

***Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission  
September 13, 2021 Meeting Public Comment***

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**Date of Submission:** Sunday, September 12, 2021 10:59 AM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Connie M Jones  
**Subject:** Fair and Equal Voting

Dear Commission,

Thank you for giving of your time for this important work. Voting is the foundation of our democracy and it needs to be fair and equal for all voters.

My thoughts are as follow: First and foremost, political fairness must be the overriding principal. The unfair lines that have been drawn for decades should be done away with, so that the voice of each voter is heard in proportion to the majority of voters.

Thank you for this opportunity to share my thoughts.

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**Date of Submission:** Tuesday, September 8, 2021 8:46 AM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Kate Donovan  
**Subject:** "official" population data for redistricting?

Hello:

I am hoping to obtain the "official" population data used by the commission for redistricting this cycle.

I am not aware of any modifications the state makes to the census data - such as reallocating incarcerated persons - so it may be that the tabulated, block-level PL data released by the Census Bureau is what will be used.

Either way, will a copy of the "official" redistricting data be made publicly available? If yes, when and where will it be posted?

Thank you in advance,

Kate

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