

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**Date of Submission:** Thursday, December 16, 2021 11:15 AM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Laraine D.

**Subject:** Need FAIR redistrict maps

Thank you for your continued dedication to this sacred work.

The Szetela Congressional map is the best and only map to have a perfect partisan fairness score. The Birch map is also fair.

The Linden, Kellom and Szetela Senate maps come close to being fair. But they still favor one party and require tweaking.

Please do more work on the House maps. While Hickory comes the closest, none of the House maps would result in an outcome that accurately reflects the way we vote. None of the House maps are acceptable. The Promote the Vote maps achieve all the benchmarks and could serve as a guide for how to improve Hickory.

We do not want to delay the process, but the worst outcome would be to settle for inherently unfair maps.

Please continue your good work and redo the House maps.

Thank you very much.

Mrs. Laraine Deutsch

Farmington Hills, Mi. 48334

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**Date of Submission:** Thursday, December 16, 2021 10:40 AM

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

**Name:** Julie Morris

**Subject:** State House Maps

Dear Commissioners,

Please take the time to make fair State House Maps. There are no fair options from which to choose. You have the time to improve partisan fairness and improve Voting Rights Act districts.

Thank you for your time and effort on our behalf. The people of Michigan are thankful for you.

Cordially,

Julie A. Morris

  
Maple City, MI 49664

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**Date of Submission:** Thursday, December 16, 2021 10:16 AM

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

**Name:** Robert M LaPorte

**Subject:** 45 day public comment on the proposed maps

To: Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commissioners

From: Robert LaPorte, M.D.

Thank you for the work you have accomplished with the new redistricting maps. I know you have made significant improvements to the U.S. Congress and State Senate maps. I've been told your allotted time has run down, and waiting for 45 days to listen to our citizens input.

I understand there are currently some questions of fairness regarding the currently proposed maps for the Michigan State House races.

Please extend the time to complete this last task so you will meet all the criteria, especially for "Fairness". I know there are 7 priorities that MUST be met for acceptance of your final outcome.

Thank you again and keep up the good of maintaining our democracy.

Respectfully,

Robert M. LaPorte, M.D.

[REDACTED]

Traverse City, MI 49684

cell # [REDACTED]

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**Date of Submission:** Thursday, December 16, 2021 8:16 AM

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

**Name:** Corinne Rigoni

**Subject:** House maps

Right now, the proposed maps for the Michigan House are not meeting the standards if partisan equity.

WE ARE NOT TEXAS OR NORTH CAROLINA! Do it right! Request more time and get the maps done fairly.

Thank you for what you do.

Corinne Rigoni

Parma

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**Date of Submission:** Thursday, December 16, 2021 8:01 AM

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

**Name:** Judy Davis

**Subject:** I support the following maps!



Dear Commissioners:

I appreciate your hard work and commitment to this process. I'm Judy Davis, a resident of Southfield and a member of the Southfield Deltas. I support the Chestnut Congressional map and the Linden State Senate map. Both are fair maps that represent my community of interest.

For the State House, I also support adoption of the HickoryHandled11 map #P9240 on the mapping portal (<https://www.michigan-mapping.org/submission/p9240> link to Hickoryhandled11 ). This is a vast improvement over other proposed State House maps. However, I ask that the city of Southfield be kept intact as a House voting district. It is important that majority-minority communities like Southfield are kept intact so that African-Americans are not diluted in the voting process.

Thank you!

Judy Davis

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**Date of Submission:** Wednesday, December 15, 2021 8:20 PM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Sara Boys  
**Subject:** Maps

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your work on the redistricting maps. The maps for the US Congressional districts and the Michigan Senate seem to be fair. However, the maps for the Michigan House are not. Please take more time to work on making them fair. It is very important that all the maps be fair for all voters in Michigan. This process happens once every 10 years so please take time to make all maps fair.

Thank you,  
Sara Boys  
[REDACTED]  
Traverse City, MI 49684



December 23, 2021

**Via U.S. Mail and Email**

To: Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission  
P. O. Box 30318  
Lansing, Michigan 48909  
redistricting@michigan.gov

**Re: Voting Procedure / Demand**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I represent Ms. Erin Wagner, whom as you know is a duly appointed commissioner of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission. To get directly to the point, Ms. Wagner hereby demands that the Commission immediately rescind any promulgated rule(s) and procedure(s) that would restrict or prohibit her from submitting a new proposed plan should a published plan not be approved pursuant to Article 4, Section 6(14)(c) of the Michigan Constitution of 1963. To deny her that opportunity, and indeed to deny any commissioner that opportunity, would be to deny that commissioner their constitutional right to do the same.

As the Commission is aware, the procedure for approving a redistricting plan is specified in the aforementioned Section 6(14). That Section sets forth a two-stage approval process that can be summarized as follows:

1. Each commissioner may propose one redistricting plan for each type of district: state senate, state house, and federal congressional.
2. Proposed redistricting plans shall be published for a period no less than 45 days. During the publication period, the public shall be allowed to comment on these plans.
3. After the expiration of at least 45 days, the Commission is to hold a final vote on the adoption of the proposed published plans. A plan may not be approved unless it receives a "2-2-2" vote, meaning that at least two commissioners affiliated with both major political parties and two independents must vote for a particular plan.
4. If redistricting plans are approved for state senate, state house, and congressional districts, then the Commission's work is concluded.
5. If, however, a final plan is not approved for one or more of these districts, then the following second procedure "shall" be utilized.

From the desk of:

**Matthew E. Gronda, Attorney**

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6. Each commissioner may propose one redistricting plan to the Commission for consideration.

7. The commissioners shall assign a numbered rank to the plans submitted. The plan receiving the highest number of “points” is the plan that is approved subject to conditions. If the plan was submitted by a commissioner affiliated with a major political party, that plan must also be scored in the top half by two commissioners of the opposing political party. If the plan was submitted by an independent commissioner, it must also be ranked in the top half by at least two commissioners affiliated with a major political party. In the event of a tie, or if no plan meets these conditions, the secretary of state conducts a random draw of the plans.

The Commission is currently near the conclusion of step two outlined above. Proposed plans were published on November 12, 2021. From what I understand, the Commission intends will move forward to step three, the final vote, on December 28, 2021. Should one or more districts not receive the requisite 2-2-2 vote, it is not clear when the Commission intends to proceed with the second plan submission and voting process. Clear, however, is that the Commission has adopted a rule, first promulgated by vote on November 4, 2021, which restricts commissioners from submitting any plan under step six to those originally published on November 12, 2021. This rule is unconstitutional.

*First*, the plain language of Section 6 simply does not contain this restriction. See *Coal of State Emp Unions v State*, 498 Mich 312, 323; 870 NW2d 275 (2015) (courts must apply the plain meaning of constitutional provisions). As your own counsel informed you on November 7, 2021, a limitation that is not within the express language of a provision governing a governmental body may not be created or inferred. *Mich Charitable Gaming Ass’n v Michigan*, 310 Mich App 584, 600-01; 873 NW2d 827 (2015).

*Second*, the interplay of Section 6’s provisions does not support such a restriction. Considering all provisions together, Subsection 14 clearly delineates two separate plan submissions, each independent of the other. The text clearly indicates that first vote is to be on plans published pursuant to Subsection 14(b). Should this vote fail to result in an approved plan for each type of district, Subsection 14(c) describes a second and wholly separate submission process without any publication requirement. A critical example of support for this reading is found at Subsection 14(c)(iii). That subsection requires the secretary of state to randomly approve a plan should no plan ultimately receive the required level of support. Expressly stated is that this random draw is to be made from plans submitted under Subsection 14(c); not Subsection 14(b).

*Third*, structural concerns do not support the rule. The rationale behind enactment of Section 6 was to create a citizen-driven, public redistricting process. Fundamental to the new process is the right of the citizenry to have critical comment on proposed redistricting plans. While it may be that the impetus behind the Commission’s adoption of the offending rule was exactly that concern, it will have the opposite effect. Under this rule, no commissioner may propose a new plan incorporating the citizenry’s input should an original plan not be approved.

For these reasons, Ms. Wagner demands that she, and indeed any commissioner, be permitted to submit a new plan pursuant to Subsection 14(c)(i) should plans not be adopted for each district following the initial vote. Even if plans are adopted for all districts on the initial vote, she further demands that the offending rule be rescinded so as to avoid the perpetuation of an unconstitutional procedure. Should the Commission

fail to take these steps, be advised that it is Ms. Wagner's intent to immediately pursue legal action with the Michigan Supreme Court.

Best Regards,



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