

Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission
January 21, 2021 Meeting Public Comment (As of 1/20/2021)

Date of Submission: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 1:11PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Mark S. Redker
Subject: State and Congressional districts

Hello:

I suggest that the tri county (Eaton, Ingham, Clinton) area be in a district. We share a common area, schools compete against one another, a good number of workers from above are employed at the same place. We share the same media outlets and otherwise share common interests. For a fair number of citizens the above area orbits around the Lansing metropolitan area.

Thank You

Mark Redker

Date of Submission: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 5:21PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Ivan Diaz
Subject: West Mi Map Consideration

Hello,

I'd like to ask the redistricting committee to consider putting The City of Wyoming or at least the North end of Wyoming into the same district as SW/ W Grand Rapids as they are very similar and Wyoming was gerrymandered into Byron Center to dilute the D's in Wyoming

Date of Submission: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:48PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Casey75el
Subject: Please Reject Mr. Lancaster From Further Consideration

Dear Redistricting Commissioners,

I am writing to you to request that the Michigan Redistricting Commissioner members deny any further consideration for the General Counsel position the current candidate under consideration, James Lancaster.

It is widely known that Mr. Lancaster is a partisan attorney. Under Proposal I passed in 2018, the residents of Michigan made their voices clear that redistricting was to be done in a non-partisan matter away from partisan politics. There is no doubt that Mr. Lancaster cannot provide unbiased recommendations regarding the Commission's legal matters.

Looking through Mr. Lancaster's political contributions, it is clear that he strongly favors Democratic candidates and liberal activist organizations. Again, the Independent Redistricting Commission has a mission that is based around the fundamental belief that they are to act as a non-partisan entity. Having the Commission's General Counsel be a clear partisan individual will undermine the Commission's integrity.

Mr. Lancaster also has a clear conflict of interest as he served as one of the main legal attorneys for the political organization that drafted and supported Proposal I's passage in 2018. This creates a situation where the individual who drafted the language would now have to give neutral legal advice on the language he helped write.

I encourage the Commission to select a different individual who can serve in a more non-partisan and natural manner.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Thursday, January 14, 2021 2:35PM

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

Name: Charles Reese, MHA

Subject: Lack of Black of Male Representation on the Commission

By default the Commission should choose a black male to be a member to balance out the voices and contributions to the redistricting effort.⁵

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