

[MASTER COPY COI SLIDE DECK]

DO NOT EDIT

To edit, make a copy first.
Click **FILE** and then select **MAKE A COPY >**
ENTIRE PRESENTATION



Your Community Has the Power

[ORG LOGO
OR NAME]

**VOTERS**
NOT POLITICIANS

WHAT IS VOTERS NOT POLITICIANS?

We are
CITIZENS
Strengthening Our
DEMOCRACY

WHAT IS VOTERS NOT POLITICIANS?

VNP is a grassroots movement working to **restore political power to all Michigan citizens.**

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

We are
CITIZENS
Strengthening Our
DEMOCRACY





Together, 6,000 of us helped pass Proposal #2 to end gerrymandering in Michigan





**Together, 6,000 of us
helped pass Proposal #2
to end gerrymandering
in Michigan**

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?

The background of the slide is a stylized map. It features a dense network of white lines on a dark grey background, representing streets and city blocks. In the bottom right corner, there is a solid teal-colored area that represents a body of water. A large, white rectangular box is centered on the slide, containing the text.

Why does Redistricting matter?

The background of the slide is a stylized map with a grid of streets in white and black. A large white rectangular box is centered on the map, containing the text. In the bottom right corner, there is a solid teal-colored area that also appears to be part of the map's design.

Why does Redistricting matter?

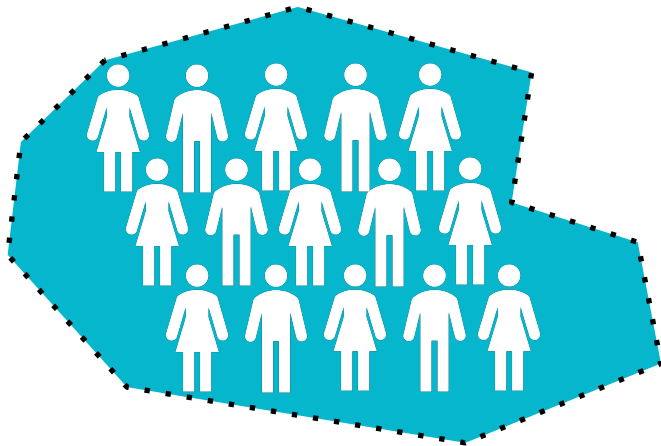
(What is a district?)



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

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

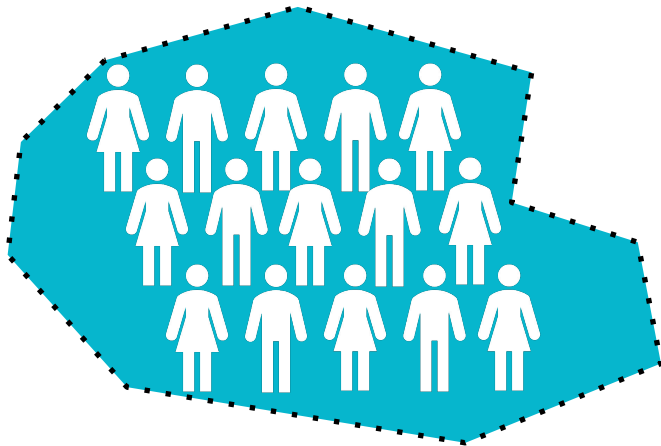
Many voters in each district vote...



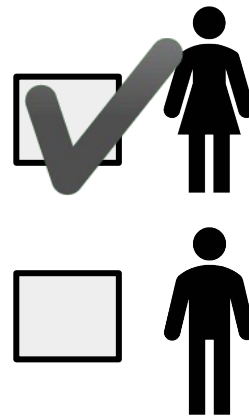
A **DISTRICT** is a clearly defined geographic area:

Each legislative body has one district for every seat.
The districts must have the same number of people.

Many voters in each
district vote...



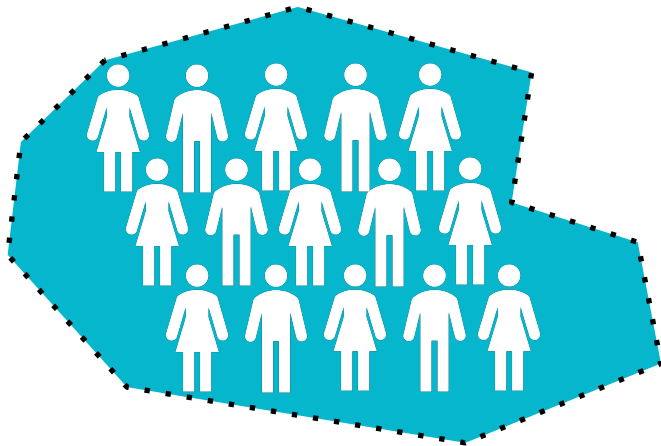
To elect one
representative
for each seat...



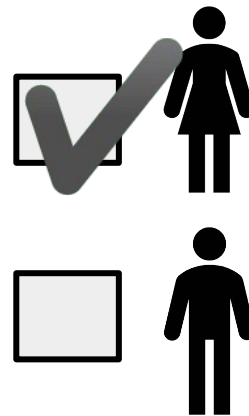
A **DISTRICT** is a clearly defined geographic area:

Each legislative body has one district for every seat.
The districts must have the same number of people.

Many voters in each
district vote...



To elect one
representative
for each seat...

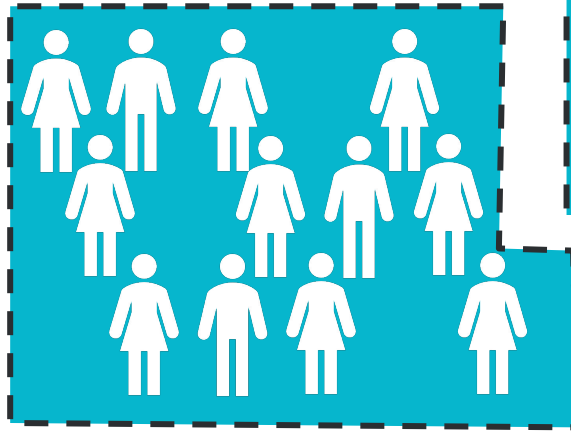


Elected representatives
make up the
legislature

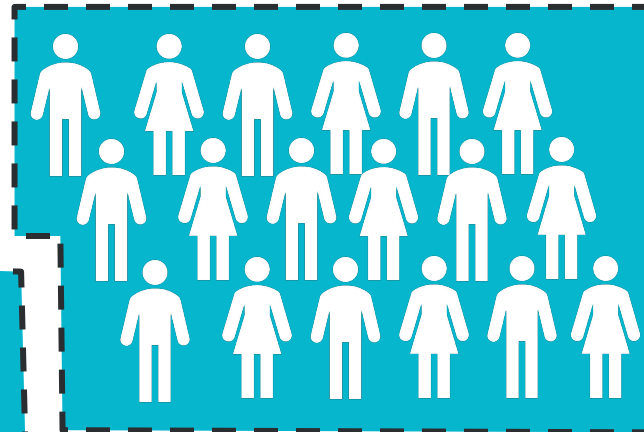


Over time, people move around a state across district lines, some people die, and babies are born — so numbers change.

12
people



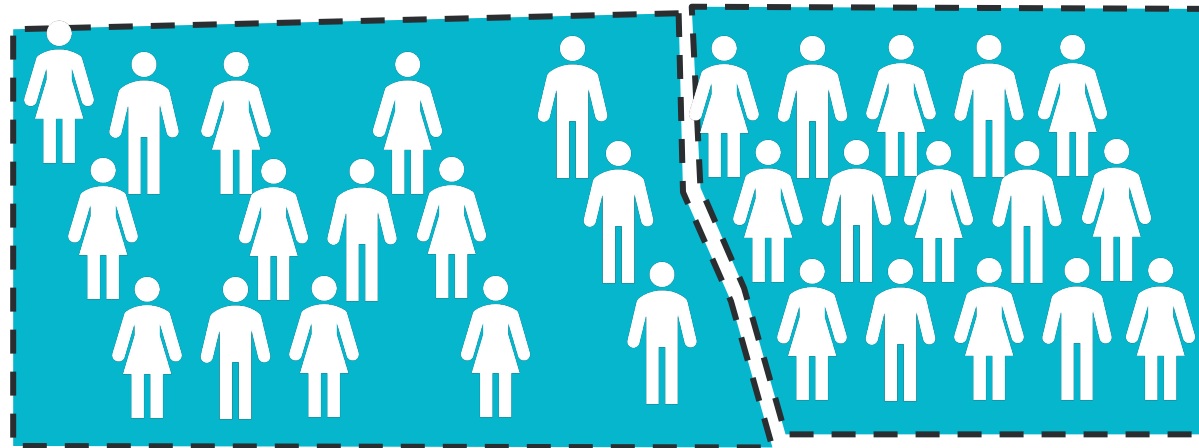
18
people



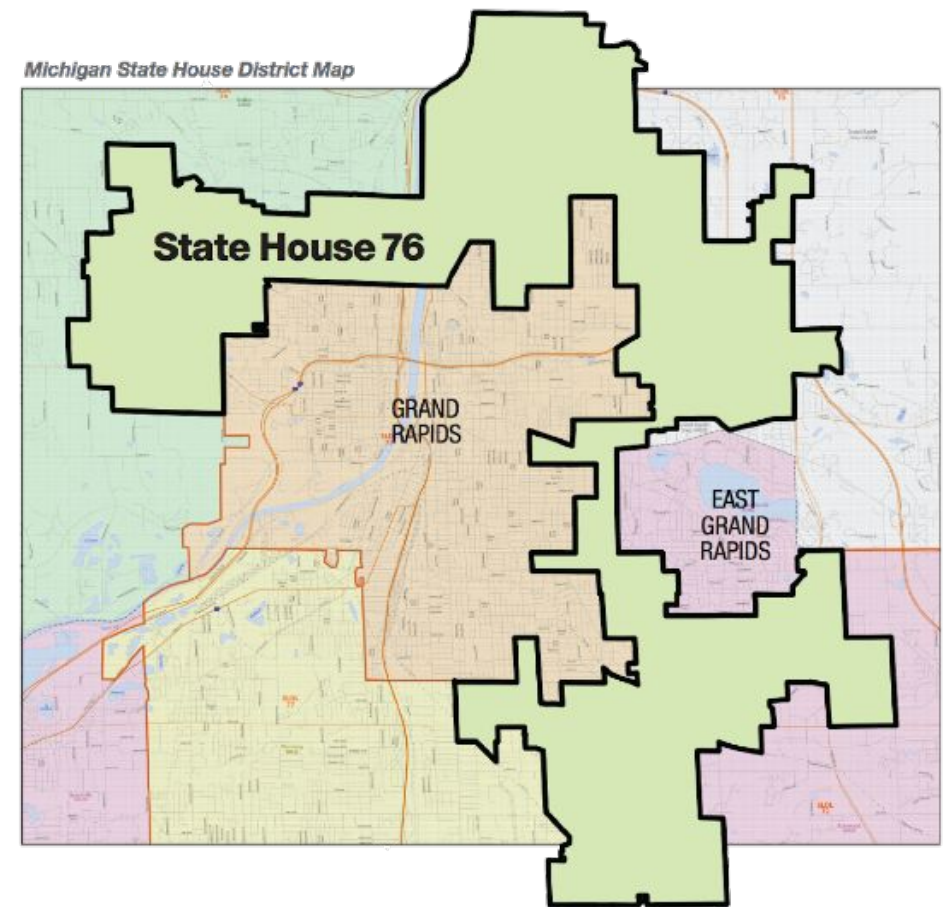
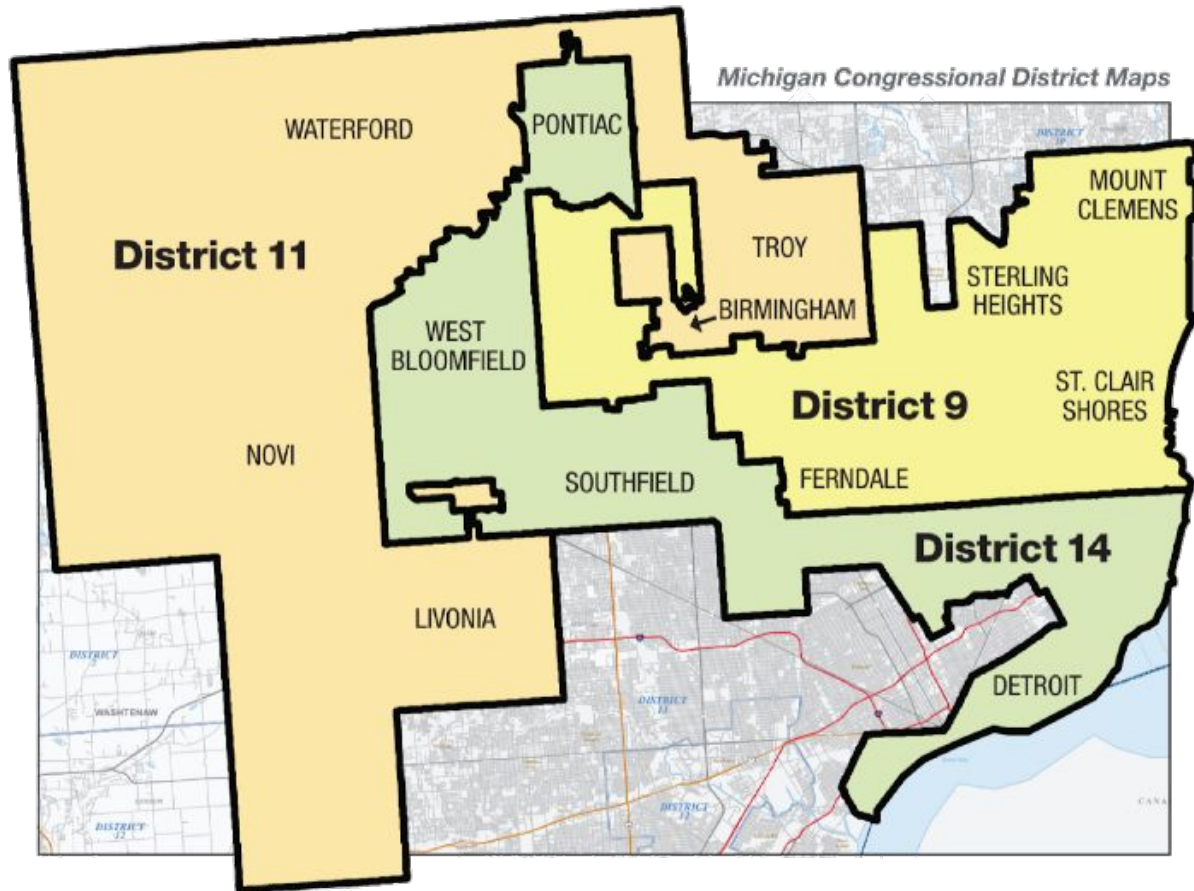
So every 10 years, we **REDISTRICT** so districts have an equal number of people again

15
people

15
people



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





When we take **PARTISANSHIP**
out of the redistricting process,
we can use redistricting for its
intended purpose:



When we take **PARTISANSHIP**
out of the redistricting process,
we can use redistricting for its
intended purpose:


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?

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**

Your tax dollars will work better for you!

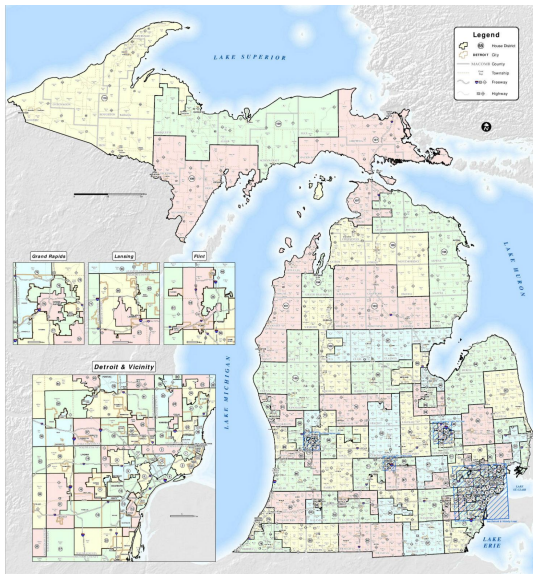
The background of the slide is a stylized map with a black and white grid pattern representing streets. A large white rectangular box is centered on the map, containing the text. In the bottom right corner, there is a solid teal-colored area that also appears to be part of the map's design.

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

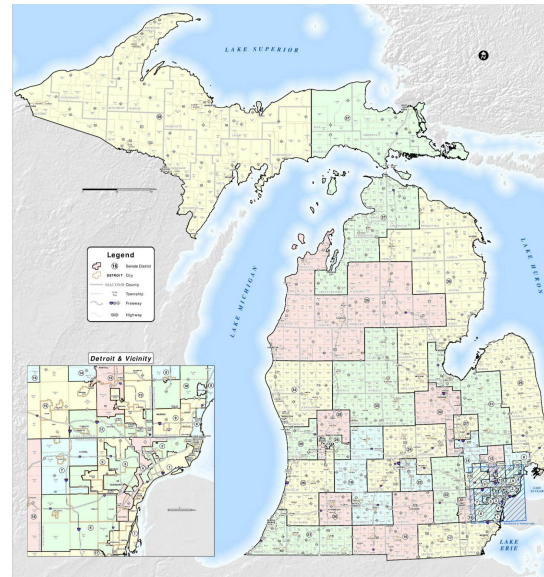
Role of Redistricting Commission

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)



~90,000 people per district



~260,000 people per district



~706,000 people per district

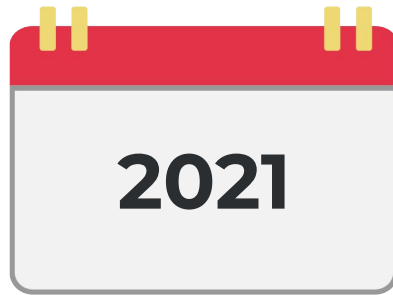
A stylized, high-contrast map graphic in black and white, showing a grid of streets and a winding river or canal. It is positioned on the left side of the slide, partially cut off by the edge.

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



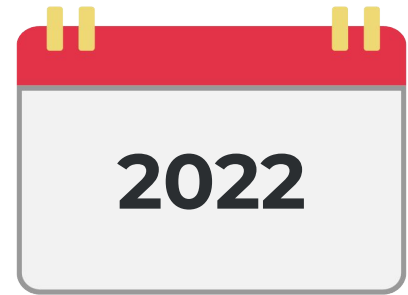
Public Hearings:

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!**

Commission Public Hearing Schedule (Round 1)

Gaylord - May 4

Muskegon - May 11

Jackson - May 18

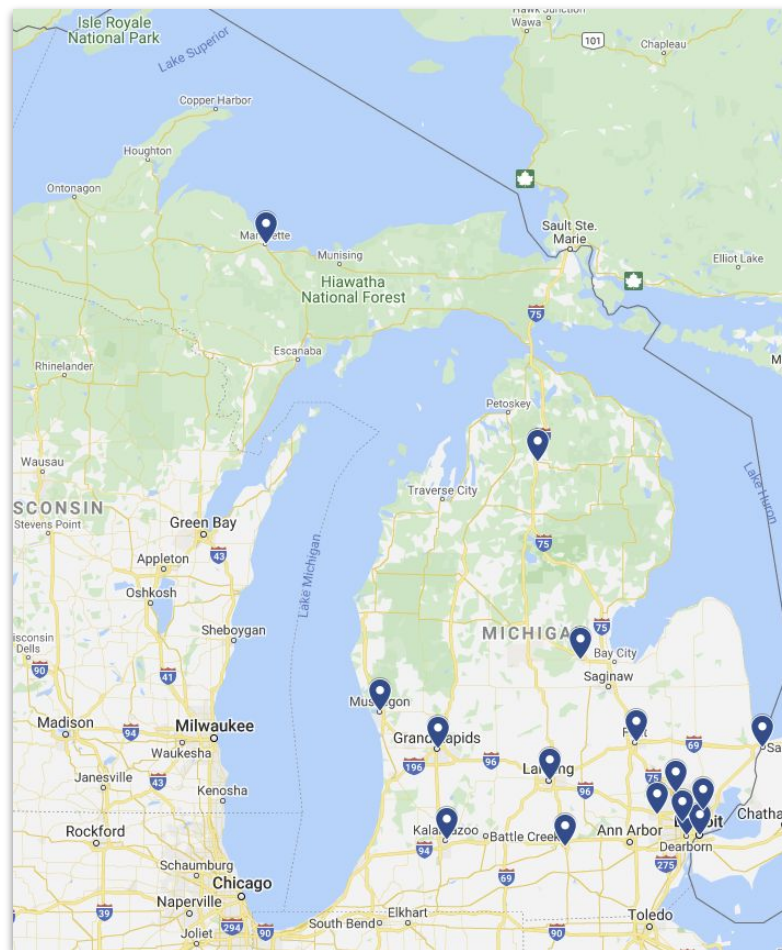
Midland - May 25

Pontiac - June 1

Novi - June 8

Detroit - June 15

Port Huron - June 22



Marquette - May 6

Grand Rapids - May 13

Kalamazoo - May 20

Lansing - May 27

Flint - June 3

Dearborn - June 10

Detroit - June 17

Warren - June 24

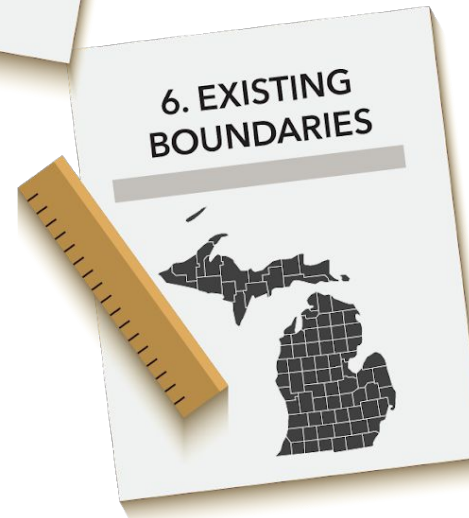


 <p>Anthony Eid</p>	 <p>Sue Hammersmith</p>	 <p>Rhonda Lange</p>	 <p>Dustin Witjes</p>
 <p>Doug Clark</p>	 <p>Janice Vallette</p>	 <p>MC Rothhorn</p>	 <p>Juanita Curry</p>
 <p>Sally Marsh (MDOS)</p>	 <p>Cynthia Orton</p>	 <p>Steve Lett</p>	 <p>Brittini Kellom</p>
 <p>Toi Bogan (ASL)</p>	 <p>Erin Wagner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

>> Steve: Through March.

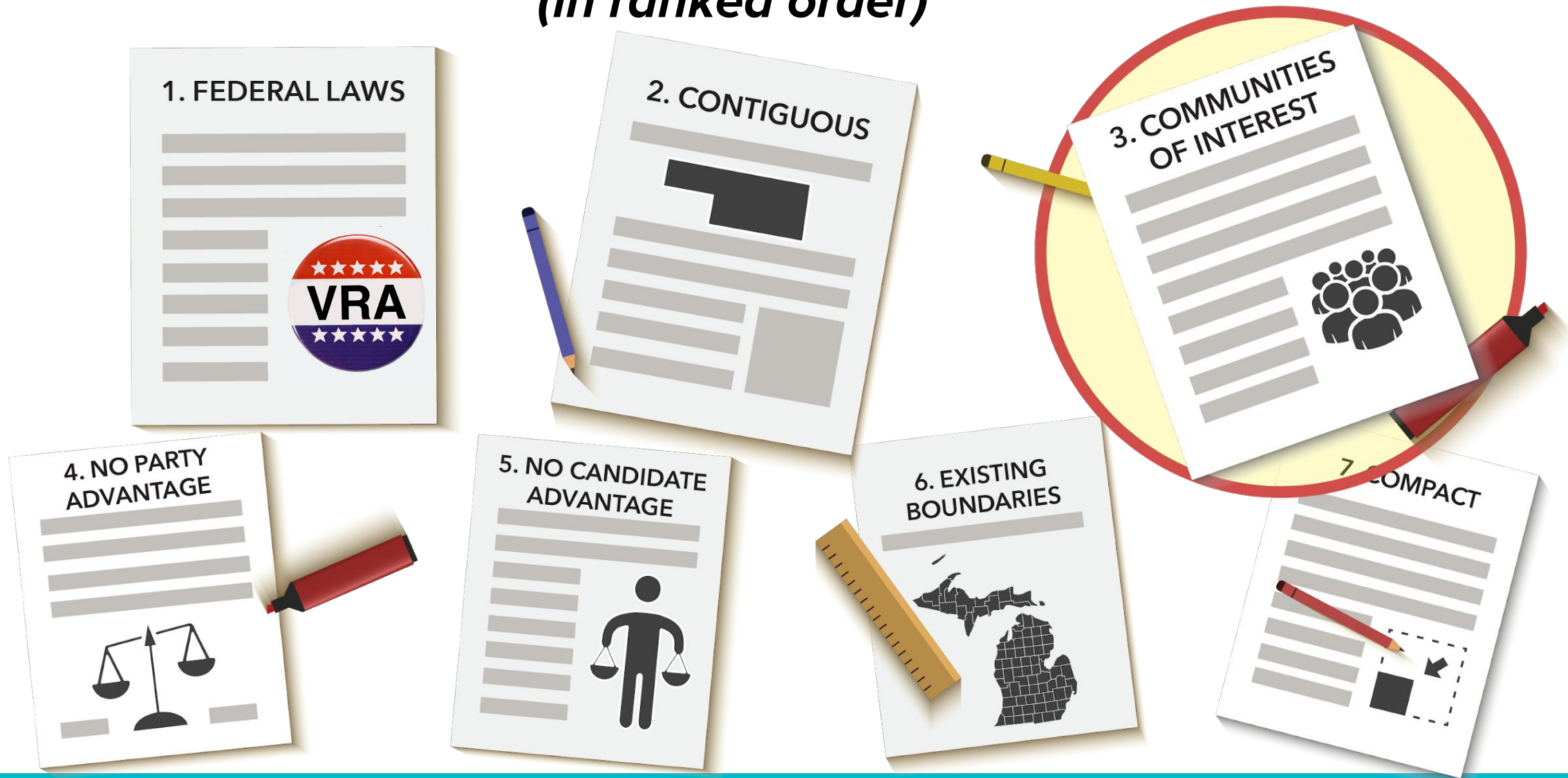
REQUIRED CRITERIA for drawing maps

(in ranked order)



REQUIRED CRITERIA for drawing maps

(in ranked order)



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?

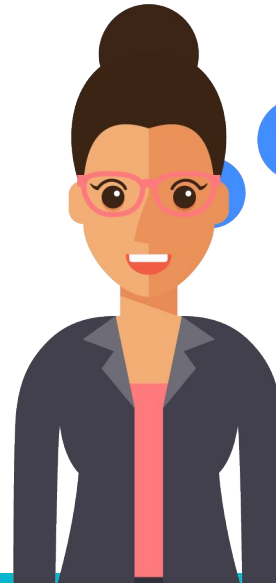
Roads?

Environment?



Shared cultural and historical interests:

What fosters a
sense of
connection
in your
Community?



We may belong to many Communities!

Meet Joe. He lives in Michigan, and is also a...



Tribal Citizen of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi



Renter in Detroit's East English Village



Science Teacher at Mumford High School



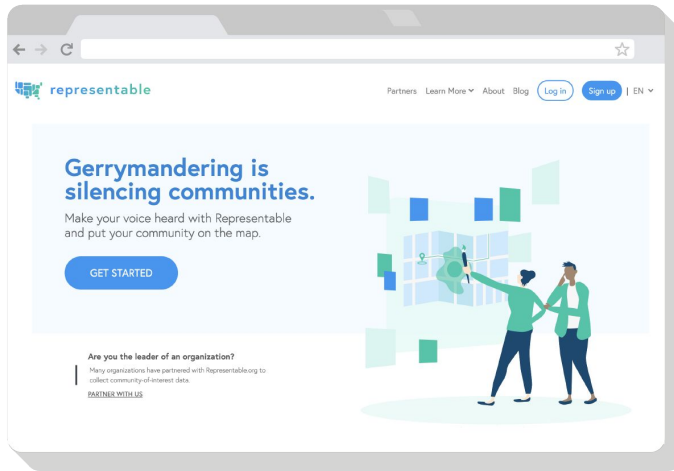
Avid bicycle rider in his spare time



The background is a stylized map with white lines on a dark grey/black background, representing streets and water bodies. A large, white rectangular area is centered on the map. Overlaid on this white area is a teal-colored text box. The text is white and reads:

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

How to map your Community



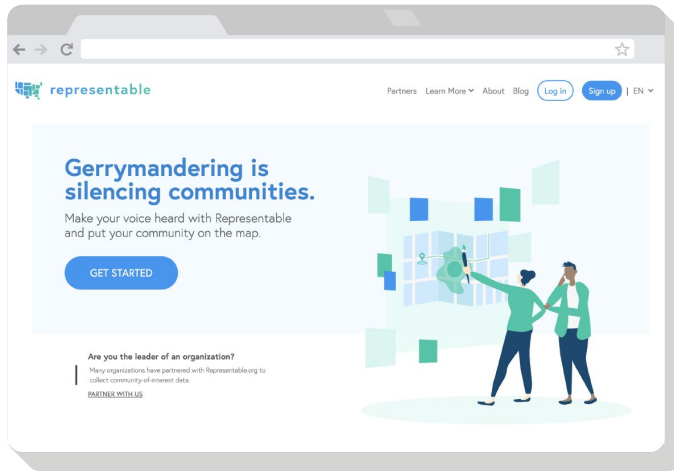
Online: *Representable.org* is a user-friendly website that lets you describe your Community and draw its boundaries on a map.



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*

How to map your Community

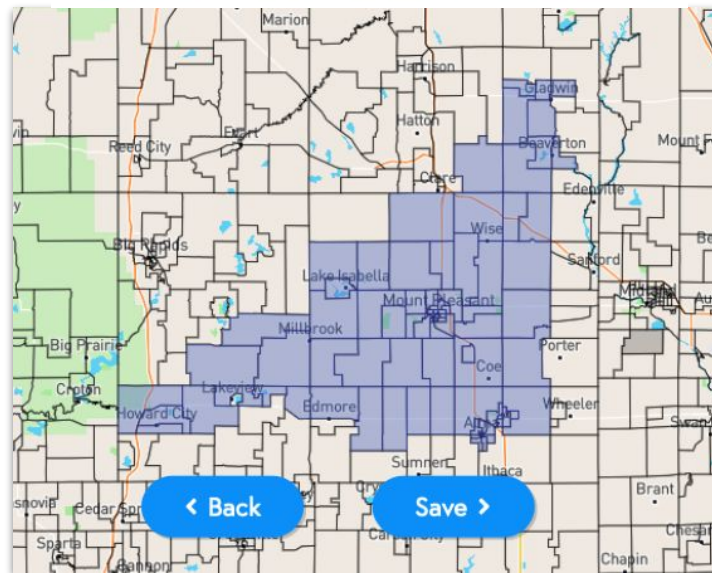
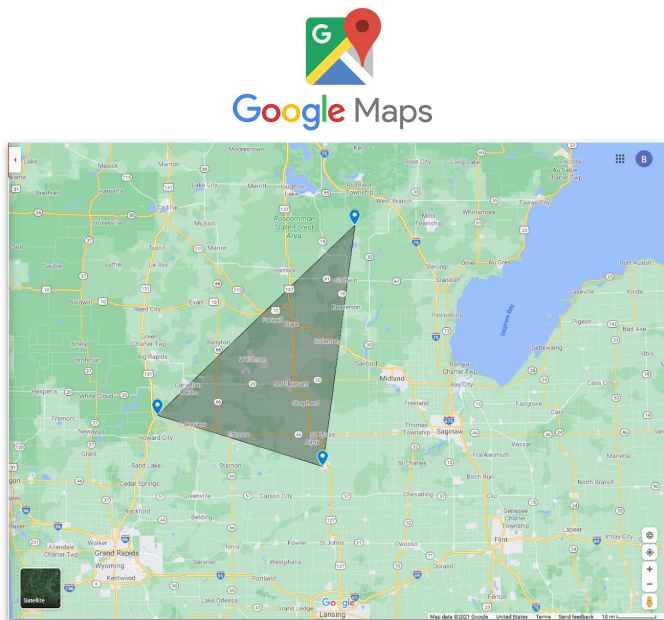


Online: *Representable.org* is a user-friendly website that lets you describe your Community and draw its boundaries on a map.



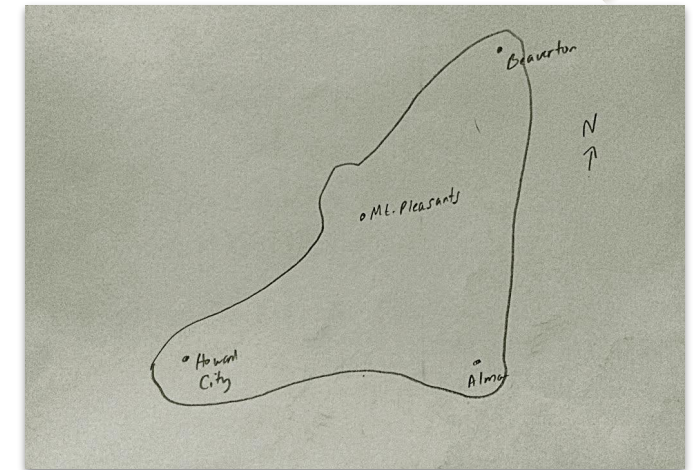
On Paper: A sheet of paper and a pen or pencil are really all you need to think about the extent of your Community.

Examples of possible community maps

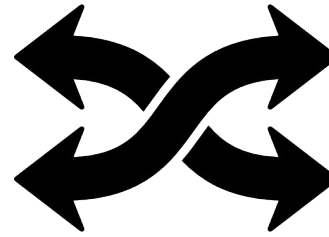
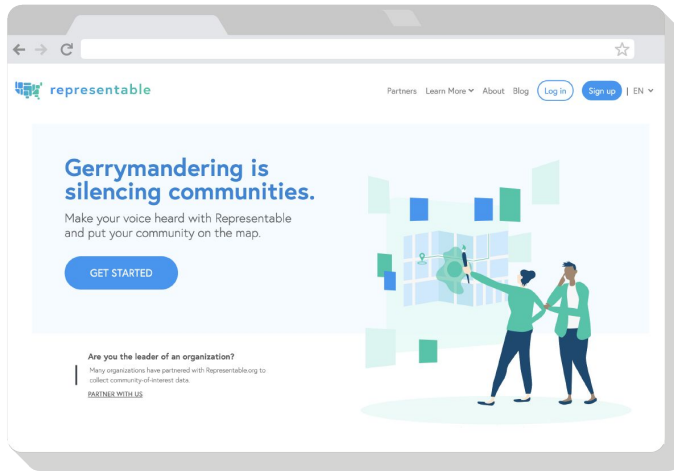


(Website: www.representable.org)

Paper & Pencil



How to map your Community!



A MIX



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

On Paper: A sheet of paper and a pen or pencil are really all you need to think about the extent of your Community.



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.

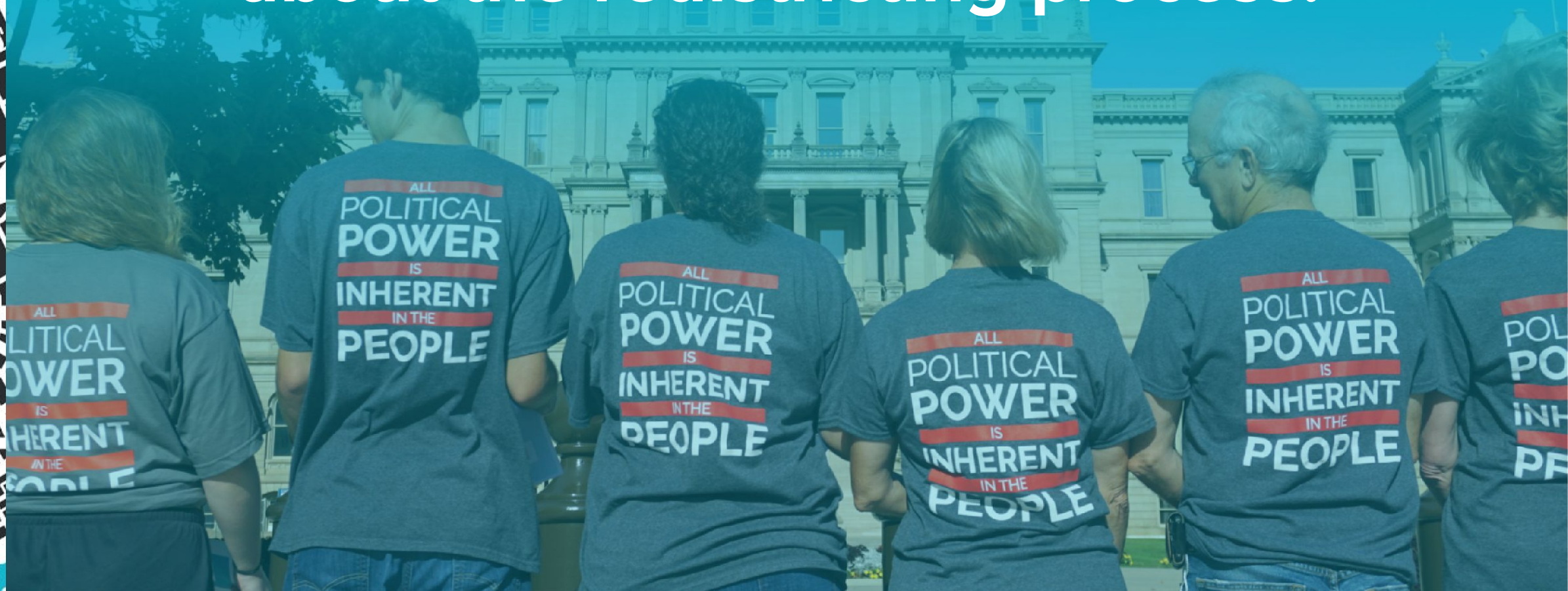
The Commission is waiting for...



The Commission is waiting for YOU!



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



The background of the slide is a stylized map with white lines on a dark grey background, representing a city grid and water bodies. A solid teal rectangle is positioned in the center of the slide, containing the text "Extra Slides".

Extra Slides

A stylized background graphic of a city map with white lines on a dark grey background. A solid teal rectangle is positioned in the upper center, containing the title text.

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)

Who serves on the Redistricting Commission?

Democratic Commissioners

Juanita Curry (Detroit)

Brittni Kellom (Detroit)

M.C. Rothhorn (Lansing)

Dustin Witjes (Ypsilanti)

Non-Affiliated Commissioners

Anthony Eid (Orchard Lake)

Steven Terry Lett (Interlochen)

Rebecca Szetela (Canton)

Janice Vallette (Highland)

Richard Weiss (Saginaw)

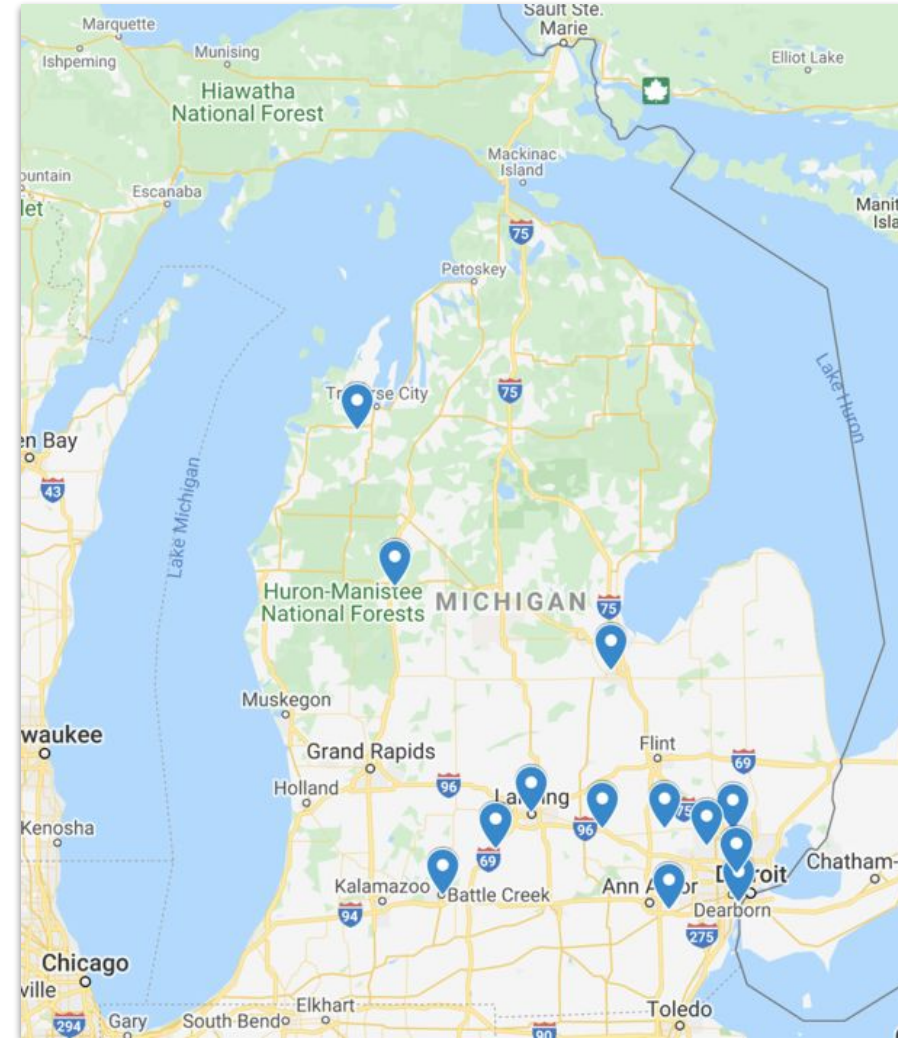
Republican Commissioners

Douglas Clark (Rochester Hills)

Cynthia Orton (Battle Creek)

Rhonda Lange (Reed City)

Erin Wagner (Charlotte)



1 Nonpartisan Legislative Staff | Light Purple

