

Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission
Nov 19, 2020 Meeting Public Comment

Date of Submission: Wednesday, November 19, 2020

Method of Submission: SurveyMonkey ICRC Committee Meetings 11/19 – Public Comment Submission Form

Name: Lyn Alban

Written Public Comment: Please consider your choice for ICRC Executive Director very carefully. The key word in all of the efforts to successfully bring this Commission into existence has always been IINDEPENDENT! It is imperative that your choice is someone strictly nonpartisan in keeping with the sole mission of drawing fair maps that reflect and protect the interests of all Michiganders. Please ensure that you have carefully vetted any candidate being considered for this position, taking as much time and making as much effort as needed to be certain of making the correct nonpartisan choice. Thank you.

Date of Submission: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 10:29PM

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

Name: Brian Sarnacki

Email Subject: Keep ED role nonpartisan

Hello - This redistricting commission is vital to ensuring future elections are fair for all parties. Please keep partisan actors away from the executive director role and any of the other nonpartisan roles. From a cursory glance at Google hits, Brandon Brice and Amna Seibold are both apparently active in Republican Party politics and far too partisan for such an important role for this commission. Please ensure all involved in the commission are going to protect the fair and nonpartisan goals of the commission. Thank you.

Brian Sarnacki
Farmington Hills, MI

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Date of Submission: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 11:21PM

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


Name: Nancy Wang

Email Subject: Public Comment for 11/19/2020 Commission Hearing

Please see attached. I will be making a statement to this effect on Zoom at tomorrow's meeting.

Thank you,
Nancy

ATTACHMENT



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November 19, 2020

Good morning and thank you, Commissioners. I am Nancy Wang, Executive Director of Voters Not Politicians, and I am speaking to you today on behalf of the thousands of volunteers who led the campaign to pass the Constitutional amendment that established this great Commission.

We commend you for leading us through Michigan's first ever, voter-led redistricting process.

I've been told that Michigan's process is serving as a model for many, and good government advocates hope that our success will bring reform and fair maps to other states.

It can't be easy paving this new path for our state with all eyes on you. But you are on the right track!

You've already demonstrated during your first meetings your deep respect for a fair and impartial process and your commitment to transparency.

The Voters Not Politicians campaign was inspirational because it brought everyday people together from across the political spectrum to create a fair, impartial, and transparent redistricting process that serves all voters, regardless of who we are, where we live, and who we vote for.

Everything that's happened until now is exactly as the process was intended.

As you contemplate who you will hire to be your Executive Director, please look at not just what the applicants say about themselves, but also examine the information being offered by the public.

When a member of the public raises concerns that a candidate is too partisan to do this job well, or has a troubling history of alienating colleagues and stakeholders, it's important to listen.

The public will provide critical input every step of this journey to bring fair maps to Michigan and that is also the process playing out as intended.

You have the power to hire. While there is no perfect candidate, there are still right and wrong choices.

When hiring your Executive Director, please choose someone who can skillfully help you navigate these uncharted waters, and who can also build trust and inspire confidence in voters -- regardless of who we are, where we live, and who we vote for.

The public's trust in you and our new redistricting process is paramount.

Thank you for your service.

Date of Submission: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 7:25AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Maryalice

Email Subject: Executive Director Selection

As residents of East Grand Rapids, we do not see our City's former Mayor Anna Seibold as a sound choice to serve as Executive Director of the Redistricting Commission.

In our experience she was not responsive to constituent concerns in a courteous manner. She was not transparent in many of her dealings and did not foster collaborative solutions. She is not seen as a team builder, but rather adheres to an outmoded authoritarian approach. She has not demonstrated any willingness to embrace change. And she is not non-partisan, having aligned herself with the Republican Party pretty openly even while she held a nonpartisan office. For these reasons we are opposed to her being considered for this critical inaugural position.

Furthermore, Having worked hard on the successful Redistricting ballot initiative we are opposed to her selection because she has not demonstrated the qualities and competencies you seek, nor do we think she is committed to a transformative agenda regarding gerrymandering.

Please do not hire Anna Seibold.

Thank you

Mary Alice Williams

Michael R Williams

East Grand Rapids MI 49506

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 7:25AM

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

Name: Maryalice

Email Subject: Executive Director Selection

Date of Submission: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 10:32PM

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

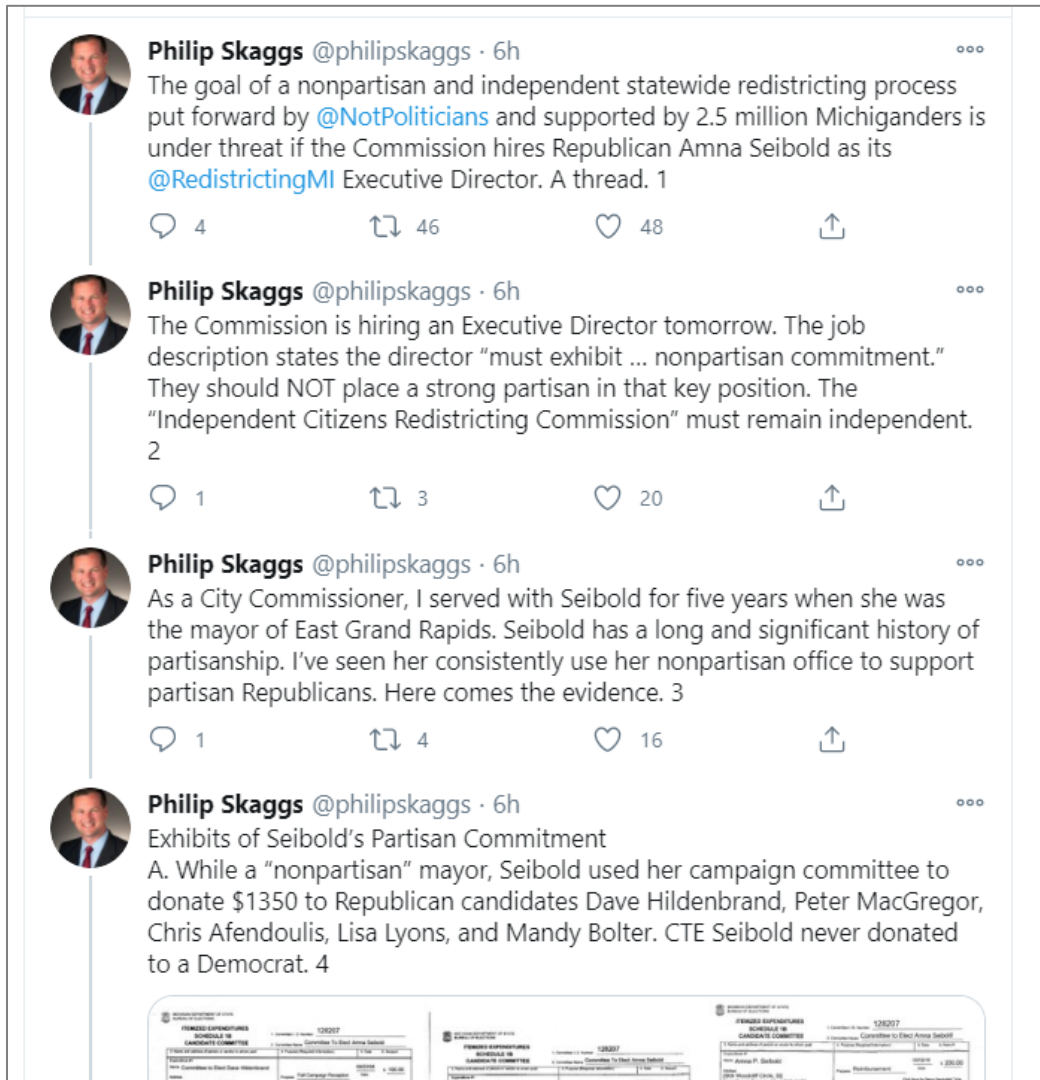
Name: Yi-Li Wu

Email Subject: Please do not hire a hyper-partisan Executive Director

Hi---I am not sure what is going on, but a friend forwarded me this and I am very concerned by reports that you are about to hire Anna Siebold as Exec. Director. The GOP is trying to sue the Commission out of existence. Please do NOT help it ruin the Commission by hiring a hyper-partisan Executive Director.

I collected hundreds of signatures and knocked hundreds of doors and did volunteer engagement and helped run the Ann Arbor field office GOTV to pass Proposal 2. Please keep the Commission safe.--

Thanks, Yi-Li Wu



Date of Submission: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 10:09PM

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

Name: Anthony Odarczenko

Email Subject: Michigan Redistricting Executive Director

Good evening,

I am emailing to express my opposition to the hiring of Amna Seibold as the Executive Director for Michigan Redistricting. As a resident of East Grand Rapids, I have witness firsthand her inability to act in a nonpartisan manner during her tenure as the mayor of our city. The ability to be transparent, collaborative, and act in a nonpartisan way are essential capabilities for this position and her hiring would be negligent to addressing those necessary and important qualities in this process.

Please reconsider.

Thank you for your time,
Anthony Odarczenko

Date of Submission: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 8:58PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Margaret Schankler
Email Subject: Executive Director selection.

Amna Siebol should not be selected as MI's Executive Director.

Our system allows for partisans... but not as the leader! The ideal Exec. Director is above suspicion. In order to trust the results, *everybody* must trust the people and the process behind them, and a candidate who risks the trust of the supermajority who voted for citizen led, independent, and (overall) non-partisan redistricting is the wrong choice.

Thank you.
Margaret Schankler

Date of Submission: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 8:38PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Kathleen Ley Bruinsma
Email Subject: Ms. Seibold

Dear Independent Redistricting Commission,

We write to urge you to reject Amna Seibold as Executive Director of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Ms. Seibold is a poor choice for the job and cannot be trusted with the work of this Commission, which is to implement a mandate of the voters to fairly redraw our voting/legislative districts while exhibiting non-partisan commitment and a willingness to collaborate across party lines.

We live in East Grand Rapids and worked with Ms. Seibold while she was our mayor, including appearances before her at City Commission meetings on matters of significance to the future of East Grand Rapids.

Her leadership style was derisive and divisive. She used her power to assist special interests, and she ignored the health, safety, and welfare of her constituents. She showed no capacity to work with others, to listen to a multiplicity of ideas without bias or favor, or to discern outcomes that would serve the welfare of the community. She instead belittled those who expressed opinions that she did not share and sought to stifle public comment and debate.

It is for these reasons that the people who knew her best rejected her as our mayor when she stood for reelection in November 2019.

To appoint Ms. Seibold would be to negate the objectives of the people of this State. It would place an open partisan at the helm of a Commission that should not be partisan.

Her proposed appointment should be denied.

James and Kathleen Bruinsma

East Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506

Date of Submission: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 8:34PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Jennifer Gehl
Email Subject: Redistricting MI Executive Director candidate

I am writing to express my concern that Amna Seibold is a candidate for Redistricting MI Executive Director. The process demands that the Executive Director be non-partisan and independent in more than name. Just because one says they're non-partisan does not mean they're non-partisan.

I live in East Grand Rapids, Michigan, and she served as my mayor for 9 years. Time and time again she has demonstrated she is anything but non-partisan. She has a long history of supporting partisan politics. Not only has she taken conservative positions on issues that came before her as Mayor she has consistently demonstrated a partisan preference through who she chose to support. Glaring examples are the facts that she used her campaign committee to donate to only Republican candidates and organizations. Another example is the fact that she used her "non-partisan" Mayor status to endorse many Republican candidates.

The goal of a nonpartisan and independent statewide redistricting process is to fairly represent all voters and not just Republican voters. Leadership sets the tone and Amna Siebold sets the wrong tone. Her record demonstrates she cannot be relied upon to properly represent non-Republicans in the redistricting process. I urge you to consider other candidates. A person with a true balanced history of political activism should be hired as the Redistricting MI Executive Director. The person hired for this position must exhibit real non-partisan perspective and not one of name only.

Thank you

Date of Submission: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 8:21PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Alex Constantelos
Email Subject: Citizen feedback: against Amna Seibold as executive director

Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Committee,

I am writing to express my concern that Amna Seibold is being considered as a candidate for the Executive Director. As a citizen of East Grand Rapids during Ms. Seibold's tenure as mayor, I saw firsthand that she acted as a partisan Republican in many ways. Phil Skaggs has already provided many examples: <https://twitter.com/philipskaggs/status/1329169914393931781>. I don't know Mr. Skaggs & am not associated with him in any way, but based on what I saw as a resident, I would agree with his assessment. Mayer Seibold clearly identified with the Republican Party and favored local Republicans over Democrats.

She also had a reputation for being difficult to work with. Again, as Mr. Skaggs pointed out, nearly all of the East Grand Rapids City Commission endorsed Ms. Seibold's opponent, even when she was the sitting mayor. As I understand it, these endorsements were not about party politics, but based on the fact that Mayor Seibold was not a consensus-builder. She was not known for listening to the views of all people.

The idea of a citizens' districting committee is that the process should be nonpartisan. Maps should be based only by neutral criteria. I am concerned that if Ms. Seibold were involved in this process, she would introduce a strong partisan element. This would go against the Commission's goals.

Thank you for taking this into consideration,

Alexander Constantelos

East Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Date of Submission: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 8:17PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Sandra K Hopwood
Email Subject: Amna Seibold Incapable of Nonpartisanship

Hi,

The goal of a nonpartisan and independent statewide redistricting process put forward by

@NotPoliticians supported by 2.5 million Michiganders is under threat if the Commission hires Republican Amna Seibold as its @RedistrictingMI

Executive Director. In Seibold's former role as 'nonpartisan' mayor of East Grand Rapids, Anna Seibold repeatedly abused her position by demonstrating partisan bias. Further, she was voted out as mayor in a landslide in 2018.

Please see relevant exhibits that demonstrate political bias and abuse here in County Commissioner Scaggs Twitter post:

https://mobile.twitter.com/philipkaggs/status/1329169914393931781?s=21&fbclid=IwAR1VwDJ_STyld8ZbOKVshd5plHgqwEB-TZeXvQ2o3LVV_gBg8JhB1NK6g0c

Date of Submission: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 8:14PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Mimi Chi
Email Subject: Redistricting Commission Director

Regarding the Redistricting MI Executive Director position, which is to be determined tomorrow. Please vote NO, for Anna Seibold and select a non-partisan Executive Director who will fairly represent the Voters and concerns of all Michigan citizens.

Thank you,
Sincerely,
Mimi Ray

The goal of a nonpartisan and independent statewide redistricting process put forward by @NotPoliticians and supported by 2.5 million Michiganders is under threat if the Commission hires Republican Anna Seibold as its @RedistrictingMI Executive Director.

Date of Submission: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 8:13PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Hope Gerson
Email Subject: Re Redistricting MI Executive Director position

Please do not appoint Anna Seibold as the Executive Director of the Citizen's Redistricting Commission. This position should be reserved for a person with a history of non-partisan leadership. Anna Seibold has an obvious partisan track record. Her partisanship clearly goes against the ideals of the Citizen's Redistricting Commission. The commission needs a leader who can bring people together to achieve the common goal of creating competitive districts across the state. Anna Seibold is the wrong choice.

Sincerely,
Hope Gerson
Grand Rapids

Date of Submission: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 8:11PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Marie Sarnacki
Email Subject: Please do not hire Amna Seibold or Brandon Brice

Date of Submission: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 8:02PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Eric Gollanek
Email Subject: Input on Executive Director hire for Redistricting Commission

Dear Commission:

I'm writing this evening to share my opposition to Ms. Seibold for the nonpartisan position of Executive Director. I have lived in East Grand Rapids for twelve years, where Ms. Seibold served as Mayor for most of that time before her defeat last year. While she is a capable administrator, I found her to be deeply partisan all while operating within a 'nonpartisan' city government position. She routinely endorsed divisive GOP candidates in the community and our region. She never, to my knowledge, endorsed or worked with a democratic candidate or office holder. Her electoral defeat last year came with over 60% of the vote against her.

The goal of a nonpartisan and independent statewide redistricting process put forward by Voters Not Politicians and supported by 2.5 million Michiganders is under threat if the Commission hires Republican Amna Seibold as its Executive Director.

Thank you for your consideration and all best to all of you during this most challenging time.

Sincerely,
Eric F Gollanek, PhD

East Grand Rapids, MI 49506

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Date of Submission: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 7:55PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Rachel Westerhof
Email Subject: Seibold

Amna Seibold is very partisan and should not be ED of the redistricting.

Thank you,

Rachel Westerhof

Date of Submission: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 7:35PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Ellen Doornbos
Email Subject: Public Comment on Executive Director Position

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to express to you my deep concern that Amna Siebold is unfit to serve as the Executive Director of the redistributing commission.

I'm a registered MI voter and I grew up in East Grand Rapids. I know that Siebold has a long, public, and obvious history of financial and political support for the Republican Party. She is extremely partisan, and has no business directing a redistricting commission that is meant to be impartial. She is totally wrong for the position. Her glaring partisanship would go against the will of the voters who wanted a commission that was fair, neutral, and non-partisan.

Please reject Amna Siebold as a candidate for Executive Director, in the best interest of Michigan voters.

Sincerely,

Ellen Doornbos

Date of Submission: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 7:29PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Emiko Bigler
Email Subject: Executive Director Position

Members of the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission,

I am writing to ask that you do not appoint partisan Amna Seibold as your Executive Director. As a citizen of East Grand Rapids I can attest that Seibold is incredibly partisan and is neither transparent nor possesses collaborative leadership skills as the job posting calls for. Though she was recently the incumbent for mayor of East Grand Rapids, Seibold was openly opposed by 13 of 15 elected officials in her city (one endorsed her, one was neutral, and 13 endorsed her opponent).

During her unsuccessful campaign for reelection as a "nonpartisan" mayor, Seibold advertised the endorsements of Republicans (and only Republicans): Pete MacGregor, Mark Huizenga, Michelle LaJoye-Young, Jim Saalfeld and Mandy Bolter.

Members of Redistricting MI, please do not undo the desire of Michigan voters for a fair, independent, and nonpartisan redistricting process.

Sincerely,
Emiko Bigler

Date of Submission: Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Method of Submission: SurveyMonkey ICRC Committee Meetings 11/20 – Public Comment Submission Form

Name: Heath Hofmann

Written Public Comment: Amna Siebold has apparently been a dues-paying member of the Republican Party until at least February 2020, in which case she would not meet the non-partisan criteria for the Executive Director.

Date of Submission: Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Method of Submission: SurveyMonkey ICRC Committee Meetings 11/20 – Public Comment Submission Form

Name: Ruth Cassidy

Written Public Comment: I oppose the nomination of the Republican candidate Amna Seibold for executive director. Someone who has exclusively advocated for and donated to Republicans (via her campaign committee) exhibits partisan politics. This position must be filled by a nonpartisan candidate.

Date of Submission: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 7:16PM

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

Name: Angela Walters

Email Subject: A. Seibold

Dear Redistricting Committee,

First, thank you for your hard work on this very important project. It has come to my attention that Amna Seibold has applied and I would like to share my experience as an East Grand Rapids community member. I found that Amna conducted herself in a very partisan way in a non-partisan position as mayor of East Grand Rapids for many years. It appeared that she often made decisions that were in line with the Republican party, and not necessary the best interest of the city. I, personally, received emails from her regarding my involvement in community organizations that made it seem like she had an agenda beyond mayor of our city.

I hope you will consider other candidates, as I do not believe she is a good match for this role.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Angela Walters

Date of Submission: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 7:14PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Dirk
Email Subject: do not hire Amna Seibold as Exec. Director

Hello, Redistrictors!

I was just informed that a strong partisan may be on the short list of hires for Exec. Director: Amna Seibold.
For that position, you must hire a person who can be trusted to be non-partisan.

Ms. Seibold is not that person: she only donates to Republicans, and she only endorses Republicans.
There's a place for partisans on the commission...it is not the Executive Director, however.

Hire somebody else! thanks much

- dirk mayhew

Date of Submission: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 7:05PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Kathy So
Email Subject: N/A

I am writing out of concern for the selection of Amna Seibold as Executive Director. She is way too partisan. With her as Exec Dir, we have traded a partisan GOP legislature with a partisan GOP director.

I spent too much time stalking public events, county fairs, football games, farmer's markets, and such, gathering petition signatures to have independent redistricting, to see it thrown away by having Seibold at the head. This is a betrayal.

This selection would be a serious mistake and set our efforts completely back. Don't do it.

Kathy So

Date of Submission: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 6:59PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Shellie Jeffries
Email Subject: Executive Director hire for the Redistricting Commission

Dear Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission,

In 2017, I worked very hard to gather signatures to get Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission Proposal on the ballot, and in 2018 I worked equally hard to get out the vote to get the proposal passed. I was so excited when it did pass, by quite a large margin. I watched when your names were drawn to serve on the commission and cried to see all what I and so many others had worked towards come to fruition. So I am VERY invested in the success of the Commission.

Because of that, I am very concerned about one of the candidates for Executive Director of the commission, Amna Seibold. As a resident of East Grand Rapids, where she served as mayor, I have first hand knowledge of her qualities, which are not a good fit for a non-partisan Executive Director. For one thing, Ms. Seibold is extremely partisan, which she consistently demonstrated in the ostensibly non-partisan EGR mayoral position by frequently using that position to promote Republican causes and candidates.

In addition, the position required collaborative leadership skills, yet in her last election (which she lost), as an incumbent, she was opposed by 13 out of 15 city elected officials in East Grand Rapids, which indicates she does not have those leadership skills.

Amna Seibold is not the right person to lead a fair, independent, and nonpartisan redistricting process, and I urge you not to hire her for the Executive Director position.

Sincerely,
Shellie Jeffries
East Grand Rapids

Date of Submission: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 6:55PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Tanya Madhani
Email Subject: DO NOT HIRE AMNA SEIBOLD

Hello,

Please do NOT hire Amna Seibold to lead non-partisan redistricting. According to one of her former colleagues, Philip Skaggs, she has, in her past career as mayor of East Grand Rapids, shown strong partisanship towards the Republican Party.

Please refer to this thread for evidence to support this claim:
<https://mobile.twitter.com/philipskaggs/status/1329169914393931781>

Our country and state need to heal after the past four years of rampant partisanship and divide. This is why I voted for independent redistricting and why I think it is important that we make sure to continue on this journey of unity.

We must eschew partisan politics in redistricting. Hire Amna Seibold is a danger to non-partisanship.

Sincerely,
Tanya Madhani -- A Concerned Michigander

Date of Submission: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 6:49PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Michael Wolf
Email Subject: Seibold

Do not hire a partisan Republican for executive director of this commission! Do not hire a partisan Democrat for this position either. If nobody fits the bill, start over. Too many worked too hard to have this commission become partisan.

Michael Wolf
Lansing, MI resident

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 6:48PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Jennifer Metz
Email Subject: Amna Seibold

Hello,

I understand you are soliciting input into the process of selecting an Executive Director for the independent redistricting commission. I write in strong opposition to Amna Seibold's application to that position. I am a resident of East Grand Rapids, where Ms. Seibold formerly held the position of mayor, and I have been a witness to the strong partisanship with which she conducted herself during her tenure in that position, as well as her lack of transparency and willingness to collaborate with those with whom she disagrees, the traits that have been identified as most necessary for someone in this position. I do not believe that her inherent biases will allow her to act in good faith as the independent director this position requires, and I oppose her application in the strongest possible terms.

Thank you.

Best,
Jeremy Robinson
East Grand Rapids (49506)

Date of Submission: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 6:40PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Edward Aboufadel
Email Subject: Amna Seibold

To the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I was a strong supporter of Proposition 2, enthusiastic to see the Michigan constitution amended in 2018 to create the Commission and the new redistricting process. After the 2018 election, I became a member of the board of Voters Not Politicians, joining due to my interest in seeing that Proposition 2 is implemented well. So, I am very concerned about the news this evening that the Commission is preparing to hire Amna Seibold as its Executive Director.

In my opinion, Ms. Seibold does not have the leadership skills required to be a successful Executive Director. The description of the position -- focusing on management, collaboration, and facilitation -- is contrary to what she demonstrated when she was the mayor of East Grand Rapids. As mayor, her leadership style was considered to be top-down and autocratic, and by the end of her second term, she had driven away the support of city commissioners and school board members that she had worked with, leading to her defeat in the 2019 election. The appointment of Ms. Seibold as Executive Director will raise questions about the integrity of the Commission's final results and put the Commission's organization on a path to dysfunction.

Please reconsider whether Ms. Seibold is the right person for the Executive Director role.

Sincerely,

Edward F. Aboufadel
Ada, MI

Date of Submission: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 6:34PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Jennifer Metz
Email Subject: Executive Director Redistricting MI Candidate

To Whom it May Concern,

I live in East Grand Rapids and one of your candidates for the position mentioned above is Amna Siebold. She will not be a good fit for this position and is not collaborative or transparent. She was mayor of our town and did not help to create collaboration, nor listen to all constituent concerns if they did not jibe with hers. I spoke at a public hearing she chaired and felt treated like a criminal for voicing my concerns on a city issue as was my right. She seems to be a decent person, but not a good fit for government work that requires the goal of fairness and neutrality to benefit all citizens. She would do better to be employed in the private sector.

Thank you for hearing my concerns,

Jennifer Metz

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Jennifer Metz

Grand Rapids, MI 49506
pastperfectinc.com

Date of Submission: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 6:33PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Karen Zivi
Email Subject: Amna Seibold

Dear Members of the Redistricting Commission,

I am writing in my capacity as a Michigander and resident of East Grand Rapids. I am very concerned about rumors that you may be thinking of hiring Amna Seibold to serve as the Executive Director. She is NOT the person we need to lead a nonpartisan commission committed to making our state's electoral system fairer and more just. During her tenure as Mayor of East Grand Rapids, it was very clear that her perspectives were at odds with those of the majority of citizens in the city, that she rejected collaboration and inclusive decision-making practices, and that her priorities were colored by her party affiliation despite holding a non-partisan office. This is not the kind of leadership we need at this critical juncture in time. Indeed, Seibold's history as Mayor in EGR makes her exactly the wrong person to lead the Commission.

Thank you for considering my input. I am excited to see the results of your hard work!

Sincerely,
-Karen Zivi

Date of Submission: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 6:11PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Matt Feyen
Email Subject: Amna Seibold

Hello.

I am writing in opposition to Amna Seibold's candidacy for the Executive Director position. I am an East Grand Rapids resident. During Amna's tenure as EGR Mayor, she exhibited highly partisan behavior on a number of occasions. Many issues became far more divisive than they needed to be due to her interpersonal style. There were also some serious issues with transparency, or lack thereof. In summary, Amna Seibold would be a poor choice for this critically important bipartisan position.

Sincerely,

Matt Feyen

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 5:19PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Ellen Schendel
Email Subject: Amna Seibold's candidacy

I am writing to express concern that Amna Seibold, a highly partisan political figure, is a finalist for the Exec Director of the redistricting commission. Please ensure that whomever you hire has a less partisan, more collaborative track record.

Date of Submission: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 5:19PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: K Rosas
Email Subject: Executive Director

Dear Commission Members,

It has come to our attention that you are considering Anna Seibold as the Executive Director of the Commission. Since Ms. Seibold is very plainly and openly a very partisan candidate, we feel she is unsuited to be the director. For the success of the work the commission is charged with, please select a NON-PARTISAN candidate to lead the group.

Best regards,
Alan and Krystyna Rosas
Grand Rapids, Michigan