

Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission
April 8th, 2021 Meeting Public Comment

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021

Method of Submission: SurveyMonkey Public Comment Sign-Up Form

Name: Todd & Michelle White

We're not surprised, that the allegedly "Independent" Redistricting Commission is on the verge of hiring a far-left Democrat donor and activist to guide its process. Bruce Adelson, the commission's top pick, has history as a consistent Democrat donor. He has taken clear leftist positions on both social media and his academic writings. He will be an unchecked liberal voice on this allegedly non-partisan commission. This is unacceptable and we strongly oppose his hiring

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Name: Madalyn Cordes

This commission is supposed to be balanced, I don't think Bruce Adelson has the ability to be non-partisan. If you move forward with him as an attorney I think there should be a republican attorney to balance things out. Or take Bruce Adelson off of the table and consider someone entirely different. Please keep things INDEPENDENT and FAIR!

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Name: Ann C Rauwerdink

Surely the "Independent" redistricting commission can find an INDEPENDENT leader for their commission. Try hard! Don't repeat the Arizona debacle.

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Name: Kenneth Beck

I oppose the hiring of Bruce Adelson. He is a partisan Democrat. I thought the point of this body was to be non-partisan. If you hire him, you betray the very purpose of this body. Keep the politicians out please. There are plenty of lawyers who didn't donate to political parties you can hire. Make the right choice.

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Name: Kathie

I oppose Mr. Adelson to lead the redistributing process or be any part of it as he has many public ties to a certain political party. Find someone neutral.

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Name: Maija Hahn

I oppose hiring Bruce Adelson for the “Independent” Redistricting Commission. Mr. Adelson has taken clearly leftist positions on both social media and his academic writings, and will be an unchecked liberal voice on this allegedly non-partisan commission. If we want a true non-partisan commission that all Michiganders can trust, you must NOT appoint Bruce Adelson.

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Name: Ted Goodman

I have serious concerns about the ability of Bruce Adelson to be nonpartisan in his interactions with the commission. Others should be considered, either more than one lawyer, one from each side of the aisle, or someone who is much less overtly partisan.

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Name: Brittany Love

I have concerns about Bruce Adelson's ability to be nonpartisan in his involvement with the commission. He is a progressive activist, and you should be considering lawyers from each side of the aisle or someone more nonpartisan. Please consider fixing this issue.

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Name: Stephen Rockman

I concur with the following statement of GOP Chairman Weiser: “We were hopeful that this commission would take non-partisan redistricting seriously, but instead is on the verge of hiring a progressive activist attorney and Democratic donor to guide its processes. Arizona learned its lesson after hiring Bruce Adelson and we should learn from their mistakes. This move betrays what voters were promised when they voted for a non-partisan commission.”

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Name: Sarah Anderson

I am very concerned about the commission's consideration in hiring Bruce Adelson. It appears that he is not independent at all, but a progressive activist. How can citizens trust in the process when one of the voices you are considering hiring to guide you in this independent and non-partisan process is clearly focused on partisanship.

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Name: Madison Miller

I am highly concerned with a progressive activist such as Bruce Adelson being involved with the commission. I am highly skeptical that he will be able to remain nonpartisan while working with the commission. I strongly encourage the commission to look at other options in regards fixing this issue such as having more than one lawyer, hiring a lawyer from the other side of the aisle, or having a lawyer who is nonpartisan and unbiased. Please consider fixing this issue.

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Name: Erik Reitz

Don't hire Bruce Adelson he is biased to one party and will push influence based on that. You need to hire someone that is independent based on what this commission is designed to be.

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Name: Marcia Markey

Do NOT hire leftist activist attorney, BRUCE ADELSON to the Michigan INDEPENDENT Citizen's Redistricting Commission to guide their processes. Bruce Adelson, the commission's top pick, has a history as a consistent Democrat donor, has taken clearly leftist positions on both social media and his academic writings, and will be an unchecked liberal voice on this allegedly non-partisan commission. Bruce Adelson will NOT be an independent voice or council.

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Name: Dennis Smith

Brude Adelson is a poor choice for legal representation and will not work in the interests of Michigan citizens. Rather, he will support the express interests of the Socialists and gerrymander in benefit to the left.

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Name: Sandra Karbowski

Bruce Adelson, is a Democrat donor, has taken clearly leftist positions on both social media and his academic writings, and will be an unchecked liberal voice on this allegedly non-partisan commission. I do not want him representing me or my family.

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Name: Jason Roe

Bruce Adelson is NOT non-partisan. He's a Democratic donor and a progressive legal advocate who is not representative of the non-partisan instructions given to the citizens' redistricting process. I urge the Commission to reject the applicant and find a truly non-partisan advisor.

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 12:28PM

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

Name: Johnliposky

Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Please do NOT offer the position to Mr Adelson. It would prove a bias in your responsibility be neutral

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 12:19PM

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

Name: pjpotvin

Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Bruce has supported one political party and because of this he should be eliminated.

Thank you for your NO vote.

Best always,

Phil Potvin

Cadillac

Sent from my Galaxy

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 12:18PM

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

Name: pjpotvin

Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

To whom it concerns:

Your meeting today is very important as you seek legal leadership. You have exercised good judgement in the past and not hired a partisan attorney. Thank you.

Please continue your not hiring a partisan attorney after today's interview.

Redistricting effects members of both political parties and ALL Michigan constituents.
Best always,
Phil Potvin
Cadillac

Sent from my Galaxy

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 12:00PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Vanessa Mulnix
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

To whom it may concern.

It has come to my attention that a partisan person, Mr. Adelson, is being considered for a position with the redistricting in Michigan. Please do not offer this position to someone so clearly biased. It is critically important for the work of this commission to be non-partisan and fair to all voters and not specific interests. Please DO NOT offer Mr. Adelson this or any other position.

Respectfully,

Vanessa Mulnix

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 11:20AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Rob Pallarito
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Commissioners

Do not confirm Mr Adelson in basis of his partisan activities - far left donations and activism.

Thank you

Robert Pallarito

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 11:13AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: E T
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Mr. Adelson is a far left democrat. Please keep the position of voting rights act attorney non-partisan. If this commission is supposed to be for all the people of the state, then keep it that way and hire a non-partisan attorney.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 11:11AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Stacey lahoi
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Dear Commission Members,

We ask that you do your due diligence in exploring other legal firms and keep the meeting with Mr. Adelson an interview only at this point. Mr. Adelson has a long history of being a democrat donation supporter. We also ask for your consideration in hiring a democrat and a republican for legal counsel representation.

Thank you.
Jeff & Stacey Laho
[REDACTED]
Brighton MI 48116

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 11:06AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Larry Copley
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Dear Redistricting Committee:

I believe that Mr. Bruce Adelson's appointment should be hadled as outlined below:

Interview but not formally offer Mr. Adelson the VRA contract during their meeting today;
Consider interviewing other Voting Rights Act (VRA) proposals they received from bi-partisan legal firms;
and

To follow the lead of Arizona if they choose to offer Mr. Adelson the contract and hire BOTH a known Republican and known Democrat to serve alongside each other as their VRA legal counsel.

Larry W. Copley
Chairman,Membership Committee
Wexford County Republican Party

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 11:05AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Sandra Helzerman
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Dear commission members,

I strongly oppose Bruce Adelson for appointment to this position. I feel that he is a far left extremist and will not be advantageous for fair and non-partisan decisions for redistricting our state.

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:59AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: COLLEEN VALADE
Subject: Bruce Adelson

Please do not consider offering a contract to Bruce Adelson. He is a well known liberal partisan.
Colleen A. Valade

[REDACTED]

Pinckney, MI 48169

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Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:58AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: BckToMayberry
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your fair consideration of non-partisan of applicants over the past months. From what I have read, I am concerned that Mr. Bruce Adelson does not fit this pattern of non-partisanship. Please consider interviewing other VRA proposals, or consider Arizona's approach and hire both a known Republican and known Democrat to serve alongside each other as your VRA legal counsel. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sarah Shervish

Macomb County

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:58AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Phil Halonen
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Dear Commission,
Please do your best to hire an impartial a or at least a balanced Voting Rights Act attorney. Hiring Mr. Adelson alone would not be in the best interest of Michigan's citizenry.
Thanks
Phil

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:55AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Patrick Collings
Subject: No to Bruce Adelson for VRA Counsel

Dear Commission,

It is vital that Michigan remain a robust multi-party state. Appointing hyper partisans with track records to support the commission is antithetical to the purpose of the commission.

Please ensure a balanced VRA counsel by either hiring a bi-partisan firm or one each from both sides of the aisle.

Thank you,

Patrick Collings

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:54AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Karen B
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

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Consider interviewing other Voting Rights Act (VRA) proposals they received from bi-partisan legal firms;
and

To follow the lead of Arizona if you choose to offer Mr. Adelson the contract and hire BOTH a known Republican and known Democrat to serve alongside each other as their VRA legal counsel.

Respectfully-

Karen Bukowski

Whitmore Lake Mi 48189

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:54AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: CONNIE ROBINSON

Subject: VRA Attorney

Over the months, the MICRC has admirably sought to operate in a non-partisan and a bi-partisan fashion when considering the applications for important positions such as Executive Director, General Counsel, and beyond. I respectfully ask you to proceed in this bi-partisan fashion as you consider the appointment of VRA attorney. Mr. Adelson has a record of actively supporting the Democrat Party. His contributions to Democratic candidates/causes underscore his partisanship.

Therefore, I strongly urge the following:

Interview but not formally offer Mr. Adelson the VRA contract during their meeting today;

Consider interviewing other Voting Rights Act (VRA) proposals they received from bi-partisan legal firms; and

To follow the lead of Arizona if they choose to offer Mr. Adelson the contract and hire BOTH a known Republican and known Democrat to serve alongside each other as their VRA legal counsel.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Connie Robinson

8 th Congressional District

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:54AM

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

Name: Shelly Czupinski

Subject: Adelson

Dear Redistricting Commission,

If somebody is going to be hired to aid you in the process for which you are already being paid, please be sure it is somebody that does not have a history of social media and academic writings that are not "bi-partisan" but definitively leftist, as your commission is supposed to be working in a bi-partisan fashion. Bruce Adelson is not the person to help you.

Sincerely,

Michele M. Czupinski

Superior Twp

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:51AM

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

Name: Paul Hauglie

Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Good morning,

I'm writing you today concerning the potential hiring of Bruce Adelson. Your committee has been doing a very successful job of operating in an independent and non-partisan manner. Hiring Mr. Adelson would do much to add the partisanship that you have been so effective at avoiding. It is no secret that Mr. Adelson has donated, repeatedly, to Democratic candidates and causes, in particular holding very far-left views and activism regarding voting rights and redistricting. Making him part of the legal counsel will do more harm than good.

I would encourage you to interview, but not formally offer Mr. Adelson the VRA contract during your meeting today. Also, consider interviewing other Voter Rights Act (VRA) proposals you received from other bi-partisan legal firms. If you were to follow the lead of Arizona and if you choose to offer Mr. Adelson the contract and hire BOTH a known Republican and known Democrat to serve alongside each other as their VRA legal counsel. Doing so would provide you with immediate bipartisanship on a committee where being too partisan will only harm the citizens.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Paul Hauglie

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Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:50AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: becky42870
Subject: Do not hire a Democrat

I am writing today to ask you to keep this process bi-partisan and consider other candidates that are not as politically motivated as Mr. Adelson.

Sincerely,

Rebecca M. Richards
Howell, MI

Sent from my Galaxy

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:50AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Annemarie pietila
Subject: Do not hire a Democrat

There is no reason to hire a known Democrat for the VRA contract. Hire both Republican and Democrat for a fair process.

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:49AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Sandra Wolfenden
Subject: redistricting and possible hiring of Bruce Adelson

I'm writing to ask that you do not hire Bruce Adelson who you are interviewing for the redistricting of MI today. It has been brought to my attention that you are interviewing him today. He is not a partisan person but instead a more far left leaning liberal.

This was to be fair process in the redistricting of MI and we know it will not be fair process with this person. Thank you.

Best regards, Sandy Wolfenden

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:48AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: (null)(null)
Subject: WHAT????

Commissioners!

I'm astonished that you would consider a known democrat to seek legal advice!

It seems as if the commissioners are taking a nose dive right before our eyes!

Again, giving reason to vote others in at next election! Wake up!!!!

Our mission is to get you out for the stupidity on the commission board!
It just doesn't stop!!

Nora storm, Howell, mi

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:48AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Vicki Dwelley
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

There is no need for redistricting and this is purely for political gain, nothing else. Do the right thing and keep this fair for everyone.

Tim

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:47AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Vicki Dwelley
Subject: Bipartisan commission

As an ex indivisible leader, strong financial supporter and volunteer for VNP
I promised people this would be a completely bipartisan group therefore If you offer the contract for legal advice to Mr Adelson a known liberal Dem you also need to find a known Republican to work along side him or find an independent lawyer who can be completely unbiased if not we snd you lied to the public
Vicki Dwelley

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:47AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: G Pietila
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

It is direly important that you interview Mr. Adelson thoroughly. He is well-known as far-left and he is applying for a BIPARTISAN position! The ONLY way you can hire him is if you also hire a conservative to balance him out.

Please don't make a mockery of this process. Keep it all as bipartisan as possible!

Sincerely,
Gretchen Pietila

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:44AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: RICHARD
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Dear Commissioners,

Please consider this feedback for your meeting this afternoon:

- 1 Interview but not formally offer Mr. Adelson the VRA contract during their meeting today;
- 2 Consider interviewing other Voting Rights Act (VRA) proposals they received from bi-partisan legal firms; and
- 3 To follow the lead of Arizona if they choose to offer Mr. Adelson the contract and hire BOTH a known Republican and known Democrat to serve alongside each other as their VRA legal counsel. It is imperative to keep the Redistricting process fair and balanced with equal representation.

Richard Shetler Jr.
[REDACTED]

Sent from Xfinity Connect Application

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:40AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: David Halonen
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Guys, Mr. Adelson appears to have a very biased background. He cannot in any form be considered an "independent".

Please do not offer the VRA contract to such a tainted individual.

Thank you and stay free,
David Halonen [REDACTED]

"Balanced diet" is code for less burgers.

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:37AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: BRIAN MITCHELL
Subject: Bruce Adelson

Dear Members,

As a registered voter in Michigan, I believe that this topic of redistricting is extremely important to me. I ask that you please consider these topics before Mr. Adelson is hired.

1. Please give pause before offering Mr. Adelson the contract.
2. Please consider listening to other bipartisan firms before you offer the contract to a known liberal attorney. If we are to be united we all need to be represented in this process, not just one side.
3. If you do offer Mr. Adelson the contract please hire a Republican alongside him so that we can protect the Republican view point as well. It is known that back in 2010 Mr. Adelson did redistricting in

AZ and now a decade later they are learning their lesson and handling it with both parties to have a more fair and accurate representation of the voting districts.

Please do not further divide an already divided state in putting Mr. Adelson in without proper representation on the other side of the aisle. We are extremely frustrated in Michigan with the unbalance amount of power the governor has put in place. I want to stand up and make my voice heard and don't feel like that will be done with only one side being represented in the voting districting.

Thank you for your consideration and time.
Melissa Mitchell
Howell, MI

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:37AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Marylyn Haydon
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Please do not offer Mr. Adelson the Voting Rights Act contract today. Please consider interviewing other Voting Rights Act proposals received by bi-partisan firms. To follow the lead of Arizona, if you choose to offer Mr. Adelson the contract, hire both a known Republican and a known Democrat to serve alongside each other as the VRA counsel.

Thank you,
Marylyn Haydon
Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S® 6.

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:35AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Janine Iyer
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Hello,
As a Michigan citizen, I would urge you concerning the consideration of Mr. Adelson as Voting Rights Act attorney to

Interview but not formally offer Mr. Adelson the VRA contract during their meeting today;
Consider interviewing other Voting Rights Act (VRA) proposals they received from bi-partisan legal firms;
and
Follow the lead of Arizona if they choose to offer Mr. Adelson the contract and hire BOTH a known Republican and known Democrat to serve alongside each other as their VRA legal counsel.
Thanks for your attention to this matter.

Janine Iyer
Howell, MI

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:34AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Eva
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Please pause in your consideration regarding offering Mr. Adelson the VRA contract. He is a known Democrat supporter! It isn't right to give this important position to someone who clearly has an agenda leaning in one direction only!

I urge you to do the following:

1. **Interview but do NOT formally offer Mr. Adelson the VRA contract during your meeting today**
2. **Consider interviewing other Voting Rights Act (VRA) proposals you received from bi-partisan legal firms**
3. **Follow the lead of Arizona - if you choose to offer Mr. Adelson the contract then:**
 - **Hire BOTH a known Republican and a known Democrat to serve alongside each other as your VRA legal counsel.**

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:33AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Laura Stade
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Dear Commissioners,

Please consider this feedback for your meeting this afternoon:
Interview but not formally offer Mr. Adelson the VRA contract during their meeting today;
Consider interviewing other Voting Rights Act (VRA) proposals they received from bi-partisan legal firms;
and

To follow the lead of Arizona if they choose to offer Mr. Adelson the contract and hire BOTH a known Republican and known Democrat to serve alongside each other as their VRA legal counsel.
It is imperative to keep the Redistricting process fair and balanced with equal representation.

Praying for discernment.

Laura Stade

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:32AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: cwood
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Dear Redistricting Committee Chair and Members;

Please consider the following actions:

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Consider interviewing other Voting Rights Act (VRA) proposals you have received from bi-partisan legal firms; and
Follow the lead of Arizona if they choose to offer Mr. Adelson the contract and hire BOTH a known Republican and known Democrat to serve alongside each other as their VRA legal counsel.

Respectfully,
Corrine Wood,
Gladwin County Chair

Sent from my Galaxy

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:31AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Joellen Pisarczyk
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Dear MICRC members,

You are urged today to pause and give conscientious consideration before approving the appointment of Mr. Bruce Adelson, as you strive to hire a non-partisan VCR attorney. Please adhere strictly to the goal of non-partisanship in the redistricting process.

Based on Mr. Adelson's strong affiliation and donation history to the Democrat party, his selection will undermine the Committee's mission of transparency and fairness in the best interests of Michigan citizens. Thank you for making these considerations your priority in decision-making.

Regards,

Joellen Pisarczyk

Precinct Delegate, Livingston County

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:29AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Cami Storm
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

To Whom This May Concern,

As a concerned citizen of our wonderful state, I wanted to reach out and voice a few concerns. Please consider the following today:

1. Interview but not formally offer Mr. Adelson the VRA contract during your meeting today;
2. Consider interviewing other Voting Rights Act (VRA) proposals you received from bi-partisan legal firms; and
3. To follow the lead of Arizona if you choose to offer Mr. Adelson the contract and hire BOTH a known Republican and known Democrat to serve alongside each other as your VRA legal counsel.

This will allow a bipartisan approach which is in the best interest of the communities you serve.

Thank you,
Cami Storm

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:25AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Jason R Peters
Subject: Burce Adlson is a partisan

Good morning,

I urge you to hold off on offering Mr. Adelson the VRA contract during your meeting this afternoon. Instead, please interview other VRA proposals from bi-partisan firms. If you insist upon moving forward with making Michigan's redistricting process partisan, will you at least hire a known Republican to serve alongside Mr. Adelson so that all Michigan citizens receive representation?

Many voters, myself included are convinced that the new re-districting process is nothing more than a sham to allow the political party in power to control the process while presenting the illusion of bi-partisanship. I hope that you prove us wrong.

Thank you

Jason Peters

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:25AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Lance Schuhmacher
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Dear Commissioners

I have been following your Redistricting meetings. The Commission has admirably sought to operate in a non-partisan fashion, which it should be. During meetings last week you rejected an applicant, Bryan Sell's explicitly because of his partisan leanings.

Whether Republican or Democrat, individuals with a lengthy history of partisan activism, political contributions, or inflammatory social media posts have been rejected by the Commission, ensuring that all sides of the redistricting debate don't feel as though the Commission is putting their fingers on the scale for one side or the other.

Having said that, I have a concern about applicant Bruce Adelson who you will be considering today. Mr. Adelson has a history of political donations to Democrats and is known as a far left activist by other respected lawyers in the voting rights and redistricting fields. Mr. Adelson served as the VRA legal counsel for the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission in 2010.

After a horribly partisan process in Arizona in 2010, the 2020 Commissioners took a different approach and this year decided to hire BOTH a Republican and a Democrat VRA attorney to counsel them.

Therefore, I urge you to seriously consider the following:

Interview but not formally offer Mr. Adelson the VRA contract during their meeting today;
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and
To follow the lead of Arizona if they choose to offer Mr. Adelson the contract and hire BOTH a known Republican and known Democrat to serve alongside each other as their VRA legal counsel.
Lance Schuhmacher

Howell, Michigan

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:24AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Rainey - Gmail
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

PLEASE!!:

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3. To follow the lead of Arizona if they choose to offer Mr. Adelson the contract and hire BOTH a known Republican and known Democrat to serve alongside each other as their VRA legal counsel.


Thank you,
Lorraine Marhofer
Barron Rd
Howell MI 48855

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:23AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Lori Tulppo
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

It has come to my attention that legal counsel for redistricting is in the interview process. I would encourage the board to hold off on decision making contracts today. It is imperative that we have people in these positions that have motives for uniting the state for the people of Michigan. If you do decide at a later date to offer Mr. Adelson, a known far left Democrat, the position it would be in the best interest to the citizens of this state to also hire a well known Republican as Arizona has done.

My motive is to unite our citizens and bring peace to our state to allow our children and future generations promising futures.

Sincerely,

Lori Tulppo


Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:21AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Karen Pietila
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Hello!

Please consider the following:

When you interview Mr. Adelson, do not make a formal offer yet.

Consider interviewing other VRA proposals from bi-partisan firms.

Consider following Arizona's lead and hire a known republican and a known democrat to serve together.

Thank you!

Karen Pietila

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:21AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Diane Bristol
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

This commission is supposed to be nonpartisan. Mr. Adelson is not! If you insist on hiring a Democrat you need to also hire a Republican to offset the partisanship.

Diane M Bristol

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:20AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: MONICA PALMER
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Dear Commissioners,

Please consider this feedback for your meeting this afternoon:

1. Interview but not formally offer Mr. Adelson the VRA contract during their meeting today;

2. Consider interviewing other Voting Rights Act (VRA) proposals they received from bi-partisan legal firms; and
3. To follow the lead of Arizona if they choose to offer Mr. Adelson the contract and hire BOTH a known Republican and known Democrat to serve alongside each other as their VRA legal counsel.

It is imperative to keep the Redistricting process fair and balanced with equal representation.

Thank you,
Monica Palmer



Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:17AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Bmoroski
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Redistricting Commissioners:

Please consider interviewing Mr. Adelson and the VRA contract during your meeting today. Please also consider reviewing Voting Rights Act proposals from other bi-partisan legal firms. To ensure fair and non-partisan representation, please hire a respected Republican and Democrat to serve as the VRA legal counsel.

Your integrity and your consideration is deeply appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

William & Marylou Moroski,  Ortonville, MI

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:12AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: tnorris128126
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Dear Distinguished Members of the MICRC,

Please allow this email to act as my respectful request that the MICRC:

1. Interview but not formally offer Mr. Adelson the VRA contract during their meeting today;
2. Consider interviewing other Voting Rights Act (VRA) proposals they received from bi-partisan legal firms; and

3. To follow the lead of Arizona if they choose to offer Mr. Adelson the contract and hire BOTH a known Republican and known Democrat to serve alongside each other as their VRA legal counsel.

MI and its residents needs fair and bipartisan leaders and activists to work on our behalf, not a one sided party. Please keep this in mind when seeking the VRA legal counsel and in all things for us.

Thank you,
Tanya Norris
Pinckney, MI


Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:11AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: P Mac
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Redistricting Committee

I strongly suggest that your interview with Mr Adelson is just that an interview NOT a offer of the position. Please STRONGLY consider interviewing other voting rights act proposals which you have received which are bi-partisan legal firms. If Mr. Adelson is a good candidate I would suggest because of his history of being very Democrat you hire a known republican candidate as well similar to what the state of Arizona has done.

Thank you

Patrick Macaluso
48843


Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:11AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Marla Tyler
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Consider other offers from other bi-partisan legal firms. Mr. Adelson should only be interviewed.

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Marla Tyler

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:10AM

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

Name: Karenbea Sewell

Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Interview but not formally offer Mr. Adelson the VRA contract during their meeting today;
Consider interviewing other Voting Rights Act (VRA) proposals they received from bi-partisan legal firms;
and
To follow the lead of Arizona if they choose to offer Mr. Adelson the contract and hire BOTH a known
Republican and known Democrat to serve alongside each other as their VRA legal counsel.
... My requests.

Karenbea Sewell

Brighton, MI 48116

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:09AM

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

Name: Renee Blanchard

Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Good Morning,

I am writing today with concerns regarding the interviewing and possible VRA contact offer for Mr Adelson. What's the reason the commission is against interviewing other bi-partisan applicants that have been submitted by bi-partisan legal firms?

I can't stress enough that Michigans so-called leaders (Whitmer, Nessel, Benson) have created such a fearful, dire state in Michigan, and it's all due to the draconian measures that have placed in every aspect of government!

It's time to do the RIGHT thing....follow the State of Arizona lead and hire both a Republican and a known Democrat to serve alongside each other as their legal counsel. I believe the citizens of Michigan will respect this fair and balanced decision and may even earn the "leaders" a bit of respect in the process.

Respectfully,

Renee' Cialone-Blanchard

Howell, MI

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:08AM

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

Name: sdaavettila

Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

In regards to hiring VRA legal counsel, I would like to propose the following approach to make sure conservative voters are not horribly under represented.

1. Interview but not formally offer Mr. Adelson the VRA contract during your meeting today.
2. Consider interviewing other Voting Rights Act (VRA) proposals you have received from bi-partisan legal firms.
3. Follow the lead of Arizona if you choose to offer Mr. Adelson the contract and hire BOTH a known conservative Republican and a known Democrat to serve along side each other as your VRA legal counsel.

Thanks

Sue Daavettila



Brighton, MI 49116

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:08AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: PEGGY BOBO
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

1. Interview but not formally offer Mr. Adelson the VRA contract during their meeting today;
2. Consider interviewing other Voting Rights Act (VRA) proposals they received from bi-partisan legal firms; and
3. To follow the lead of Arizona if they choose to offer Mr. Adelson the contract and hire BOTH a known Republican and known Democrat to serve alongside each other as their VRA legal counsel.

thank you

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:08AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Marla Tyler
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Interview but do not offer Mr. Adelson the position.

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Marla Tyler

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:07AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Dean Blanchard
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Dear Committee Members,

Free and fair elections are critical to a representative democracy as they determine how the voting public will be represented. The temptation for partisans to slant the stage in their favor exists and should be avoided or at least balanced.

Mr. Adelson's proven partisan activity casts doubt on his ability to be neutral during the redistricting process. I am asking that you do not formally offer Mr. Adelson the VRA contract at the conclusion of the interview today.

Additionally, I would like to encourage you to consider other VRA proposals from bi-partisan legal firms.

Finally, I suggest the committee follow the lead of Arizona if you choose to offer Mr. Adelson the contract and hire both a known Republican and known Democrat to work alongside each other as VRA legal counsel.

Thank you for your consideration,
Dean Blanchard

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:05AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: reiddaav
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

In regards to hiring VRA legal counsel, I would like to propose the following approach to make sure conservative voters are not horribly under represented.

1. Interview but not formally offer Mr. Adelson the VRA contract during your meeting today.
2. Consider interviewing other Voting Rights Act (VRA) proposals you have received from bi-partisan legal firms.
3. Follow the lead of Arizona if you choose to offer Mr. Adelson the contract and hire BOTH a known conservative Republican and a known Democrat to serve alongside each other as your VRA legal counsel.

Thanks
Reid Daavettila

[REDACTED]
Brighton, MI 49116

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:57AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Don Cortez – First Impression Print & Marketing – [REDACTED]
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Good morning

I would ask that you follow past practices of the committee and provide an interview without an offer today to Mr. Bruce Adelson. I would also suggest that you consider further interviews of proposals received by other bi-partisan legal firms. My suggestion is to NOT politized this further than needed and hire a firm that represents both constituents in Michigan - you will using tax dollars from both parties to fund this effort.

Thank you for your efforts and time that you have and will spend on making the equitable.

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Thank you,

Don Cortez

GM/Business Development



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"Trust is not a matter of technique, but of character. We are trusted because of our way of being, not because of our polished exteriors or our expertly crafted communications." - Marsha Sinetar - author of Pulling Together: 10 Rules for High-Performance Teamwork.

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:57AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Anne M Hill
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Dear MICRC,

Thank you for the bi-partisan work you have been doing on redistricting in Michigan. It is my understanding that you will be interviewing Mr. Adelson, today for the VRA contract. I ask that you do not make him an offer today, as he has a known far-left activist history, and this process is to be non-partisan. Please consider interviewing other candidates whose proposals you have received from non-partisan legal firms. Another option would be to follow the lead of Arizona, and hire Mr. Adelson as well as a known Republican to serve alongside each other as the VRA legal counsel.

Thank you for the work you are doing.
Anne Hill

East Lansing, MI 48823

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:56AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Kevin Yake
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Redistricting Commission,

I am already terribly skeptical of the 'bipartisan' nature of your commission. I entirely believe your are biased left.

If you offer this position to a known leftists activists like Adelson, then you have proven my suspicions to be fact.

Don't even Interview Mr. Adelson for the VRA contract during their meeting today; He is a leftist activist. This is beyond dispute.

Consider interviewing other Voting Rights Act (VRA) proposals they received from bi-partisan legal firms. If you insist for some inexplicable reason to hire him then you must follow the lead of Arizona and hire BOTH a known Republican and Adelson to serve alongside each other as their VRA legal counsel.

Just do the right thing ... for crying out loud, surprise me.

K. Yake

Livingston County

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:56AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Nikki Worthington
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

1. Interview but not formally offer Mr. Adelson the VRA contract during their meeting today;
 2. Consider interviewing other Voting Rights Act (VRA) proposals they received from bi-partisan legal firms; and
 3. To follow the lead of Arizona if they choose to offer Mr. Adelson the contract and hire BOTH a known Republican and known Democrat to serve alongside each other as their VRA legal counsel.
- Please respect the wishes of all the constituents in Michigan.
Nikki J Worthington

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:53AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Kristen Pietila
Subject: VRA Contract

To Whom It May Concern:

Please do not offer Mr. Adelson the VRA contract. Please consider interviewing other VRA proposals you received from bipartisan legal firms. Otherwise, please hire BOTH a known republican and a known democrat to serve alongside each other as VRA legal counsel.

Thank you,
Kristen Frantti
Howell, MI
Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:52AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Nadine Bye
Subject: Interview request

Good morning,

My name is Nadine Bye. I am a concerned voter regarding the redistricting process.

After interviewing Mr. Adelson (sp?) today, would you please pause and consider interviewing other partisan candidates before offer the position?

Additionally, if in fact your committee does choose Mr. Adelson (sp?), would you also consider having an attorney of an opposite party affiliation serve with him so as to have equal representative of both parties in decisions?

I thank you for your action regarding my requests.

Sincerely,
Nadine Bye
Livingston County, Michigan

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:50AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Colleen C Quinn
Subject: Urgent request regarding Mr. Adelson

As Michigan residents, we are watching the actions and progress of the Redistricting Committee. We are concerned that an offer extended to Mr. Adelson would result in a "partisan" selection. We would prefer that he only be interviewed at this point so that we can ensure a non-partisan is selected.

If he is extended an offer, we request that a commitment be made to ensure that a Conservative candidate is also selected to balance things out. This would be similar to the approach Arizona has taken.

It is imperative that all aspects of your committee be non-partisan.

Sincerely,

Tim and Colleen Quinn
Howell, MI

Sent from Xfinity Connect Application

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:47AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Anna Pennala
Subject: Mr. Bruce Adelson - Urgent

Hello Redistricting Commission!

Please pause in your consideration regarding offering Mr. Adelson the VRA contract. He is a known Democrat supporter! It isn't right to give this important position to someone who clearly has an agenda leaning in one direction only!

I urge you to do the following:

Interview but do NOT formally offer Mr. Adelson the VRA contract during your meeting today
Consider interviewing other Voting Rights Act (VRA) proposals you received from bi-partisan legal firms
Follow the lead of Arizona - if you choose to offer Mr. Adelson the contract then:
Hire BOTH a known Republican and a known Democrat to serve alongside each other as your VRA legal counsel.
Thank you!

Anna Pennala

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:46AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Claudine A Bacher
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

I would like to offer my opinion and suggestions as to proposed actions which should be taken at today's meeting:

Do not formally offer the VRA contract during the meeting today to Mr. Adelson
Consider other VRA proposals from bipartisan firms
Follow the lead of Arizona if choosing to offer Mr. Adelson the contract and hire both a known Republican and a known Democrat alongside each other as their VRA legal counsel

Claudine Bacher


Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

Sent from my iPad

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:46AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Sharon Staton
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Good Morning!

I am writing this email in regards to Bruce Adelson. I am asking that you consider this choice of VRA attorney carefully. You have worked so hard to keep the redistricting process bi-partisan and Mr. Adelson has a history of left leaning actions and views. By all means interview him but PLEASE take into consideration his past history.

Other BI-PARTISAN firms should be considered OR consider hiring a known democrat firm (Mr. Adelson) AND a known Republican firm to work alongside each other to give fairness and balance to the process.

Thank you...I trust you will do the RIGHT thing in this matter so the process will not be questioned by either side in the future.

~Sharon Staton

Interview but not formally offer Mr. Adelson the VRA contract during their meeting today;
Consider interviewing other Voting Rights Act (VRA) proposals they received from bi-partisan legal firms;
and

To follow the lead of Arizona if they choose to offer Mr. Adelson the contract and hire BOTH a known Republican and known Democrat to serve alongside each other as their VRA legal counsel.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:44AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Carolyn Mcmurphy
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Dear MICRC,

It has been brought to my attention that Mr. Adelson, a know Democratic supporter who has contributed to Democratic agendas is being interviewed today as a potential contract candidate regarding Michigan's redistricting maps and laws.

I am hoping that this commission will interview but not offer the contract to Adelson because of his known political history. For the Republican supporter interviewed in previous weeks was denied this contract because of his political affiliations. This commission is representing all people in our State no matter what the political viewpoints are. It is only moral and right that if a contract is given to Adelson an equal contract should be given to a Republican supporter as well.

It is only fair in the eyes of our laws and the citizens of Michigan for both political sides to be given equal chances in this very important contract that will determine our state's political future.

Especially now when it has come to light that Governor Whitmore was using taxpayer dollars to quiet past government employees. This distrustfulness of Democratic leadership will only increase if the contract regarding Redistricting laws is given to Adelson. The future of the Democrat party re-elections may be in jeopardy. Michigan citizens are not stupid...and the irresponsible behaviors of our current Democratic leaders are starting to become more widely known.

I, as a concerned Independent Michigan voter am asking that on behalf of our State's citizens (Democrat/Republican/other) do the right, moral, and just thing, and choose a known bipartisan group to interview and award the redistricting laws contract too. If only to help restore our citizen's faith in our State government and it's constitutional laws.

Sincerely,

Carolyn McMurphy

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:43AM

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

Name: Sheila Sova

Subject: Bruce Adelson

Dear Members,

As a registered voter in the state of Michigan, I am asking you to take the following course of action at your meeting this afternoon.

- 1) Interview but do not formally offer Mr. Adelson the VRA contract during the meeting today.
- 2) Set a course of action to interview other VRA proposals that have been received from bi-partisan firms.
- 3) If the commission decides to hire Mr. Adelson, then it is imperative to follow the lead of the Arizona Redistricting Commission, which hired a known Republican and known Democrat to serve alongside each other as their VRA legal counsel.

Michigan voters are incredibly frustrated with special interest ruling our state. Do not be the wedge that further divides us. Please proceed in a fair and bipartisan manner which was promised.

Thank you,
Sheila Dufrene-Sova
Howell, MI

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:42AM

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

Name: William G. Garrett

Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Ladies & Gentlemen,

I am writing to request that you CAREFULLY consider your choice of legal counsel for your activity, to avoid folks like Mr. Adelson with such obvious political bias toward the Democratic party. If you feel compelled to engage his services, perhaps a second legal counsel more aligned with the Republican world view would be helpful. Regardless, it is of utmost importance that your process is transparent and completely devoid of partisan politics.

Regards, Bill Garrett

Precinct Delegate

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:42AM

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

Name: Kurt O'Keefe

Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Interview but not formally offer Mr. Adelson the VRA contract during their meeting today;
Consider interviewing other Voting Rights Act (VRA) proposals they received from bi-partisan legal firms;
and

To follow the lead of Arizona if they choose to offer Mr. Adelson the contract and hire BOTH a known Republican and known Democrat to serve alongside each other as their VRA legal counsel.

Too many Dem connections to be considered non-partisan

My working hours may not be your working hours. Please do not feel obligated to reply outside of your normal work schedule

FOR DEBT RELIEF, CALL:

Kurt O'Keefe

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Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:41AM

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

Name: Virginia Kroll

Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Dear commission,

Please do not make a mistake in hiring someone who repeatedly donated to the radical left democrats and would not be a good candidate for the job.

We encourage you to:

Interview but not formally offer Mr. Adelson the VRA contract during their meeting today;

Consider interviewing other Voting Rights Act (VRA) proposals they received from bi-partisan legal firms;
and

To follow the lead of Arizona if they choose to offer Mr. Adelson the contract and hire BOTH a known Republican and known Democrat to serve alongside each other as their VRA legal counsel.

Thank you,
Mr. and Mrs C Kroll
Brighton, MI

Sent from my iPad

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:40AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: jodi pietila
Subject: Voting Rights Act attorney

To the members of the MICRC;
I just read today that you are interviewing Mr. Bruce Adelson for the position of the Voting Rights Act attorney for the MICRC. Mr. Adelson's political involvement should disqualify him from consideration. This Commission's purpose is to conduct a non-partisan process for redistricting. Mr. Adelson is not non-partisan. Please do not formally offer Mr. Adelson this position after you interview him today. Please consider interviewing other Voting Rights Act proposals from bi-partisan firms. In the spirit of bipartisanship, if you do hire Mr. Adelson, please also hire a known Republican and a known Democrat to serve alongside Mr. Adelson to keep the redistricting process fair and bipartisan! Thank you,
Jodi Pietila
Hartland, MI

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:39AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Joe Miskovich
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Dear Members of the MICRC

I highly encourage that you do not hire Mr. Adelson as the VRA attorney. Mr. Adelson has a history of political donations to Democrats and is known as a far-left activist by other respected lawyers in the voting rights and redistricting fields. Mr. Adelson's repeated donations to Democrats should be enough to give the Commissioners of the MICRC pause.

As a concerned citizen and lifelong resident of Michigan I think it is imperative that this commission do their due diligence to consider and hire a bi-partisan attorney from the proposals that you have received from bi-partisan legal firms.

If this body does decide to offer Mr. Adelson a contract then it is incumbent of this committee to hire BOTH a known Republican and known Democrat to serve alongside each other as their VRA legal counsel.

Sincerely

Joe Miskovich

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:38AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Laura Spadafora
Subject: VRA Contract

Good morning,

I am sending you this email regarding the MICRC interview of Bruce Adelson for VRA attorney. I oppose his appointment due to his history of partisan political involvement. I am requesting that the Commission consider the following:

1) interview but not formally offer Mr. Adelson the VRA contract during your meeting today; 2) consider interviewing other VRA proposals you've received from bi-partisan firms; and 3) if you do decide to hire Mr. Adelson, to follow the lead of the Arizona Redistricting Commission, which hired a known Republican and known Democrat to serve alongside each other as their VRA legal counsel.

Respectfully,
Laura Spadafora
Livingston County Resident

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:37AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Deanna Kay Cypher
Subject: Adelson

Understand you are interviewing Mr Adelson today and I'm requesting the following;

Please in the interview today DO NOT formally offer the contract.

Please consider interviewing other VRA proposals you received from Bi-Partisan firms

If you do hire him, please ALSO hire a known Republican to serve along side him as Arizona did.

We have been told this is a fair process and believe you need to take these actions to assure that.

Thank you

Deanna Cypher

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:36AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Msdscore
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Please consider the following requests, I am a Michigan voter.

1. Interview but not formally offer Mr. Adelson the VRA contract during their meeting today;
2. Consider interviewing other Voting Rights Act (VRA) proposals they received from bi-partisan legal firms; and
3. To follow the lead of Arizona if they choose to offer Mr. Adelson the contract and hire BOTH a known Republican and known Democrat to serve alongside each other as their VRA legal counsel.

Thank you,

Deborah Score

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:35AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Daren Rubingh
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Redistricting Commission,

Please use caution during the interview of Mr. Adelson. He is known to be highly partisan and you need fair and independent legal advice during this process. Please consider interviewing others from bi-partisan legal firms for this position.

Thanks for your time, Daren

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:32AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Monica Burke
Subject: Today's Agenda

Good morning commissioners,

It is my understanding that you are interviewing a strong partisan candidate today. As a voter, I know that the process of redistricting should be fair and as bipartisan as possible.

As you enter this interview today, please pause and consider interviewing the non partisan candidates who also applied. If you feel the candidate you interview today is a good fit, PLEASE hire someone from the Republican party to sit beside him so that every voter in Michigan can trust that this process is being done with fidelity. As commissioners, it is your job to make sure this process stays bipartisan and fair to every voter in Michigan. Please hold to the integrity of this process by making decisions that are bipartisan.

Thank you,

Monica Burke

Registered Michigan Voter

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:30AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Brittany Slattery
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

As

A citizen of Michigan I encourage you to
Interview but not formally offer Mr. Adelson the VRA contract during their meeting today;
Consider interviewing other Voting Rights Act (VRA) proposals they received from bi-partisan legal firms;
and
To follow the lead of Arizona if they choose to offer Mr. Adelson the contract and hire BOTH a known
Republican and known Democrat to serve alongside each other as their VRA legal counsel.
I am extremely concerned about his democratic donation history and fear he will be very biased . MI
needs to move forward and offer this position a fair and UNBIASED candidate!

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:30AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Kimberly McCarthy
Subject: Contract Mr Alderson

To whom it may concern,

It has been brought to my attention that you are interviewing Mr. Elderson to be the lead attorney on
redistricting in Michigan. I am writing you to ask that you do not offer him a contract this morning. Mr.
Elderson has a history of being very liberal partisan. When this was approved by us constituents, we
were promised bipartisan representation to make changes. I am asking that you consider the money
bipartisan contracts that were offered to you or should you offer Mr. Elderson a contract that you also
hire a Republican lead attorney as well to share this position side-by-side! I appreciate your
consideration of my concerns as I think we all agree that we need to make necessary changes and
represent all parties for free and fair elections going forward!

Sincerely,

Kimberly McCarthy

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:29AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Gary Marshall
Subject: Voting Rights Act Attorney Hiring

Redistricting Committee,

It has been brought to my attention that you are interviewing attorney Bruce Adelson to serve as the Voting Rights Act attorney for the MICRC. I am concerned that Mr. Adelson's background indicates that he is a political partisan which is not compliant with the non-partisan promise of the committee establishment when it was voted on. I request the the committee do the following:

1) interview but not formally offer Mr. Adelson the VRA contract during the meeting today; 2) consider interviewing other VRA proposals the committee received from bi-partisan firms; and 3) if the committee does decide to hire Mr. Adelson, please follow the lead of the Arizona Redistricting Commission, which hired a known Republican and known Democrat to serve alongside each other as their VRA legal counsel.

Thank you,
Gary Marshall
[REDACTED]
Brighton, MI 48116

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:27AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Michelle Smith
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Hello,
I would like to encourage the commission to:
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Consider interviewing other Voting Rights Act (VRA) proposals they received from bi-partisan legal firms;
and
To follow the lead of Arizona if they choose to offer Mr. Adelson the contract and hire BOTH a known Republican and known Democrat to serve alongside each other as their VRA legal counsel.
This process is supposed to be a bipartisan effort and Mr. Adelson has often donated to democrats and is considered an activist for left leaning causes. Another candidate was not chosen for these reasons and the same standard should be applied here.

Michelle Smith
[REDACTED] Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:27AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Rwk311
Subject: Do not accept contract today

Regarding today's meeting about redistricting:

1. Please do not offer contract today!
2. There were multiple bipartisan firms that submitted contracts and they are not bring considered.
3. We need to hold meetings with some of these other bipartisan firms before accepting any contract.

Stacy Kraepel

Milford, MI
Precinct Delegate 7th district

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:27AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Dori Berean
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Please look at and interview other people for the position regarding redistricting. Do not offer it to Adelson. If you do then do as Arizona has done and also hire someone the is just as much leaning right as Adelson is leaning left.

We need to be confident in our leaders, that we appoint, and our voting process which most believe is in jeopardy for the future and has currently failed.

Dori Berean
Realtor
RE/MAX Platinum
[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:25AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Lee Ann Blazejewski
Subject: Feedback on Mr. Bruce Adelson

Hello,

Please do not hire Mr. Adelson. Mr. Adelson has a public history of advocating for voting districts that favor Democrats therefore please consider interviewing other Voting Rights Act (VRA) proposals you received from bi-partisan legal firms. If you choose to hire Mr. Adelson, please follow the lead of Arizona and hire BOTH a known Republican and known Democrat to serve alongside each other as their VRA legal counsel.

Thank you,

Lee Ann Blazejewski
Resident of Howell, Mi

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:25AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Yvonneblack80
Subject: Mr. Adelson VRA

Dear MICRC:

Mr. Adelson's partisan political involvement should disqualify him from consideration as Voting Rights Act attorney for Michigan.

- 1) Please interview but do not formally offer Mr. Adelson the VRA contract during the meeting today;
- 2) consider interviewing other VRA proposals you received from bi-partisan firms; and
- 3) if you do decide to hire Mr. Adelson, to follow the lead of the Arizona Redistricting Commission, which hired a known Republican and known Democrat to serve alongside each other as their VRA legal counsel.

Kind regards,
Yvonne Black

[REDACTED]
Marion Twp, MI 48843

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:24AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Shannon Elenbaas
Subject: Request regarding Mr. Bruce Adelson

To whom it may concern:

Please interview but not formally offer, Mr. Adelson the VRA contract during your meeting today so that you can interview other VRA proposals you received from bi-partisan legal firms. If you do choose to offer Mr. Adelson the contract please hire BOTH a known Republican and known Democrat to serve alongside each other as their VRA legal counsel.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Shannon Elenbaas
[REDACTED]
Fenton, MI 48430

Sent from my iPad

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:23AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: David Walker
Subject: Bruce Adelson/Interview

To all members of this board,

I appreciate the difficult task that you have been given. That being said, I believe it is a vital that (to the greatest extent possible) this board be as bipartisan and unbiased as possible. There is no question that Mr. Adelson has a bias, which is fine and a voice that should be heard. However, I would not recommend that you immediately approve him today following your interview. Rather, I would recommend that you consider hiring Mr. Adelson but with the proviso that you also hire a candidate that represents the opposite of Mr. Adelson's bias. This seems like a fair, reasonable and even handed approach. Thank you for your consideration.

David A Walker, AAI, CIC, LIC, ARM, CRM, CAWC

President

Hartland Insurance Agency, Inc.

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Hartland, MI 48353

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Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:23AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Luella M Gilroy
Subject: Redistricting meeting today

To the Redistricting Committee,

In regards to today's meeting we the people of Michigan are requesting several things.

1. NO contract to be offered today, we need to learn from Arizonias mistake of hiring this partisan voting activist. (Your smarter than that)
2. Look at the other Bi-partisan candidates
3. If your foolish enough to offer a contract you must also add a Republican for equal representation

Thank you!

Respectfully,

Luella Gilroy

[REDACTED]
Fenton MI 48430
[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:20AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Shawn D Austin
Subject: Mr Adelson

I understand you are interviewing attorney Adelson for possible hire on the redistricting project. First, after researching him I believe you should NOT hire him. He has a very biased approach to the Democratic Party agenda and values. If you do then you need to have a Republican counterpart so they may conduct this business together. Secondly, I ask you to interview those who submitted bipartisan proposals. I appreciate your good work for our people.

Shawn Austin
[REDACTED] Mobile

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:19AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Donnagibas
Subject: redistricting request re Mr Adelson

1) interview but not formally offer Mr. Adelson the VRA contract during meeting today; 2) consider interviewing other VRA proposals received from bi-partisan firms; and 3) if they do decide to hire Mr. Adelson, to follow the lead of the Arizona Redistricting Commission, which hired a known Republican and known Democrat to serve alongside each other as their VRA legal counsel. We were guaranteed this would be non partisan.

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:13AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Info Grmetro
Subject: Today's hearing

To whom it concerns,
Please do not offer a VRA contract to Mr Adelson today. We were promised a fair restricting effort not a partisan hack attorney.
2) please consider other bi-partisan VRA proposals that were offered by other firms.
3) If you select Mr. Adelson, please also appoint a know Republican and Democrat to advise counsel modeling Arizona's program.

Today you have an opportunity to make a good decision. Please don't give us more partisan actors who don't have all Michiganders best interest in mind. Do the right thing.

Respectfully yours
Dwight Engelsma

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:10AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Lisa Hughes
Subject: Mr Adelson

1) interview but not formally offer Mr. Adelson the VRA contract during their meeting today;
2) consider interviewing other VRA proposals they received from bi-partisan firms;
and 3) if they do decide to hire Mr. Adelson, to follow the lead of the Arizona Redistricting Commission, which hired a known Republican and known Democrat to serve alongside each other as their VRA legal counsel.

Thank You for your time
Lisa Hughes
Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:10AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Kimberly Thomas
Subject: Redistricting Attorney

To whom it may concern,
What you are doing with Bruce Adelaon is corruption at its finest. Please do not give him the contract unless you also hire a republican to debate any issues that may arise along side him referring to the redistricting attorney. What you are doing is unethical and unfair and if it's not going to be fair with then he should not get this contract. I have done some research on him and this is corrupt.
People are seeing what's going on and waking up to all this core toon going on in Mi (it's sickening)
Thank you for your time,
Kim Thomas

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:02AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Rolliwoodruff
Subject: Mr. Adelson

Please interview but not formally offer Mr. Adelson the VRA contract during your meeting today with him. Consider interviewing other VRA proposals you have received from bi-partisan firms. If you decide to hire Mr. Adelson, please follow the lead of the Arizona Redistricting Commission, which hired a known Republican and known Democrat to serve alongside each other as their VRA legal counsel.

Thank you,
Elizabeth Woodruff

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:02AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Jessica Zang
Subject: URGENT Interview With Bruce Adelson

Good Morning,

For the redistricting interview today I ask that you:

- 1) Interview but not formally offer Mr. Adelson the VRA contract during their meeting today;
- 2) Consider interviewing other VRA proposals they received from bi-partisan firms; and
- 3) If they do decide to hire Mr. Adelson, to follow the lead of the Arizona Redistricting Commission, which hired a known Republican and known Democrat to serve alongside each other as their VRA legal counsel

Please hear our voice.

Thank you,
Jessica Hamlin
Howell, MI

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 8:59AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Connie Rose
Subject: Michigan Redistricting 2021

As you are aware the MICRC is to be a non-partisan committee for the redistricting process in Michigan. Mr. Adelson's partisan political involvement should disqualify him from consideration. This is to notify the Committee that we oppose Mr. Adelson's his appointment due to his STRONG LEFT-LEANING partisanship.

We ask that the following occurs:

- 1) interview but not formally offer Mr. Adelson the VRA contract during their meeting today
- 2) consider interviewing other VRA proposals they received from bi-partisan firms

3) if they do decide to hire Mr. Adelson, to follow the lead of the Arizona Redistricting Commission, which hired a known Republican and known Democrat to serve alongside each other as their VRA legal counsel.

Thank you
Connie Rose

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 8, 2021 8:23AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Bob Kittridge
Subject: Michigan Redistricting

Please consider the following:

- 1) Interview but not formally offer Mr. Adelson the VRA contract during their meeting today.
- 2) Consider interviewing other VRA proposals they received from bi-partisan firms.
- 3) If you do decide to hire Mr. Adelson, follow the lead of the Arizona Redistricting Commission, which hired a known Republican and known Democrat to serve alongside each other as their VRA legal counsel.

Bob Kittridge,
[REDACTED]
Brighton, MI

Courage results when your convictions are bigger than your fears.

Date of Submission: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 8:16 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: tag
Subject: Townhall Meeting Request

What started out as a well-intentioned effort to correct a corrupt system has itself become it's own worst enemy. Instead of common sense approach to proposing district boundaries, it has succumb to academia, computer programs, and to all manner of pundits. The key word that the commission has forgotten is in it's title. It's in it's charter. It's in the hearts of the people you have sworn to serve. That word is Citizen.

Listen to the experts. Learn by others' mistakes in other states. But at the end of the day, the Citizens on the Commission need to make the boundary decisions. Not a vendor. Not a professor. Not a computer program. Decide what 3-4 criteria are important and let that drive the decisions, nothing else. And accept the fact that it will not be perfect. Little in this life is ever perfect.

Tempus fugit...

tom garvale
okemos, mi

Date of Submission: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 2:03 PM

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

Name: Kris

Subject: Townhall Meeting Request

I am writing to request that the commission hold a redistricting Town Hall meeting in Livingston County in order to properly and effectively represent the people of Livingston County.

I would also request that all Town Halls be televised for the public.

Thank you

Kris Likert

Date of Submission: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 11:55 PM

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

Name: Chad Bailey

Subject: Public comment on Civil Rights Act compliance and the "Efficiency Gap"

I would like to propose an approach to ensuring compliance with the Civil Rights Act that approaches the problem in a different way than what the team has proposed in previous presentations (i.e., ensuring voting districts exist for protected minorities).

My proposed approach would use the "efficiency gap" (or possibly other similar metric of voting efficiency equity) to ensure that no protected racial or ethnic group is has a disproportionate fraction of its votes wasted. By "wasted," I mean the sum of two types of votes:

- First, votes for a winning candidate beyond the number required to win the election
- Second, votes for a losing candidate.

The typical approaches to gerrymandering of "packing and cracking" often end up maximizing the number of wasted votes for a particular type of group, such as a political party. In my approach, the efficiency gap for each protected racial and ethnic group would be used by the Commission to ensure that no group bears a greater disproportionate share of wasted votes.

My motivation is based on the long history of public policy enshrining racial segregation of metropolitan areas in an unconstitutional and illegal way. Throughout Michigan, federal, state, and local government deployed numerous policies to enforce and further racial segregation, including FHA requirements for including racial covenants in deeds of new houses (including in my home town of Ann Arbor), choosing highway alignments that displaced and dispersed residents of areas like Detroit's Black Bottom, and offering nonprofit status to organizations that exclusively served segregated areas.

My concern about creating "minority districts" in redistricting is that such districts do nothing to reduce this history of injustice. Politicians elected from segregated districts have little incentive to desegregate, whether urban, suburban, or rural. If voters and vote districts are homogenous and segregated, those politicians are likely to support their homogenous and segregated lifestyles. Substantial research shows that when a politician relies on a broader and more diverse electorate to gain or stay in power, they tend to forward policies that benefit the general public instead of particular groups. I refer to research by Elizabeth Gerber, Bruce Bueno de Mesquita, and Alastair Smith.

I provided written comments urging the Commission to use Efficiency Gap. I'm now suggesting that it is an important way to ensure that the future doesn't repeat the problems of the past.

Date of Submission: Monday, April 5, 2021 10:29 PM

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

Name: Gary Marshall

Subject: Townhall Meeting Request

Please hold town hall meetings in Livingston County to give us a chance to participate in the redistricting discussion. Please also livestream all of your meetings and tow halls so people can be better informed.

Thank you,

Gary Marshall 6311 Oakalla Dr

Brighton, MI 48116

Date of Submission: Monday, April 5, 2021 8:23 PM

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

Name: Denise Thornton

Subject: Townhall Meeting Request

I encourage the Redistricting Commission to schedule public meetings where residents can attend counties such as Livingston, Ottawa, Shiawassee and Eaton and other counties to ensure residents have the opportunity hear throughout the redistricting process.

Also, that the Redistricting Commission live stream every town hall meeting to uphold their commitment to full transparency and so the public can watch each of their meetings.

Thank you.

Denise Thornton

Precinct Delegate

Genoa #5

Sent from my iPad

Date of Submission: Monday, April 5, 2021 4:46 PM

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

Name: Deanne Oswald-DeBottis

Subject: Townhall Meeting Request

Good Afternoon,

As a resident of Howell, Michigan (Livingston County), my family and I present the following requests to you;

- That you host town hall meetings in rural counties throughout Michigan: **in counties such as Livingston, Ottawa, Shiawassee, Eaton, and other counties** to ensure that the residents living there have the opportunity to speak and ensure their voices are being heard throughout this process.

- That the Commission live-stream their town hall meetings: we encourage YOU to uphold your commitment to full transparency and **request that you live-stream every town hall meeting for the public to watch at home.**

Thank you for your tome and attention to this request.

Respectfully submitted,

Dj Oswald-DeBottis

[REDACTED]

Howell, MI. 48843-6939

Cell [REDACTED]

Office/Fax [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

ThinBlueLineSecurity@charter.net

Date of Submission: Monday, April 5, 2021 3:09 PM

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

Name: jaydrick

Subject: Townhall Meeting Request

Kindly set a meeting in Livingston County. Your current meeting list unjustly ignores LivCo. Jay R Drick
Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Date of Submission: Monday, April 5, 2021 1:29 PM

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

Name: mary harp

Subject: Townhall Meeting Request

Hello Redistricting Committee,

I am requesting that more townhall's be held in rural communities.

I'm also requesting that every townhall meeting be live streamed so that all citizens of Michigan have access to them.

Sincerely,

Mary Harp

Date of Submission: Monday, April 5, 2021 10:21AM

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

Name: Isecord

Subject: Townhall Meeting Request

I am requesting a Redistricting Meeting be held in Liv. County and the all meetings be held livestream for us the public to view.

Ivan Ivan W. Secord - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
<https://appbuilderdirect.com/van>

Date of Submission: Monday, April 5, 2021 9:10AM

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

Name: Deanna Kay Cypher

Subject: Townhall Meeting Request

Hello. I'm in Livingston county. I feel ALL these meetings should be live-streamed.

This issue is too important to only have it available to those who can make it in person.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPad

Date of Submission: Monday, April 5, 2021 9:05AM

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

Name: Kay Johnson

Subject: Townhall Meeting Request

Please live stream all meetings as well. Transparency is your friend.

KayJohnson

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Monday, April 5, 2021 9:04AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Kay Johnson
Subject: Townhall Meeting Request

To whom it may concern,

I would like to request you hold townhall meetings in all countries. I live in Livingston and there are none scheduled here. All countries should have the right to voice their concerns locally.

Thank you

KayJohnson

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Thursday, April 1, 2021 8:34AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: jay schlaybaugh
Subject: email notices

I signed up to receive notices of the meetings for the redistricting which I would like to attend remotely. They always arrive AFTER the meetings have taken place. For example, the meeting of March 25th came in my in box March 28th. Please correct this. Thank you.

Date of Submission: Friday, March 30, 2021 8:28AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: elizabeth r. benyi
Subject: Doug Clarks Comments of 8am March 30 meeting

I was very disheartened and very hurt by the disparaging remarks of Doug Clark about liberals. He has made it extremely clear that he HATES liberals and will do anything necessary to exclude them from democracy and the redistricting process. This is personally very hurtful.

Elizabeth Benyi

Calumet

Date of Submission: Friday, March 29, 2021 8:11PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: phil Phelps
Subject: Possible solution for lowering costs of town halls/presentations

Dear Members of the Commission and Commission Staff,

My name is Phil Phelps and I'm a former member of the Michigan State Legislature. I'm just now watching the committee hearings/meetings videos online and am currently watching the March 11th video, so if someone has already made the suggestion that I am about to make please forgive me for not tuning in to the good work you are doing earlier.

Each State Rep and State Senator likely holds informational town halls in his/her district often. They are usually looking to share current information with their constituents and the work you are doing would make for a great presentation to the residents of their districts. Each member of the legislature likely has several quality venues that will host the legislator and your staff/members at no charge to you. Also, while I was a member of the legislature I worked with the House Business Office to make sure that they would cover the costs of translators and equipment costs to accommodate members of the Deaf,

DeafBlind and Hard of Hearing Community while doing official business as a State Legislator. An event like this would qualify.

I think that many members of the State House and Senate would love to host you for a town hall and it would likely be beneficial to them to show how committed they are to getting new information to their residents. Each member of the State House and Senate also has a budget for printing/ mailing information to their residents and could send out flyers to residents in their districts if they choose to spend money out of their budgets to do so (as long as its for official business and not partisan). At the very least they could print out flyers from their office allotment and help you get the word out about the event. I think many of them would be willing to host you.

Again, if someone has already made this suggestion to you I apologize. However, I am more than willing to volunteer my time to help you in any way you may need. My cell is [REDACTED] or you can reach my by email at [REDACTED]

Best,

Phil Phelps

Date of Submission: Friday, March 29, 2021 3:37PM

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

Name: Coach Jim Fox

Subject: New Guide on Redistricting

Hello, I thought the members of the Redistricting Commission might be interested in a Guide on Redistricting that is now available for citizens and members of redistricting commissions, as well as legislators and judges. The Guide highlights a new transparent, straightforward procedure for building maps that contain compact districts and are fair. The approach can be applied by hand.

<https://preprints.apsanet.org/engage/apsa/article-details/60132387f0e57e892a97e039>

This work has garnered almost 700 views on the Preprints Page of the American Political Science Association. As more people become aware of procedures like this, more will ask that such approaches be used to draw fair legislative district maps. Who draws the maps is important, but what kind of maps they draw is even more important.

I hope this work is helpful to the Commissioners.

Jim Fox
