

# [MASTER COPY COI SLIDE DECK FOR SMALL GROUP PRESENTATIONS]

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# Your Community Has the Power

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OR NAME]

 **VOTERS**  
NOT POLITICIANS

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**DEMOCRACY**

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**VNP welcomes all volunteers and is not affiliated with any political party or partisan agenda.**

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**But we still have work to do!**



# Today, let's talk about:

- Why does **redistricting** matter?
- What will the **Redistricting Commission** do?
- What defines **your Community** and what are its needs?
- How can your Community **make its voice heard** in government?

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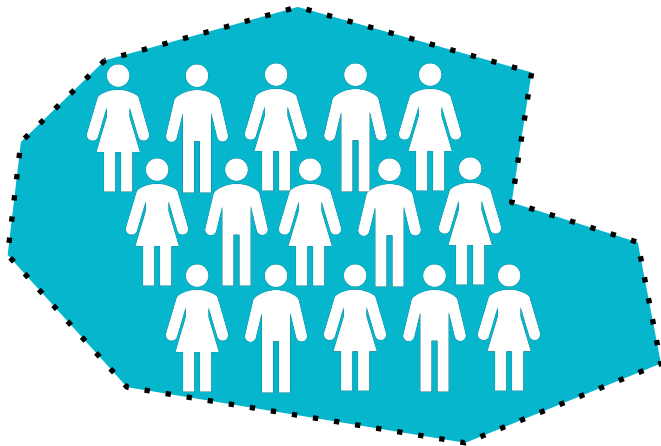
***(What is a district?)***



A **DISTRICT** is a clearly defined geographic area:

Voters living within a district boundary elect public officials to represent them as a group.

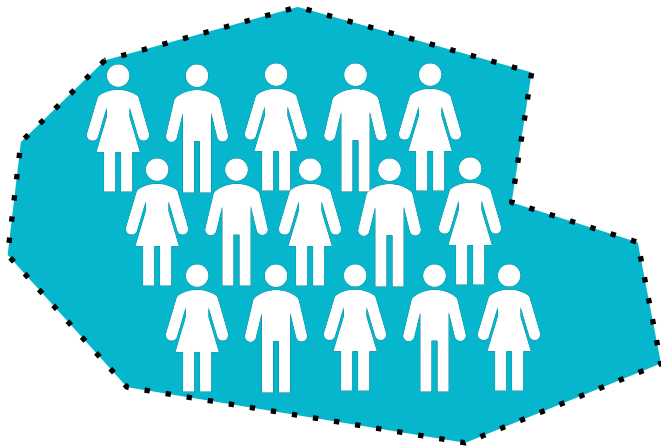
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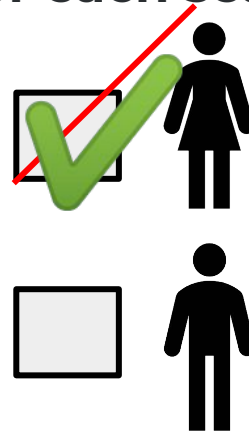
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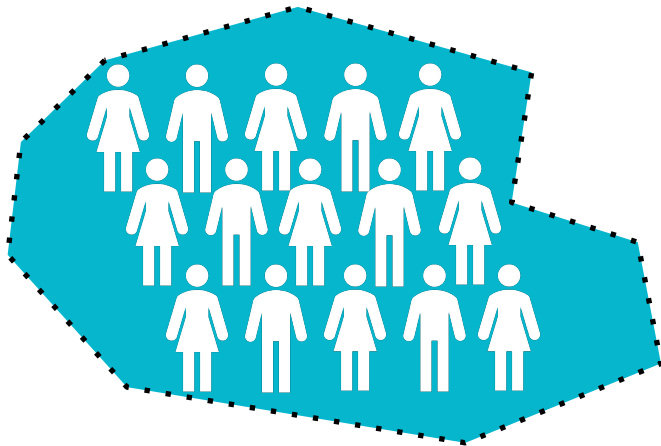
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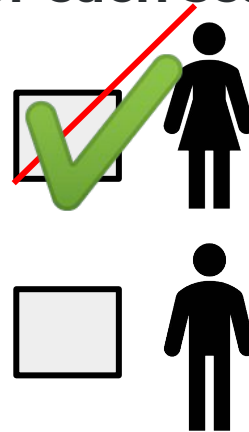
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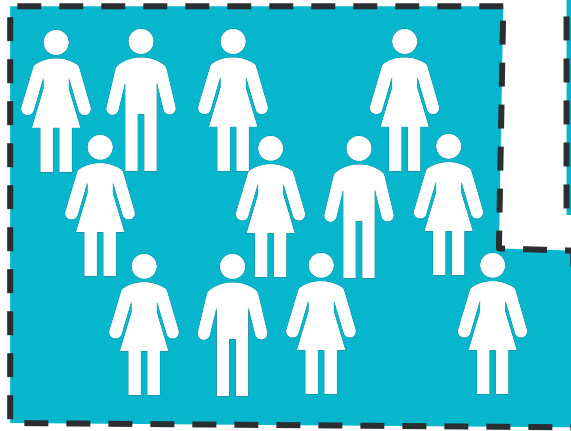
Elected representatives  
make up the  
legislature



**Over time, people move around a state across district lines, some people die, and babies are born — so numbers change.**

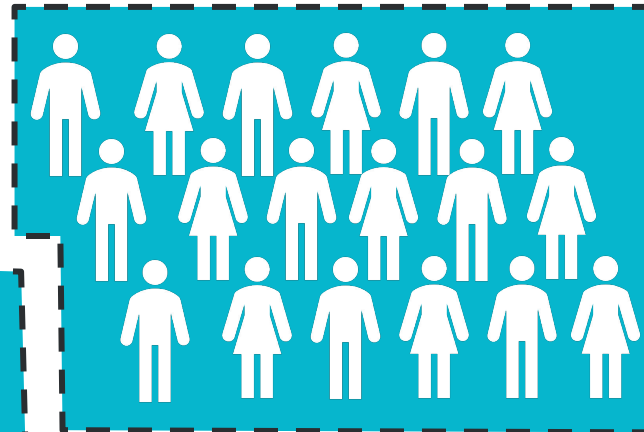
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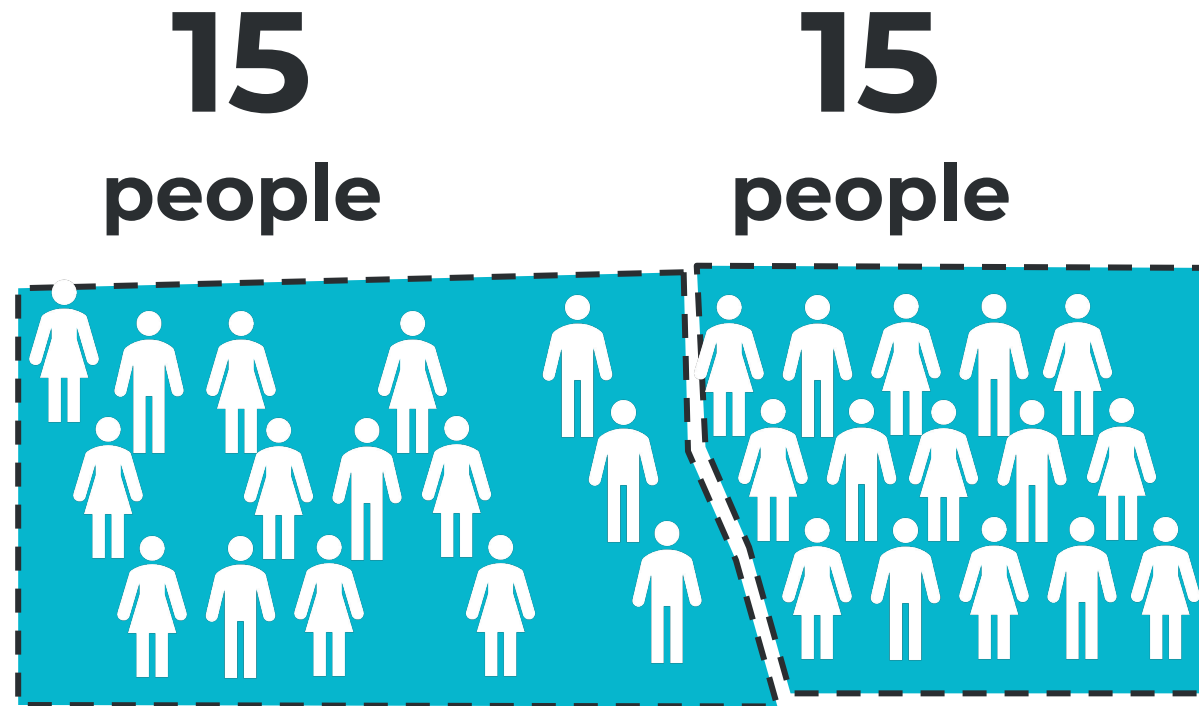


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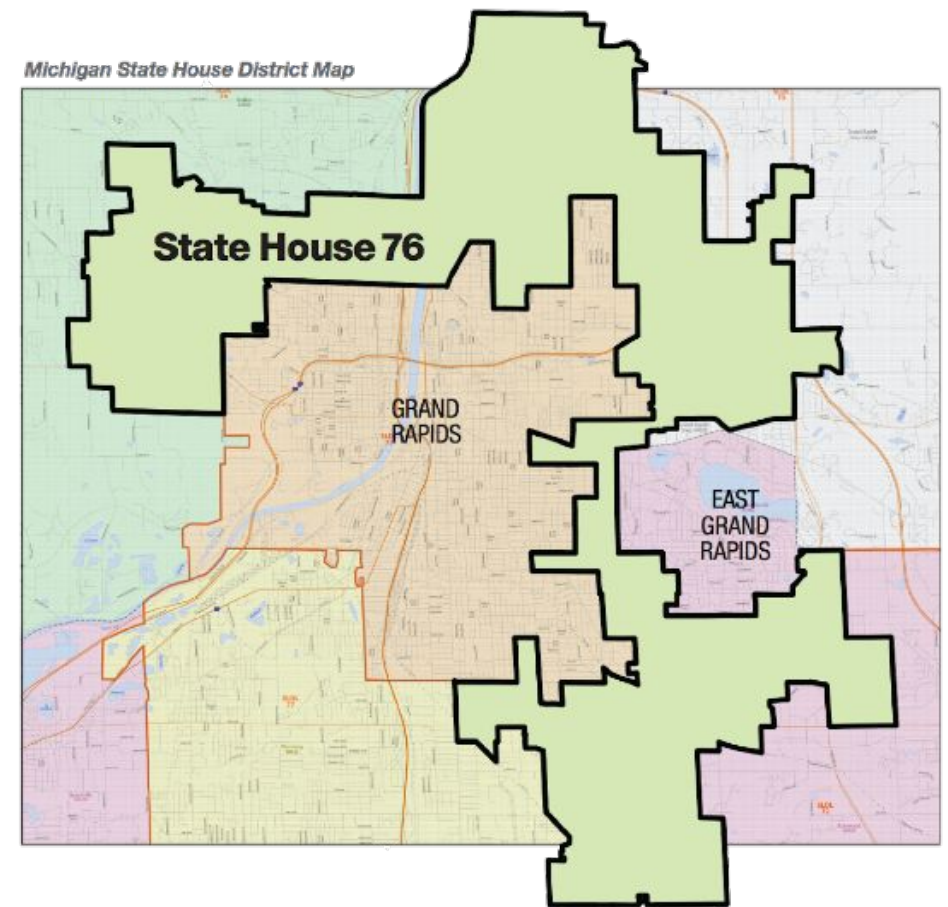
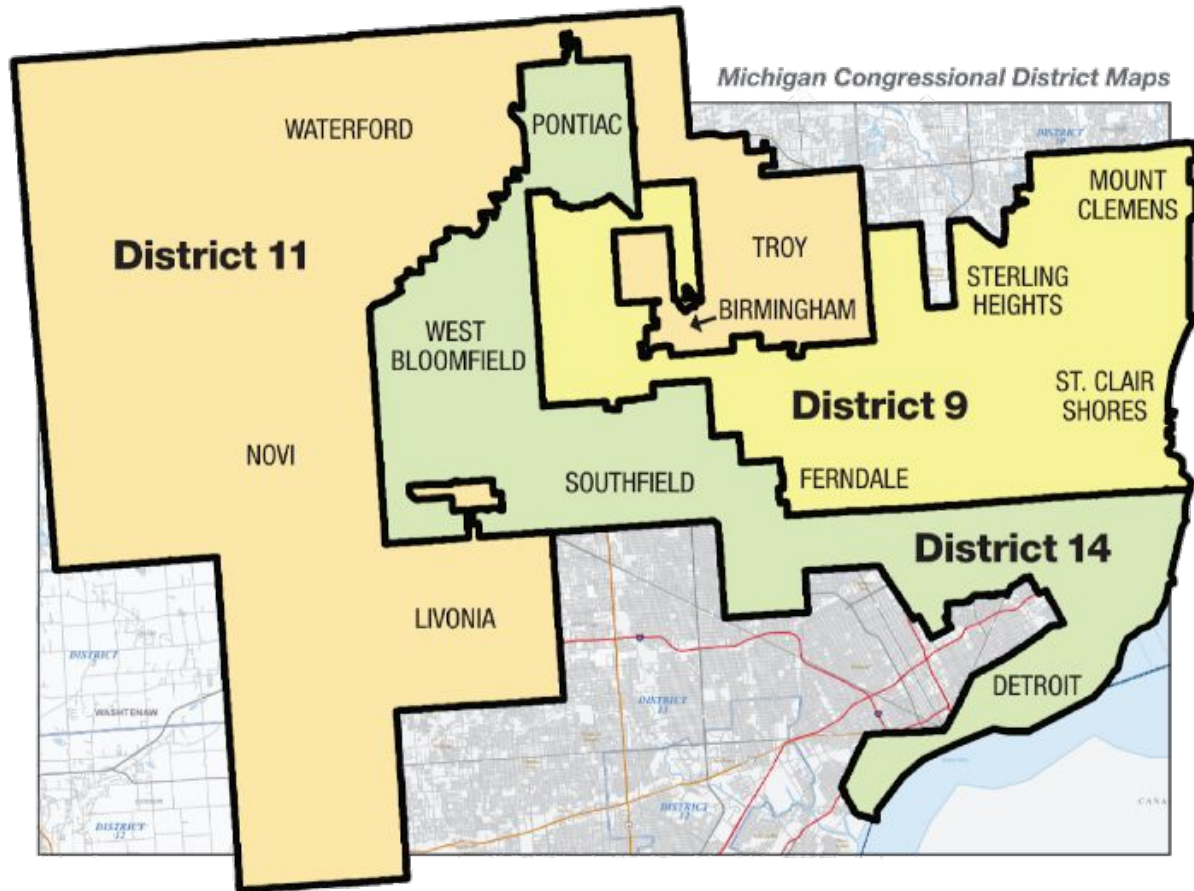
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So every 10 years, we **REDISTRICT** so districts have an equal number of people again



# So, why do districts look like **THIS** ?





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Keep communities intact so groups of  
people who share interests can elect public  
officials to represent them in government.



After all...

“ ***All political  
power is inherent  
in the people...*** ”

- Article 1 Section 1 Michigan Constitution



*[At this point in the presentation, the VNP presenter turns the mic over to a co-presenter who is a member of the COI community so that person can lead the discussion.]*




**So how will life for  
our Community  
IMPROVE with the  
next redistricting?**



# Let's discuss one key policy issue facing our Community


*What is one way government could serve us  
better than it does now?*



**How could our representation  
better help our community?**



*[Now, the mic goes back to the VNP  
presenter.]*



# Fairer redistricting will make government work better for your Community:

## Fair districts return power to Communities:

- **Better representation** in Congress and in the State Legislature
- **Elected officials who care** about your Community's needs
- **Better government programs and services**



# Why Should Your Community Be Involved in the Redistricting Process?

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**Your tax dollars will work better for you!**

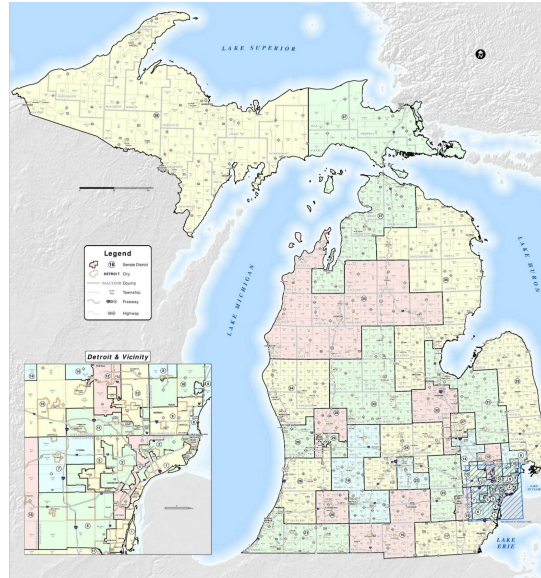
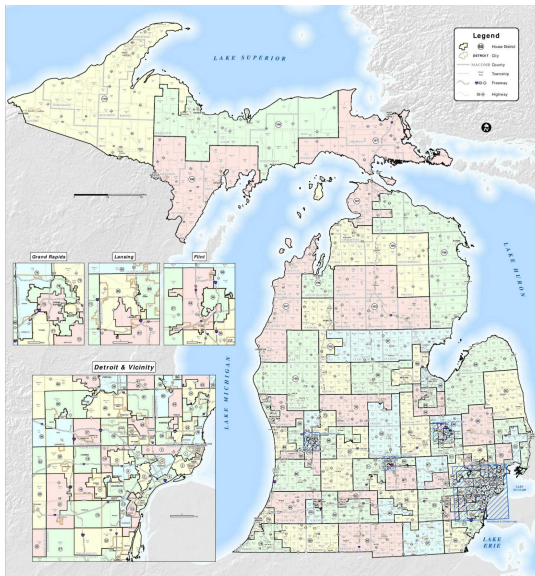
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**What will the  
Redistricting Commission  
*actually do?***

# Role of Redistricting Commission

**Draw and approve election district maps...**

- a. State House of Representatives (110)**
- b. State Senate (38)**
- c. MI's Representatives in U.S. Congress (14)**



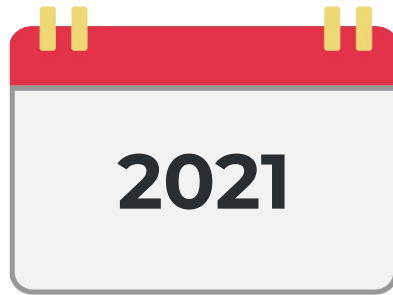


# The Redistricting Commission will

**Gather input from Communities by...**

- a. **Receiving public comment** via mail, in-person, email
- b. **Hosting town halls to hear testimony from Michigan citizens**

# Timeline for the Redistricting Commission



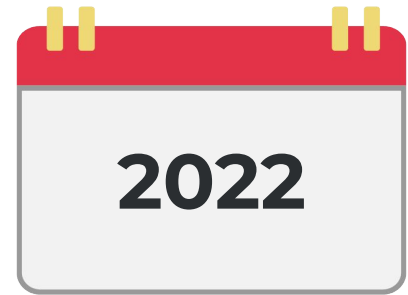
## Public Hearings:

At least 10 **before** maps are drafted

At least 5 more **after** maps are drafted



New maps must be approved by **November 1, 2021**



New maps will be used in the **2022 Elections!**



<p>Anthony Eid</p>	<p>Sue Hammersmith</p>	<p>Rhonda Lange</p>	<p>Dustin Witjes</p>
<p>Doug Clark</p>	<p>Janice Vallette</p>	<p>MC Rothhorn</p>	<p>Juanita Curry</p>
<p>Sally Marsh (MDOS)</p>	<p>Cynthia Orton</p>	<p>Steve Lett</p>	<p>Brittini Kellom</p>
<p>Toi Bogan (ASL)</p>	<p>Erin Wagner</p>	<p>&gt;&gt; Steve: Through March. Rebecca Szetela</p>	<p>Richard Weiss</p>

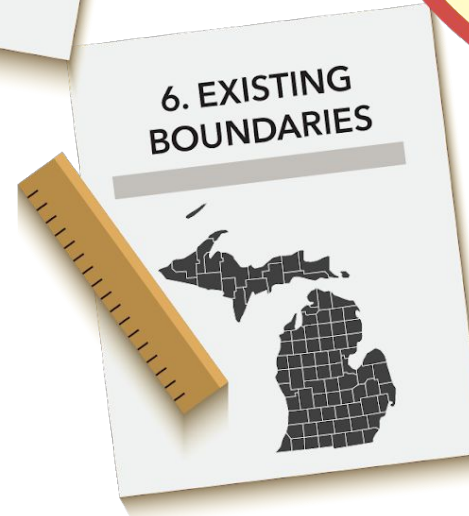
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# What is a COMMUNITY OF INTEREST?

According to the Michigan Constitution,  
Communities of Interest,

## **ARE DEFINED** by:

- ✓ economic
- ✓ cultural
- ✓ historical
- ✓ other shared interests

## **ARE NOT DEFINED** by:

- ✗ Political party affiliation
- ✗ Loyalty to a candidate or elected official



# Shared economic interests:

Where do you  
and your  
neighbors...

Work?

Shop?



What  
transportation  
do you use?

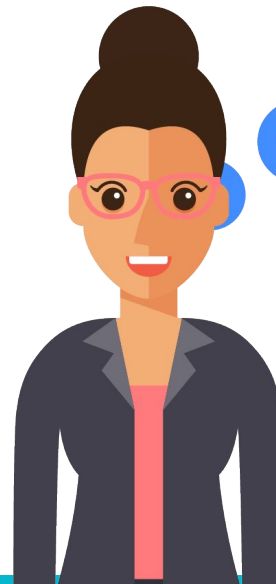
Roads?

Environment?



# Shared cultural and historical interests:

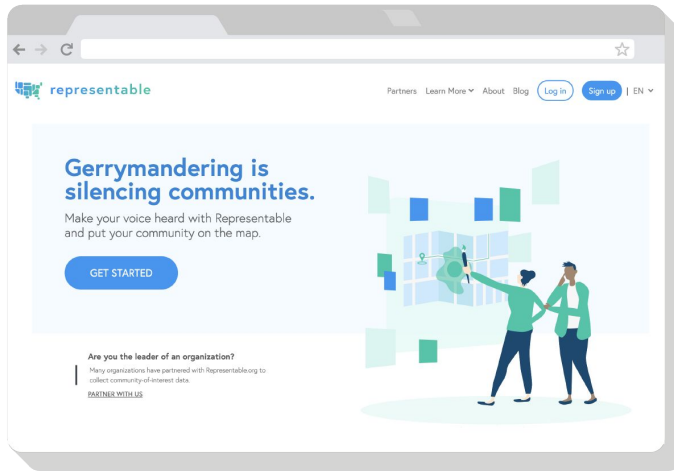
What fosters a  
sense of  
**connection**  
in your  
Community?



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**Make your  
Community's voice  
heard!**

# How to map your Community



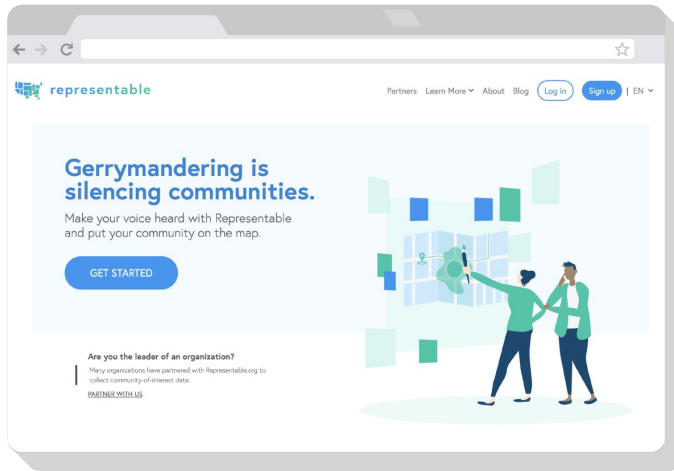
**Online:** *Representable.org* is a user-friendly website that lets you describe your Community and draw its boundaries on a map.



# How does the public get access to and learn to use the *Representable* mapping software?

Videos explaining how to draw Community maps are on YouTube at *Representable.org*

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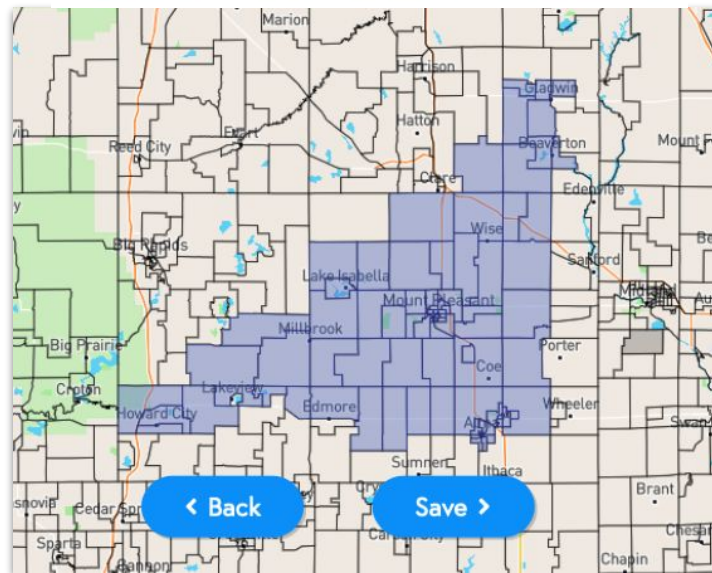
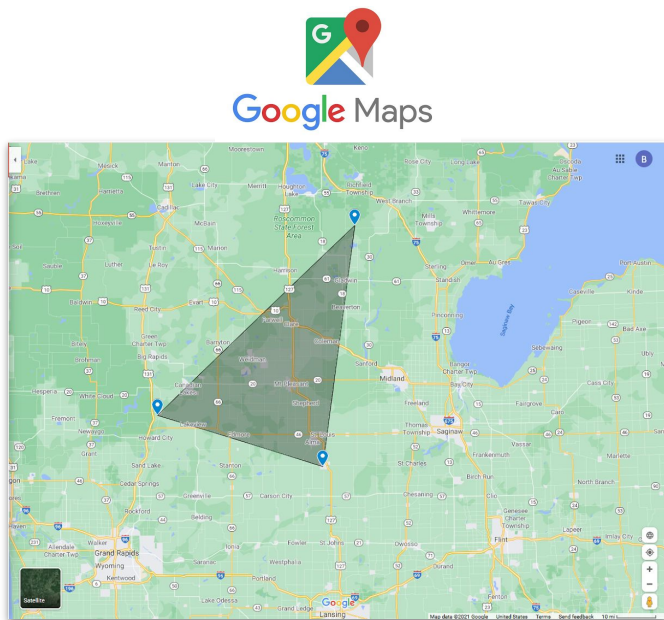


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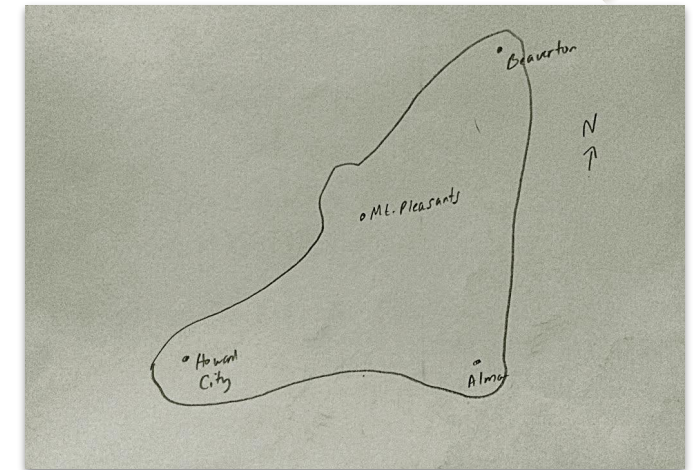
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# Examples of possible community maps

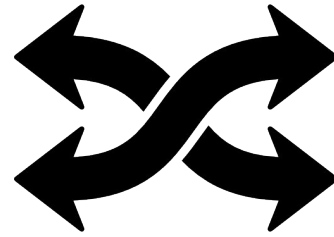
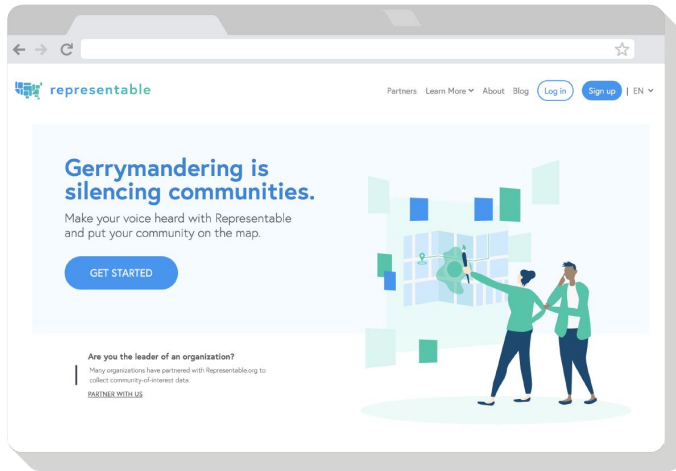


(Website: [www.representable.org](http://www.representable.org))

**Paper & Pencil**



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**A MIX**



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# What's next for YOUR MAP?

- Prepare it for presentation!
- Voters Not Politicians can help you **learn to map** and then **strategize about your testimony and submissions** to the Commission



**The Redistricting Commission MUST  
consider Community boundaries, so...**

**MAKE YOUR VOICE KNOWN**

**to help keep your Community intact.**

**Your Community is stronger together.**

# The Commission is waiting for...



# The Commission is waiting for YOU!



**THANK YOU** for taking time to hear  
about the redistricting process!



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# Extra Slides

A stylized background graphic of a city map. It features a grid of white lines representing streets on a dark grey background. In the bottom right corner, there is a solid teal-colored area that represents a body of water, with a few white lines indicating a shoreline or docks.

# Break Out Session

**Possible prompts (choose one question):**

**What's an issue or problem facing your community?**

**Or -- What are the boundaries of your Community?**

**Or -- What are the economic, cultural, historic or other ties of your community?**

**Or-- Can you identify individuals who might lead a mapping effort?**

**(5-minute session)**

## A map of the United States where states are colored to represent political affiliations. Red states include Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Texas, and Florida. Blue states include Alaska, Hawaii, New Mexico, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, and New York. Green states include Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, and Missouri. Purple states include Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and Alaska. Orange states include Florida.

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