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Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government
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House Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government
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Dear Legislators:

Per PA 166 of 2020, section 617, we have attached the fourth quarter report of all expenditures related to the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission. In addition, we provided a detailed description of quarterly activities to implement Section 6 of Article IV of the Michigan State Constitution.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please get in touch with me at 517-331-6309.

Sincerely,

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FY 21 4th QUARTER EXPENDITURES

Expenses	Amount
Travel	\$94,025.17
Facilities, AV, Security	\$213,488.48
Telecommunications	\$2,397.60
Technology/Internal Purchases thru State	\$25,809.88
Staff Salaries	\$148,044.70
Promotional Outreach/Advertising	\$239,808.69
Consultants-Line Drawing	\$802,088.46
Consultants-Voting Rights Act Legal Counsel	\$111,268.31
Commissioner Salaries	\$242,333.52
General Administrative	\$3,137.27
TOTAL	\$1,882,402.08

FY 21 4th QUARTER ACTIVITIES

- Discussed how to deal with public comments not pertaining to the agenda and the timeline/roadmap to complete the mapping process. Received a summary of the *Brnovich vs. Democratic National Committee* decision issued by the U.S. Supreme Court.
- Held a public hearing in Grand Rapids and heard 118 public comments for four hours and thirty minutes.
- Demonstration between the CityGate software for desktops and the Web-based software. Presentation on the trends in public comments and Communities of Interest coverage maps. Presentation of the Philosophical Discussion on Redistricting. Presentation on Implicit Bias.
- Presentation on The Law of Redistricting, DOJ, and Cautionary Tales. Presentation on Measures of Partisan Fairness. Discussed irregularly shaped districts and its rationale, gerrymandering, transparency, data sets, and automated redistricting.
- Approved to accept as standard procedure the Assuring Quoroms and Notifications of Absences Memo as policy by identifying where the policy begins and striking the header about eligibility to attend remotely. Approved financial procedures. Approved receiving and filing emergency procurement documentation for Audio Visual for July 8, 9, and 15.
- Presentation on utilization of computer algorithms in mapping.



- Discussion on identifying geographical regions within Michigan to begin mapping.
- Approved paid time off for staff. Approved revisions to the budget. Approved media buys to increase awareness and engagement. Discussed geographic regions to begin mapping. Identified 9-10 regions for mapping.
- Adopt Regional Test Plan #5. Practiced drawing fictitious maps to learn the software.
- Recommended the vendor for an interview before the Commission for Litigation Counsel.
- Discussed the State of the Thumb. Approved inviting the vendor for consideration as Litigation Counsel. Approved purchases for QuickBooks and an audio-visual contract.
- Presentation of Measuring Partisan Fairness. Presentation on State of the Thumb maps.
- Presentation on Subsection 11. Shared mapping process compendium. Approved additional billboard advertising. Approved direct mail campaign. Interviewed and hired vendor for Litigation Counsel.
- Approved the Mapping Process and Procedures. Approved issuing bids for promotional consultant services. Approved direct media buys. Approved purchase of translation services. Amended Procurement Review Guidelines. Approve contract for paralegal services.
- Presentation on Census data. Mapped State Senate, Southeast and South Central regions. Reviewed and approved Communities of Interest.
- Approved revised Mapping Process and Procedures. Mapped State Senate districts in Southeast and South Central districts. Approved direct purchase of mailing list for rural and Downriver areas. Mapped State House districts in the Southeast region.
- Mapped State House districts in the Southeast region. Approved total cost for the Local Counsel RFP and extended the formal invitation to bid. Assigned the Local Counsel RFP Evaluation to the Committee for the Review of Litigation Counsel. Mapped State house districts in the South Central region.
- Discussed Southeast and South Central State House and Senate districts. Update on Presentation on Communities of Interest updated data. Approved establishing a total cost of litigation counsel RFP and modified contract terms. Mapped in the Northeast, Northwest, and Upper Peninsula regions with State Senate districts.
- Mapped State House districts in the Northeast, Northwest, and Upper Peninsula regions.
- Reviewed draft maps from the Northeast, Northwest, and Upper Peninsula regions. Approved the second round of public hearings schedule. Mapped State Senate districts in the Southwest region.
- Discussed the Lakeshire area of the Southwest region. Mapped State Senate and House districts in the West region



- Completed mapping State House districts in the West region. Discussed and reviewed previously drafted mapping. Considered Communities of Interest clusters.
- Presentations on Racially Polarized Voting Analysis and Voting Rights Act and State Constitution Commentary from consultants. Considered Communities of Interests in the Northeast and Northwest regions.
- Continued to review Communities of Interest. Accept the Proposed Questions and Adopt the proposed answers, as amended, for the Local Counsel RFP, including not modifying the deadline.
- Approved the Mapping Process and Procedures. Reviewed previous maps and began reconciling lines between drafted maps for State Senate districts, except Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Saginaw, and Genessee counties.
- Reviewed previous maps and began reconciling lines between drafted maps for State Senate districts, except Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Saginaw, and Genessee counties. Approved uploading read-only maps to the mapping portal with identifier information and asking the public to submit their comments to the public comment portal. Mapped State Seate districts in the East Central and Thumb areas.
- Mapped State Senate districts in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Saginaw, and Genessee counties.
- Mapped State Senate districts in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Saginaw, and Genessee counties.
- Mapped State Senate districts in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Saginaw, and Genessee counties, while reconciling with other State Senate districts. Elected a new Chair and Vice-Chair for the next six months.
- Mapped State Senate districts, primarily in the Metro Detroit region.
- Mapped State Senate and Congressional districts. Discussed the mapping process and public comments, then proceeded to compose alternate draft State Senate maps.
- The Commission deliberated whether to review draft State Senate maps or to begin drafting Congressional maps. The Commission started drawing Congressional districts. Approved adding Friday meeting to add additional time for mapping.
- Mapped Congressional districts. Approved extending meeting times to finish drawing maps.
- Mapped Congressional districts. A commissioner presented their Congressional plan. Discussion by the Commission on the plan proposed by the Commissioner. Reviewed the collaborative and the Commissioner's Congressional maps to ensure compliance with the Voting Rights Act. Reviewed State Senate maps for compliance with the Voting Rights Act. Mapped State House districts, primarily in the Metro Detroit region. Expand the line drawing contract to include



assessments for partisan fairness and voting patterns. Approved the Covid-19 self-assessment.

- Reviewed and discussed proposals submitted by vendors for the Local Counsel contract. Recommended a firm for interview by the Commission.
- Mapped State House districts, primarily in the Metro Detroit area. Presentation of the MyDistricting portal. Approved opening the mapping portal public comment. Approved inviting the firm to interview for Local Counsel.
- Mapped State House districts.
- Mapped State House districts, primarily in the Metro Detroit region. Approved revising the line drawing contract to ensure compliance with the Voting Rights Act and measures for partisan fairness.
- Mapped State House districts, primarily in the Metro Detroit region.
- Mapped State House districts, primarily in the Metro Detroit region.
- Mapped State House districts while reconciling with previously drafted maps. Approved proposed budget with recommendations.
- Mapped State House districts while reconciling with previously drafted maps. Approved contract for Legal Counsel. Mapped Congressional districts while reconciling with previously drawn maps. Approved maps by individual commissioners to be presented for the second round of public hearings by Oct. 11. Approved a direct mail campaign to rural areas and the Downriver area.
- Discussed the deliberation process for draft proposed maps for public hearings. Mapped State Senate, State House, and Congressional maps while reconciling with previously drafted maps.
- Mapped State House maps while reconciling them with previously drafted maps. Approved promotions consultant contract.
- Approved the Second Round of the Public Hearing Schedule and Dates. Mapped State House maps while reconciling them with previously drafted maps.

For additional details regarding the Commission's work during this quarter, please visit the MICRC website to view meeting notices and materials at [Meeting Notices & Materials Archives \(michigan.gov\)](#), or you can watch their meetings on [MICRC - YouTube](#)