

***Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission
September 29, 2021 Meeting Public Comment***

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Subject: Balancing REGIONS to make each vote worth the same

I am watching the reconciliation of House Districts in the meeting and I am concerned that you may have unbalanced REGIONS. That is, if you leave a lot of districts with a population deviation OVER the ideal in ONE REGION, then you have made each vote in that district worth less than each vote in ANOTHER REGION where most of the deviations are under the ideal. That may not matter in a single district, but it will if you make REGIONAL imbalances. I think it is important that people in each region feel like they have been treated equally, even if districts within regions vary.

Thanks for all your work.

Jacqueline

**CITY OF WYANDOTTE, MICHIGAN
CERTIFIED RESOLUTION
2021-291**

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WYANDOTTE, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

UNDER THE DATE OF: September 27, 2021

MOVED BY: Councilperson Crayne

SUPPORTED BY: Councilperson Alderman

WHEREAS, the Downriver Community Conference (DCC), a consortium of twenty Downriver communities in Wayne County whose total population exceeds 500,000, has joined in an effort to improve local government and enhance the quality of life for area residents through municipal cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber (SWCRC), representing 21 communities in most of the same DCC area, works in cooperation with DCC on legislation that affects this entire region; and

WHEREAS, DCC & SWCRC have been working together as a united voice to get our regional economy restarted and on track while protecting the health and safety of our citizens. In addition to our representatives in Lansing and Washington working to provide critical resources for our region, we will need to focus on strong and effective initiatives to encompass the 'whole' of our area; and

WHEREAS, we share common bonds linked to public policy issues or identities that may be affected by legislation; likely to result in a desire to share a united regional congressional district, and equally established state legislative districts within the region in order to secure more effective representation; and

WHEREAS, the Downriver Mutual Aid (DMA) was created more than 50 years ago, in 1967, in order to formalize the cooperative relationships that already existed between and among police and fire departments throughout the region, for Public Safety. DCC serves as the Administrator for DMA. For generations, communities had assisted each other when a neighbor called for help; providing backup when police officers were stretched thin during a crisis or sending additional firefighters to battle blazes that threatened a community. But with the creation of the DMA, that help grew to include a number of more sophisticated services that no single department or city could offer, such as creating a regional SWAT Team, a Crisis Negotiations Team, an Underwater Search & Recovery Team (Dive Team), Drug Enforcement Team, the Downriver Auto Theft Team (DRATT) and a Uniformed Police Task Force. Other efforts of DMA include DMA 911 and Radio Communication Services; and

WHEREAS, DCC and SWCRC share historical economic interests associated with a contiguous area on a map, together representing communities along the Detroit River from River Rouge and along the southeastern border to Rockwood, and westerly from Dearborn, Huron Township, Van Buren Township, and Belleville down to the Wayne/Monroe County line; and

WHEREAS, Congressional and state legislative district boundaries must be drawn according to existing municipal boundaries, and shall not divide municipalities and their constituents into separate districts of representation; and

WHEREAS, it is our priority, along with the unification of Downriver and the 21 Southern Wayne County communities into one congressional district, to support efforts to re-align/redistrict our area to the strength of bringing all these communities together to benefit the region as a whole.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Wyandotte along with the DCC Board of Directors working in unification with the SWCRC, supports the Congressional Redistricting to encompass this region with the same representation.
Motion unanimously carried.

I, LAWRENCE S. STEC, duly authorized City Clerk of Wyandotte, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the City Council on September 27, 2021 said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence S. Stec", written over a horizontal line.

Lawrence S. Stec
City Clerk