

***Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission
January 30, 2021 Meeting Public Comment***

Date of Submission: Friday, January 29, 2021 12:06PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Crystal Thrall
Subject: Redistricting commission

Hello,

I believe the redistricting commission should eliminate bias by creating simple shapes for each district, such as rectangles, and adjusting the physical sizes of the simple shapes so that each district has approximately the same number of eligible voters.

Thank you for your consideration,
Crystal Thrall, Ph. D.
York Twp, Washtenaw County

Date of Submission: Friday, January 29, 2021 11:42AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Ray B
Subject: Redistricting

My Suggestion is that Districts be limited to six (6) relatively straight Lines so that the most complex shape would be an "L" . These Lines might follow Rivers/ Streets or other natural features, or County, City, & Township Borders. Race , Party or other affiliation should have no bearing on the population splits. The only factor should be total populations.
I believe this would eliminate the picking of voters that might sway elections one way or the other.

Thanks

Ray Berkin


Date of Submission: Friday, January 29, 2021 10:55AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Mark S. Redker
Subject: District configuration.

I still think the tri county metro Lansing area should be in one district. Maybe northern Jackson county as well. We don't belong in a district with Rochester Hills or parts of Oakland county. They are more Detroit metro or Flint orientated.

Thanks

Mark Redker

Date of Submission: Thursday, January 28, 2021 4:50PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: James Brazier
Subject: Fairest Redistricting is one that has equal population across districts

I have examined Michigan state legislative districts along with congressional districts and believe strongly that the fairest districts were ones with equal population as done with congressional districts. The constitutional criteria for drawing districts written by the Michigan Constitutional Convention favor the Republicans as intended by the Republican delegates. They held 70% of the delegate seats and were well aware of what was happening in the federal courts of the "one person, one vote" litigation based on the equal protection clause of the 14th amendment in 1963. Our districts need to have equal populations in order to preserve the equity of "one person, one vote."

Date of Submission: Thursday, January 28, 2021 3:18PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Babysan1967
Subject: Outreach to Community Group


Hello,

As an interested retired civil servant I have been watching 4-5 ICRC meetings so far. I am impressed with the commission members' dedication, honesty, and determination. As part of your outreach efforts I am asking that one or two of the ICRC attend a Zoom meeting on March 1, 2021, at 7 PM. Since it is a group from the Lansing area I think that Exec. Dir. Hammersmith and/or Commissioner Rothhorn would be the most appropriate to update the Blue Brigade on the progress of the ICRC.

Although I have been following your progress, and could provide a summary, I think that it would enhance the work of the ICRC by being available for a brief presentation and some Q & A. The meetings generally last about 1.5 hours.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jack G. Devine


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Date of Submission: Thursday, January 28, 2021 7:47PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Mike Stanley
Subject: Volunteer needed?

I volunteered for the ICRC as an unaffiliated individual. I was not selected; but I retain an interest in serving the Commission in whatever way I might.

I am retired and thus able to travel around the state. I have done a lot of data analysis (and corresponding data entry); data classification, etc. in my pre-retirement positions. I am proficient with Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Access. I use the internet, but have not done any website design or build work.

I hope I can be of some service to the Commission.

Mike Stanley

