

**Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission**  
**December 2, 2021 Meeting Public Comment**

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**Date of Submission:** Wednesday, December 1, 2021 4:02 PM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Ron Frisch  
**Subject:** Redistricting

We need to create Congressional district and State Senate maps that better reflect partisan fairness.

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**Date of Submission:** Wednesday, December 1, 2021 3:34 PM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Nicholas Sharbo  
**Subject:** Response to Redistricting Commission Meeting

Hoping the MICRC will working on the State House maps! There are no fair options to choose from. You need to spend more time on the Michigan House of Representative maps to improve partisan fairness.

Thanks,  
Nicholas Sharbo

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**Date of Submission:** Wednesday, December 1, 2021 1:53 PM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** GRETCHED GRUNER  
**Subject:** Need to rework the state House maps!

Please spend more time to redraw the state House maps. None of the proposed maps are better than what we currently have! There needs to be a more fair balance so that the majority of voters are not underrepresented.

The Commission can do better. The US Senate maps are good. The state House maps need more work. Thank you for your ongoing work!

Gretchen Gruner  
Ann Arbor 48105

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**Date of Submission:** Wednesday, December 1, 2021 1:39 PM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Gerald Gardner  
**Subject:** State House map needs more work

I urge you to go back and take another look at the Michigan House maps, to make the districts likely to better reflect the voters' partisan choices in the total state vote.

Gerald T. Gardner  
[REDACTED]  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

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Gerald T. Gardner, Ph.D.  
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**Date of Submission:** Wednesday, December 1, 2021 1:28 PM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Marcy Waldinger  
**Subject:** Comments on Redistricting maps – need to redo House of Rep. map and vote no on Palm map for Senate

To the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission,  
Thank you for all your hard work to craft maps that uphold the Voting Rights Act and strive for partisan fairness. I personally volunteered to pass Proposition 2 because I am one of the millions of Michigan voters who wanted independent commissioners to draw fair, non-partisan maps

Your efforts have produced maps that are improved for the US Congress and MI Senate. Yet there are no good maps proposed for the State House. The best Michigan House Of Representatives Map, Hickory, is worse than the current, gerrymandered map. Please spend more time on the Michigan House of Representatives map to achieve what Michigan voters voted for which are maps that are free from partisan bias.

I live in Washtenaw County in the City of Ann Arbor. Both the Linden and Cherry maps are acceptable. However, the Palm Senate map is the worst choice in front of you. It is extremely biased and unfair. Please vote NO on the Palm map.

None of you should vote to approve ANY map that has a disproportionate advantage to a political party. Please veto unfair maps -- vote NO on anything but the fairest map on December 30th.

Thank you for consideration of my request.  
Marcy Waldinger  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

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**Date of Submission:** Wednesday, December 1, 2021 12:28 PM

**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Starkman, Monica  
**Subject:** please keep working

Thanks for your efforts in this most important project for our democracy.

But please, keep improving the Map for the Michigan House of Representatives!

Thanks again.

Monica Starkman Schteingart, MD

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**Date of Submission:** Wednesday, December 1, 2021 12:22 PM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Elaine M Yeglic  
**Subject:** December 2 redistricting meeting : citizen feedback

I am appalled at the result you arrived at for the new redistricting lines. They are clearly unfair to all of us. Please rework the lines to indicate an equal balance between Republican and Democratic voters in every area. I worked very hard to get signatures to establish this very commission with the clear mission to establish FAIR and EQUAL district lines in our state. Please remember your mission and fulfill it.

Elaine M. Yeglic

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Chelsea, MI 48118

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**Date of Submission:** Wednesday, December 1, 2021 12:16 PM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Lauren Moore  
**Subject:** Please Keep Working On House Maps

I am EXTREMELY concerned that there are no fair district maps as of yet, for the State House! Please keep working on it until this is corrected. I cannot emphasize enough how important this is. This will affect not only our democracy itself, but also thousands of lives still to be lost in the pandemic.

Ms. Lauren Moore

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Ypsilanti, MI 48197

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"If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair." —Shirley Chisholm

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**Date of Submission:** Wednesday, December 1, 2021 12:07 PM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Laura H  
**Subject:** Redistricting

Please take more time developing redistricting maps. Your proposed redistricting is unfair, and doesn't represent the people. The redistricting should not favor one party over the other. Please, our democracy depends on it. We are all counting on you.

Laura

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**Date of Submission:** Wednesday, December 1, 2021 11:01 AM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** wes pleyer  
**Subject:** PLEASE KEEP WORKING ON REDISTRICTING

Good Morning,

As a concerned citizen and a true Michigander, I would like to advocate for the continued work on the redistricting project. This is because there are no truly fair options currently up for decision. The proposed re-drawing is clearly a partisan attempt to shift power between parties, rather than allow for a fair and equal vote. I am closely watching this and will be reporting to constituencies all across my area. I will appreciate the continued, non-partisan attempt to distribute the districts evenly and fairly for all Michigan voters.

Regards,

Wesley P. Pleyer

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**Date of Submission:** Wednesday, December 1, 2021 11:01 AM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Gail Beaver  
**Subject:** Voting maps

Please improve the voting map proposal for the Michigan House. It is the people's will. The people of Michigan voted to have the maps redrawn. We live in Washtenaw County but spend half the year or more in Cheboygan County and know that redistricting movement was equally strong in each of these areas. Michiganders want fair voting for all citizens of the state. And they will vote for those representatives who believe in truth and fairness.

Thank you

Gail Beaver

Sent from my iPhone

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**Date of Submission:** Wednesday, December 1, 2021 10:58 AM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Richard Gaeth  
**Subject:** Keep working on the State House Map!

None of the options are fair! Please spend more time on the Michigan House of Representative map. Commissioners have worked hard and their maps have improved for the US Congress and MI Senate. Yet there are no good maps proposed for the State House. Hickory is worse than the gerrymandered map, and it's the best of the crappy bunch!

You have the time and you MUST improve partisan fairness!

Thanks,  
Richard Gaeth

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**Date of Submission:** Wednesday, December 1, 2021 10:58 AM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Eleanor Linn  
**Subject:** The MI Senate maps

Dear Michigan Redistricting Commission,

I am appalled to learn that the proposed Senate maps are even more imbalanced than the current map. Please take the time to remedy this situation and come up with a fairer MI Senate map. Bravo on the MI House and the U.S. House maps. They look more balanced and able to produce election results that reflect the majority of MI voters. So PLEASE, go back to the drawing board and come up with a better MI Senate map. I know you can!

Sincerely,  
Eleanor Linn  
Ann Arbor, MI

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**Date of Submission:** Wednesday, December 1, 2021 10:58 AM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Beverly Ulrich  
**Subject:** House Maps

Dear Members of the ICRC,

Thank you for working hard, diligently, and cooperatively to carry out our State's first ever ICRC redistricting process. Your work is becoming a model for other states, and for that I am both proud and grateful.

Having reviewed the proposed maps, I continue to believe the current set of House maps do not provide adequate boundaries to reflect partisan fairness, with respect to our two major parties and the overall proportion of voters in our state affiliated with each one. Thus, although working further to provide more fair House maps would delay the adoption (beyond the adoption of the Senate and Congressional

maps) given that they will ultimately be in effect for 10 years, a short delay at this point seems like a price worth paying.

Again, thank you for working together so well; keep it up!  
Beverly

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Beverly D. Ulrich, Ph.D.

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**Date of Submission:** Wednesday, December 1, 2021 10:23 AM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Aaron Johnstone  
**Subject:** Improve Partisan fairness

Please spend more time on the house maps.

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Aaron Johnstone

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**Date of Submission:** Wednesday, December 1, 2021 10:15 AM  
**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 very complicated project. Your work on it separates us from many states in our ability to have fair and nonpartisan gerrymandered maps.

US Congressional Maps - These are good and fair maps. Szetela, Chestnut, and Birch V2

Michigan Senate Maps - Most are good and fair maps if you are using 2020 numbers, especially Linden and Szetela.

There are no good maps for the State House yet. You have time to create better maps. The best MI House Of Representatives Map, Hickory, is worse than the current gerrymandered map. It drastically cuts voting rights districts and many communities of interest while returning only one seat, not nearly enough to get too partisan fairness.

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Sent from phone

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**Date of Submission:** Wednesday, December 1, 2021 10:09 AM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Whitmf  
**Subject:** Redistricting

To members of the committee,  
Please work on improving partisan fairness in the proposed maps. The current ones unfairly reduce representation for minorities and unfairly favor Republicans. As a state, Michigan voted for Democrats in the 2020 election. How then is it fair to produce maps which tilt heavily toward Republican representation?

Sincerely,  
Mary White

  
Ann Arbor, MI  
Sent from my iPad

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**Date of Submission:** Wednesday, December 1, 2021 9:32 AM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Chris Smith  
**Subject:** Comments on maps

Hello Commissioners!

I wanted to weigh in on the maps you have under consideration. I think what voters expect is that, when more people cast votes for one party or another, that party should get the majority in the legislature / congressional delegation.

Looking at the maps you have now, and judging by the partisan predictions on <http://nextvote.us/Dashboard.aspx>, there are some good options using that criterion for both US Congress and State Senate, but none of the current State House maps work; all of them give an unfair partisan advantage to Republicans.

I know you have deadlines to consider, but I would urge you to take another look at the State House maps, and try to find one that gives a majority to Republicans using 2016 data, and a majority to Democrats using 2020 data, since that's the way people voted.

Thank you for your consideration, and for the work you are doing to make our elections more fair in Michigan!

Best regards,

Chris Smith  
Ann Arbor, MI

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**Date of Submission:** Wednesday, December 1, 2021 9:16 AM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Happycath  
**Subject:** MI House map

Good Morning,

I was one of the thousands of people who worked to get Proposal 2 passed, mostly because of my concern over partisan fairness.

I know that you are working hard to balance many directives and you have done a great job. I think that the MI Senate maps Linden and Cherry, along with the congressional maps Birch and Szetela are the fairest.

But I don't see that any of the MI House maps take partisan fairness enough into account. I would recommend continuing to work on them. If one of the current maps must be used, I think that Szetela and Hickory are the best.

Thank you,

- Cathy Marshall, [REDACTED], Gregory

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**Date of Submission:** Wednesday, December 1, 2021 9:14 AM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Maggie Bayless  
**Subject:** State House Maps

Please take the time needed to develop a redistricting map that more fairly represents our state. While Hickory is the best of the current (all bad) options, please start from scratch to create something better. We need maps where the party with the most votes is more likely to win a majority. Thank you for continuing this important work!

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**Date of Submission:** Wednesday, December 1, 2021 8:43 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

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**Date of Submission:** Wednesday, December 1, 2021 8:37 AM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Jen Rosenberg  
**Subject:** please keep working

Thank you for all your hard work on the redistricting maps. You have clearly worked hard and have improved the maps in so many ways. Still, we do not have a solution that is fair and equitable, especially for the Michigan State House. Please keep working on it.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Rosenberg

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**Date of Submission:** Tuesday, November 30, 2021 5:15 PM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Lisa McGraw  
**Subject:** FW: Letter for the Commission

Please see attached.

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**Date of Submission:** Tuesday, November 23, 2021 7:32 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

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**Date of Submission:** Tuesday, November 23, 2021 9:05 AM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Terry T  
**Subject:** Transparency

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commissioners

I am a Michigan resident, tax payer, and vote regularly.

I have supported your efforts to correct our voting district borders and make them fair to all of Michigan's voters. I have spent time and money to help see that this is done properly. When you met in secret, violating your mandate to be fully transparent, you began to lose my trust. Your unwillingness to correct this wrong deepens my mistrust. You must do this right, right now! The wolves are at the door waiting for a crack through which they can enter and regain their control and continue to draw boundaries that are politically motivated. Total transparency is required immediately, before its too late.

William T Treman

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**Date of Submission:** Thursday, November 18, 2021 12:25 PM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** John Ponstingel  
**Subject:** Community of Interest (COI) Maps

Dear Rob,

My name is John Ponstingel, and I work for Redistricting Datahub, an organization

dedicated to making data publicly available, which can be used to define communities, draw maps, identify racial or partisan gerrymanders, and evaluate the fairness and accountability of proposed redistricting plans.

I'm emailing you today to ask whether your organization collects/has collected any Community of Interest (COI) maps, in relation to the proposed or finished redistricting process in your area.

If yes, would your organization be willing to share these maps/files with Redistricting Datahub? We aim to digitize these maps to increase their visualization and interpretation and host them on our website for decision makers and analysts, among others.

If you do not collect COIs, could you please refer me to any of your partner organizations that do?

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to hearing from you!

John Ponstingel, Ph.D.

Please take this 5-question survey about your COI maps: <https://forms.gle/pnor3BfNQ2gEQJjt6>