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It's time

YOU

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**Volunteer
Voters Not Politicians**

VOTERS
NOT POLITICIANS



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CITIZENS
Strengthening Our
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 a **Community** and what are its needs?
- How can a Community **make its voice heard** in government?

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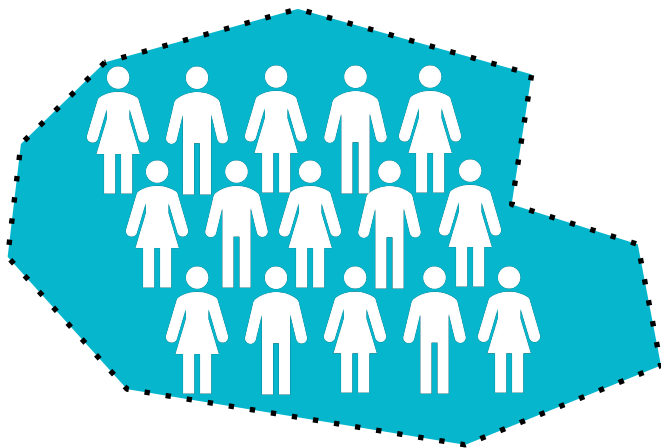
(What is a district?)



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

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

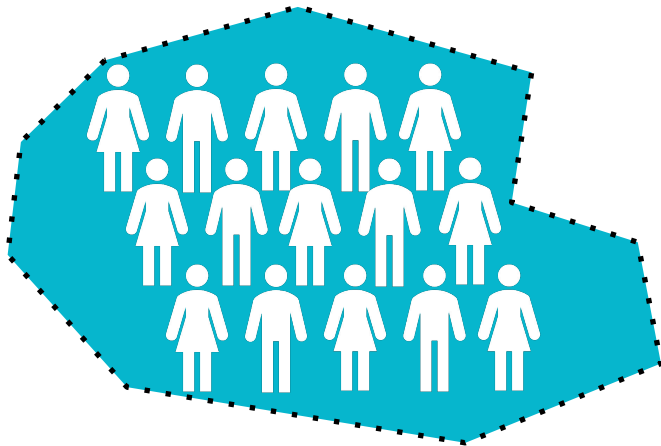
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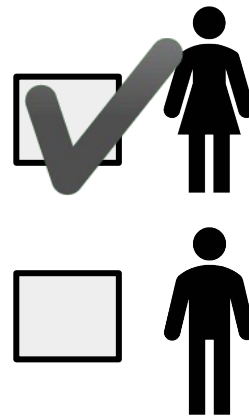
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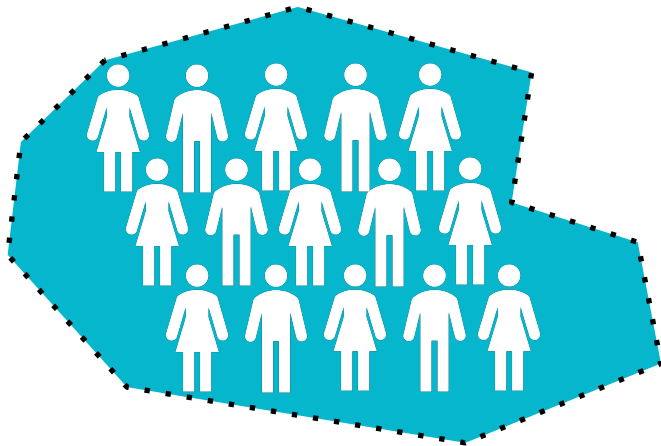
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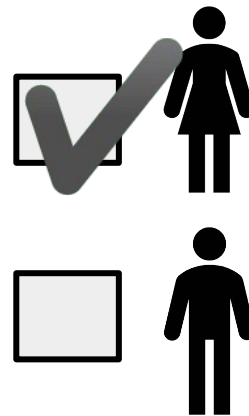
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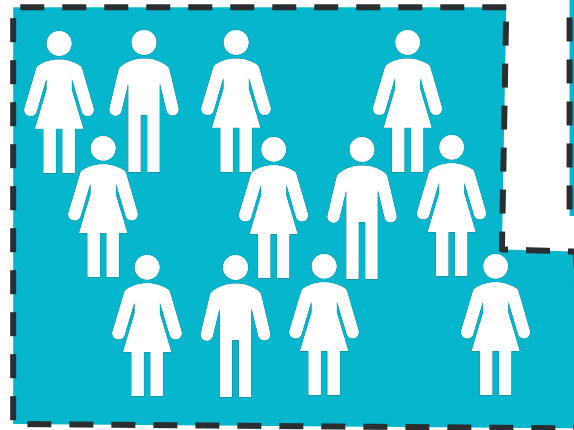


Elected representatives
make up the
legislature

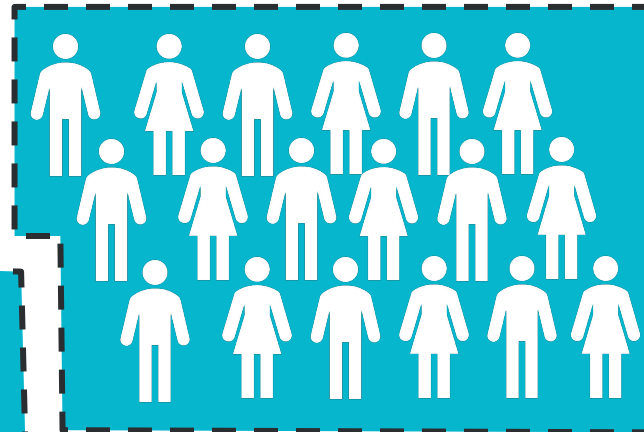


Over time, people move around a state across district lines, some people die, and babies are born — so numbers change.

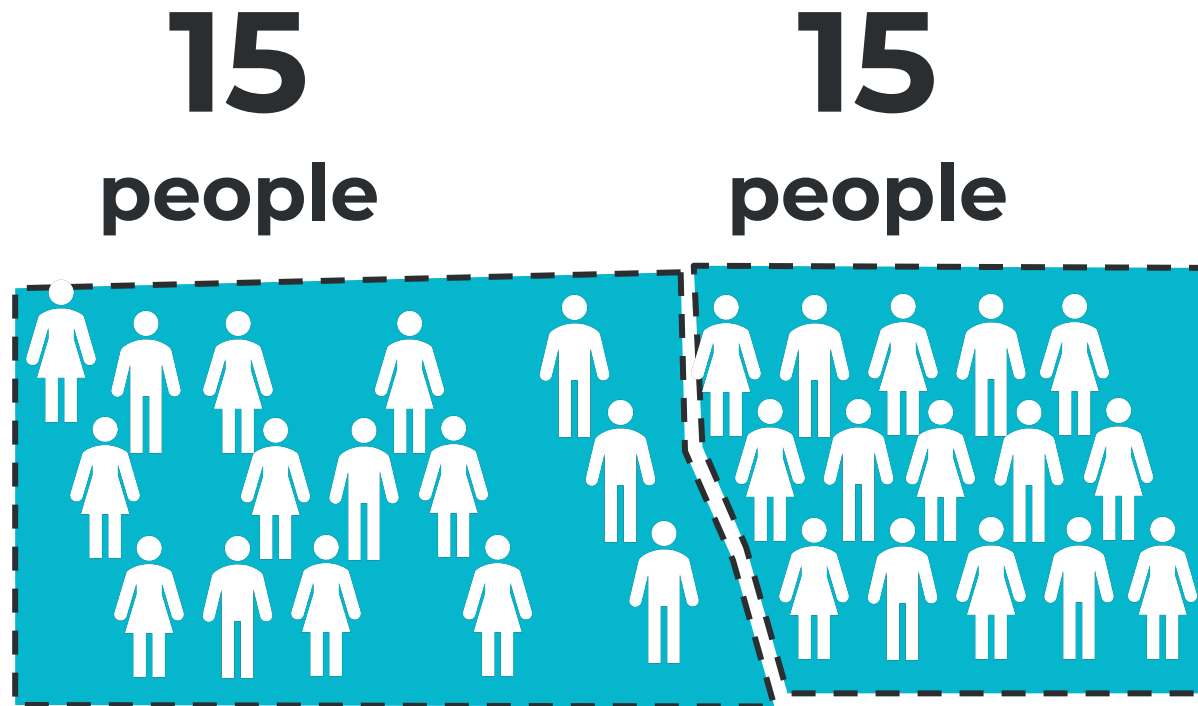
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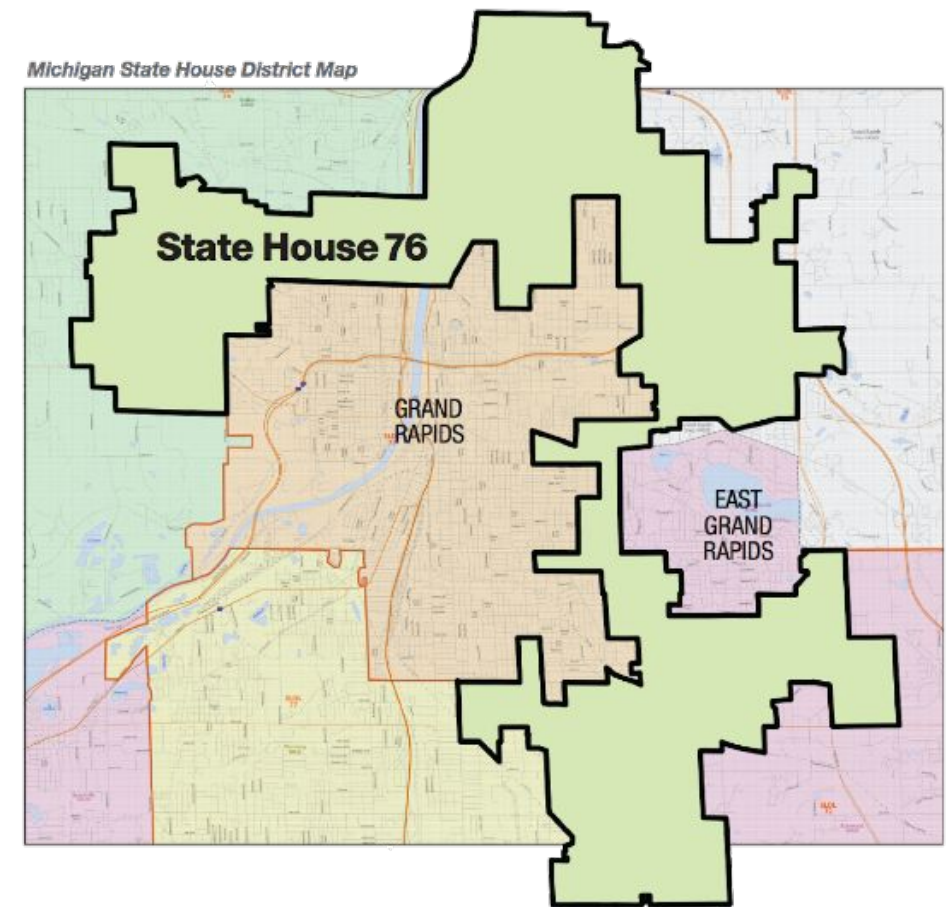
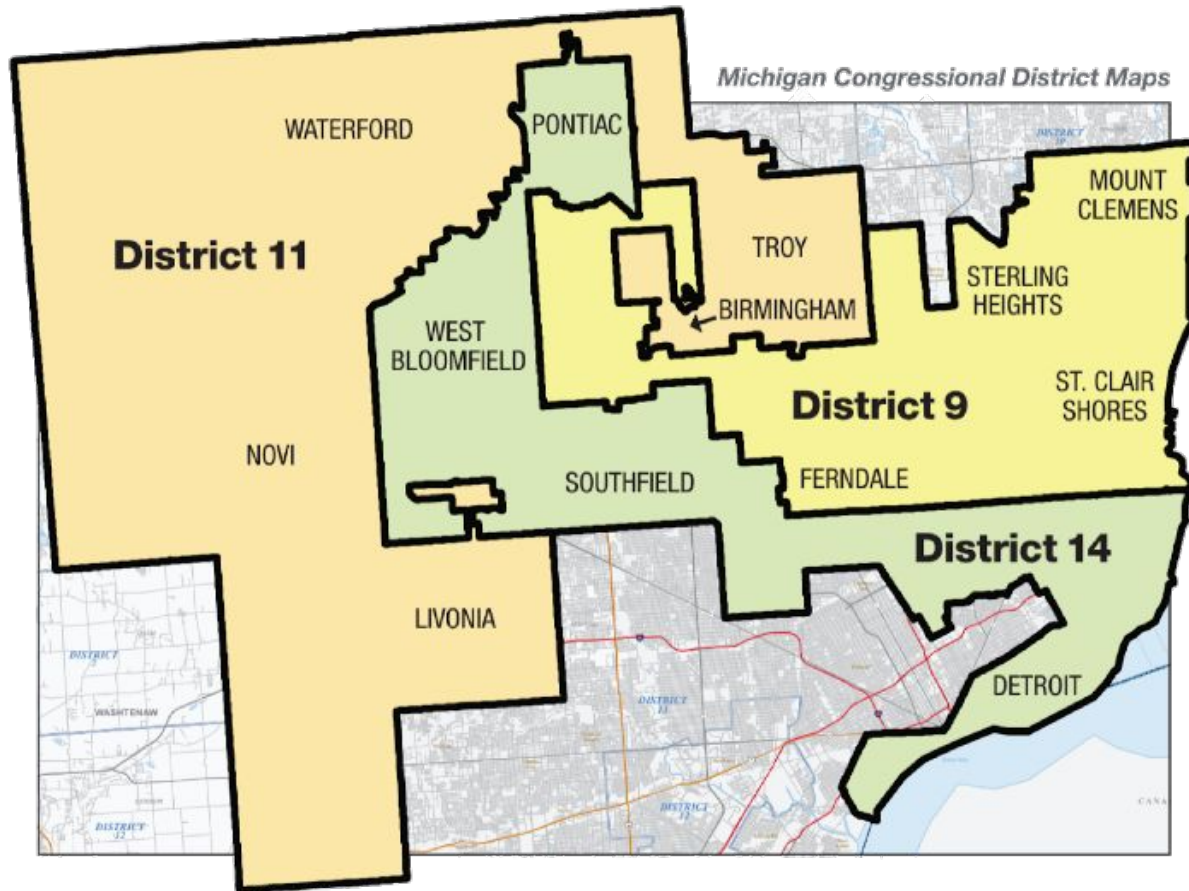
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So every 10 years, we **REDISTRICT** so districts have an equal number of people again



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



Fairer redistricting will make government work better for a Community

Fair districts return power to Communities:

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



Why Should Communities Be Involved in the Redistricting Process?

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Your tax dollars will work better!



What Issues Might Make Communities Want To Be Involved in the Redistricting Process?

There are many policy issues that face each community, such as air and water quality, funding for schools, mass transportation, and quality of roads.

These are all issues that are resolved in Lansing or in Washington D.C.



“We need our representatives in Lansing to hear us when we say that Pontiac does not want the Michigan Department of Transportation to install bike lanes that limit car traffic.”



Kermit Williams
Executive Director
Oakland Forward



Asian & Pacific Islander American Vote
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“We need Lansing to hear us when we say we want voting information to be translated into the languages used by large numbers of Michigan citizens of Asian and Pacific Islander heritage.”

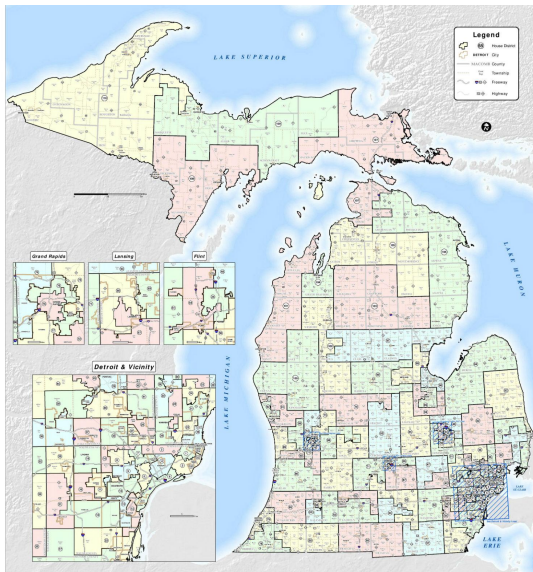
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**What will the
Redistricting Commission
*actually do?***

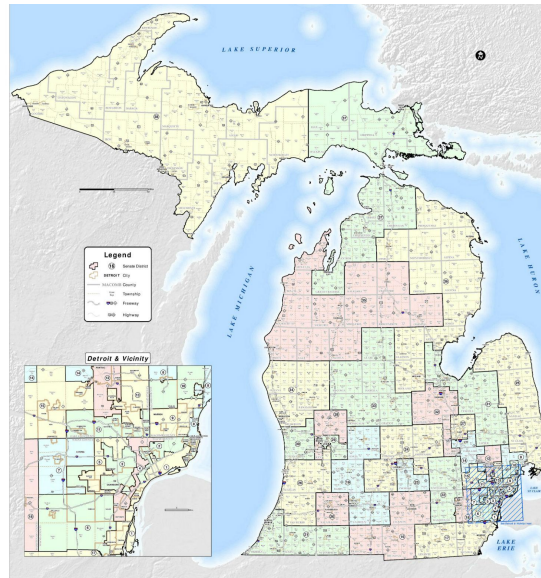
Role of Redistricting Commission

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)



~90,000 people per district



~260,000 people per district



~706,000 people per district

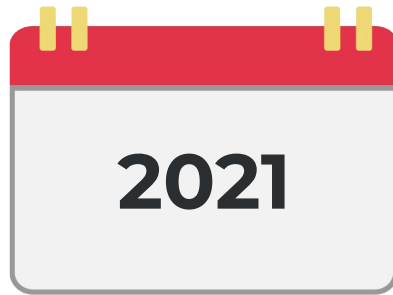
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The Redistricting Commission will

Gather input from Communities by...

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

Timeline for the Redistricting Commission



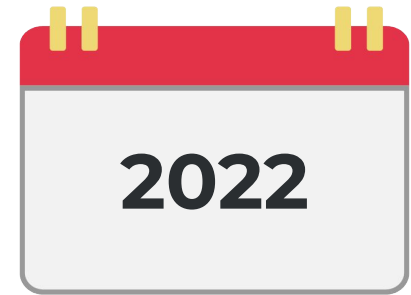
Public Hearings:

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)

(Dates are subject to change)

Jackson - May 11

Marquette - May 18

Midland - May 25

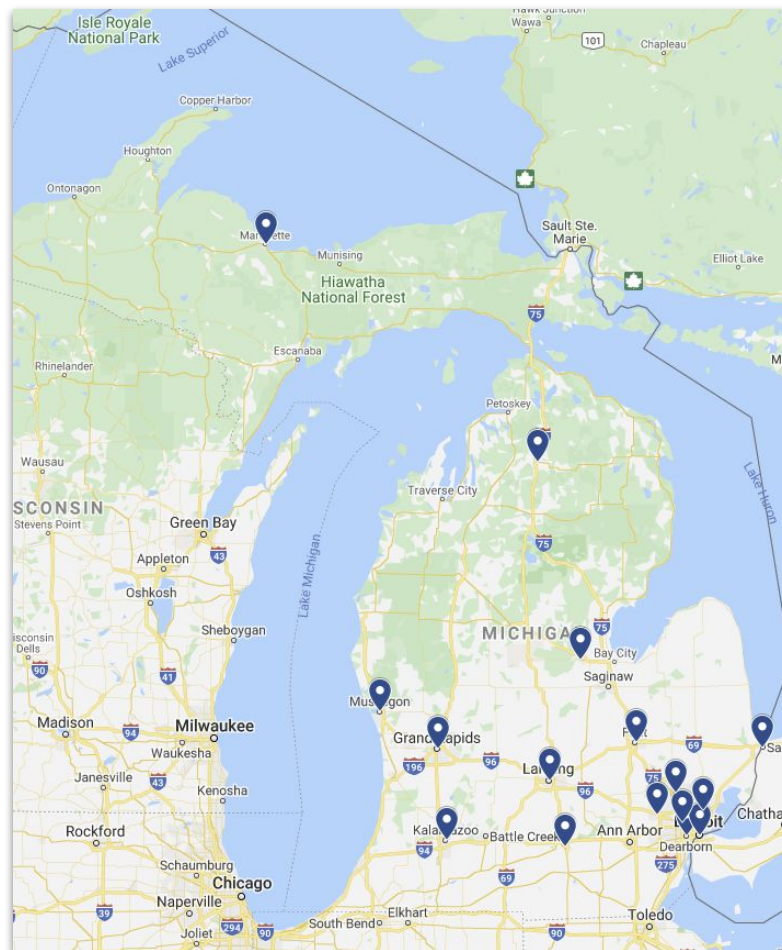
Flint - June 1

Novi - June 8

Detroit - June 15

Port Huron - June 22

Muskegon - June 29



Kalamazoo - May 13

Gaylord - May 20

Lansing - May 27

Pontiac - June 3

Dearborn - June 10

Detroit - June 17

Warren - June 24

Grand Rapids - July 1



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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?

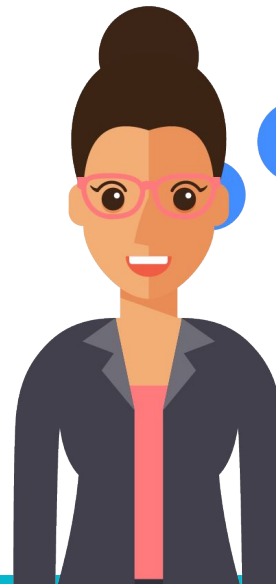
Roads?

Environment?



Shared cultural and historical interests:

What fosters a
sense of
connection
in your
Community?



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



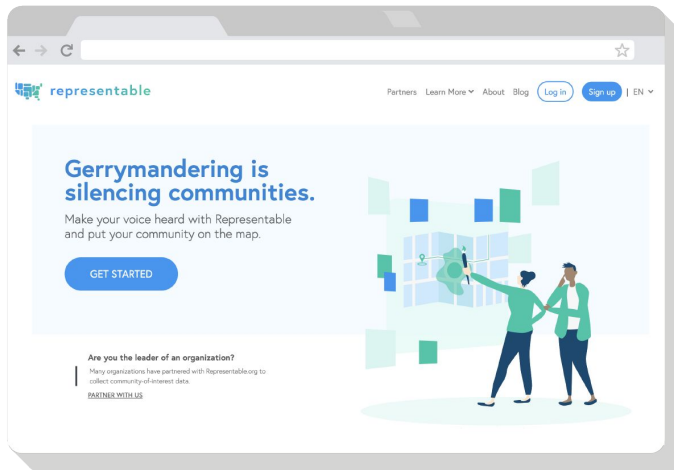
Avid bicycle rider in his spare time



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**Make
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How to map a Community



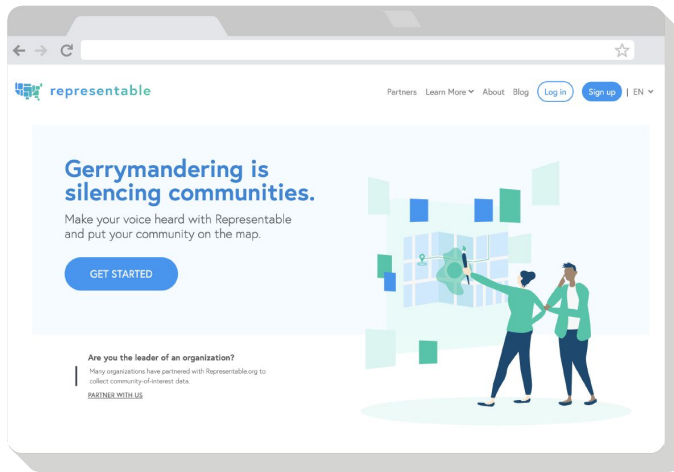
Online: *Representable.org* is a user-friendly website that lets Communities describe and draw their boundaries on a map.



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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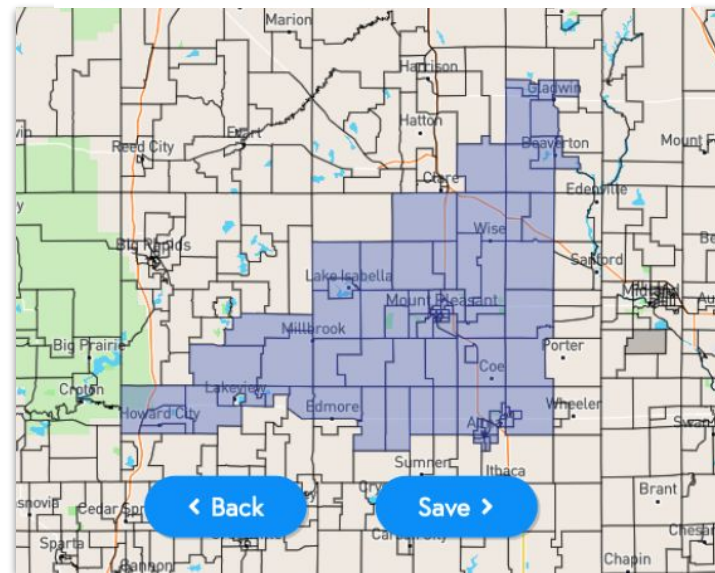
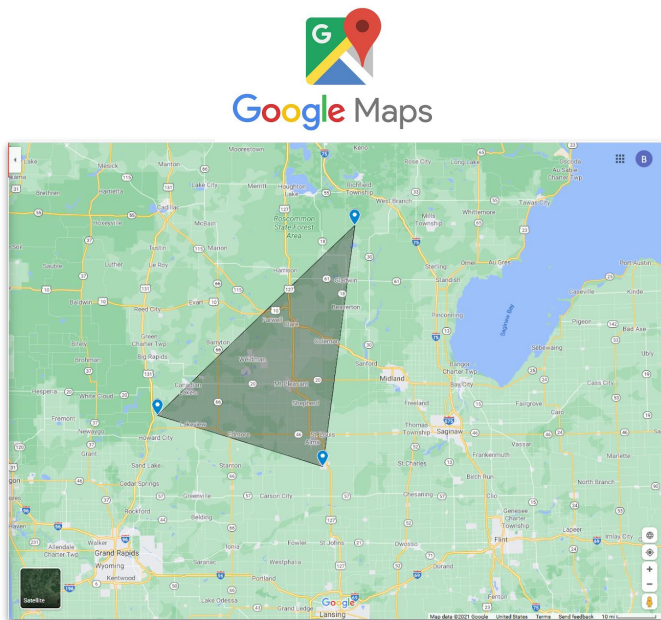


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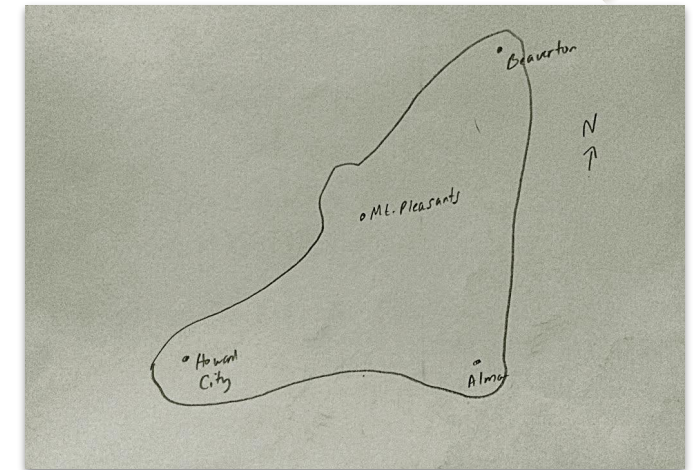
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Examples of possible Community maps

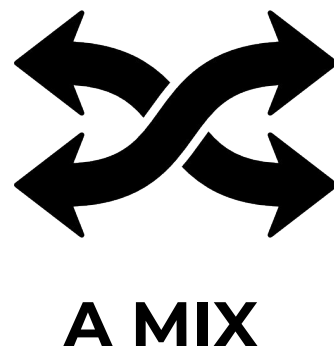
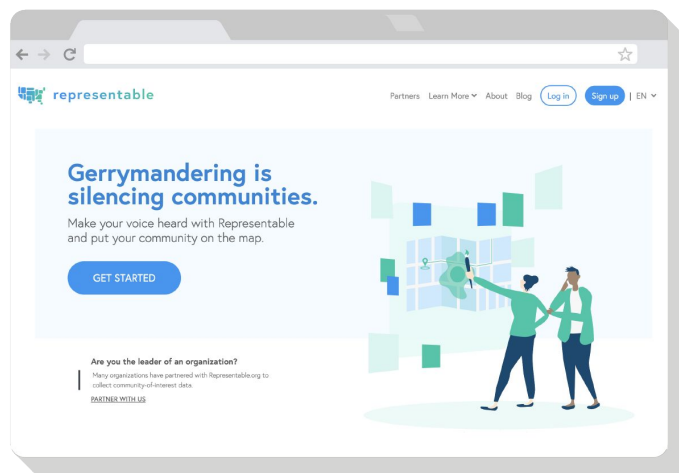


(Website: www.representable.org)

Paper & Pencil



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What Can You Do Next?

- **Meet with your Community** members and agree on the **issues** that cause your Community the most concern.
- Discuss the **location of your Community**, using the *Representable.org* website or other mapping tool.
- **Submit** your Community description and map to the Commission.
- Plan to **attend one of the public hearings** the Commission will hold so you can describe your Community in person.



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

MAKE YOUR VOICE KNOWN

to help keep Communities intact.

Communities are stronger together.

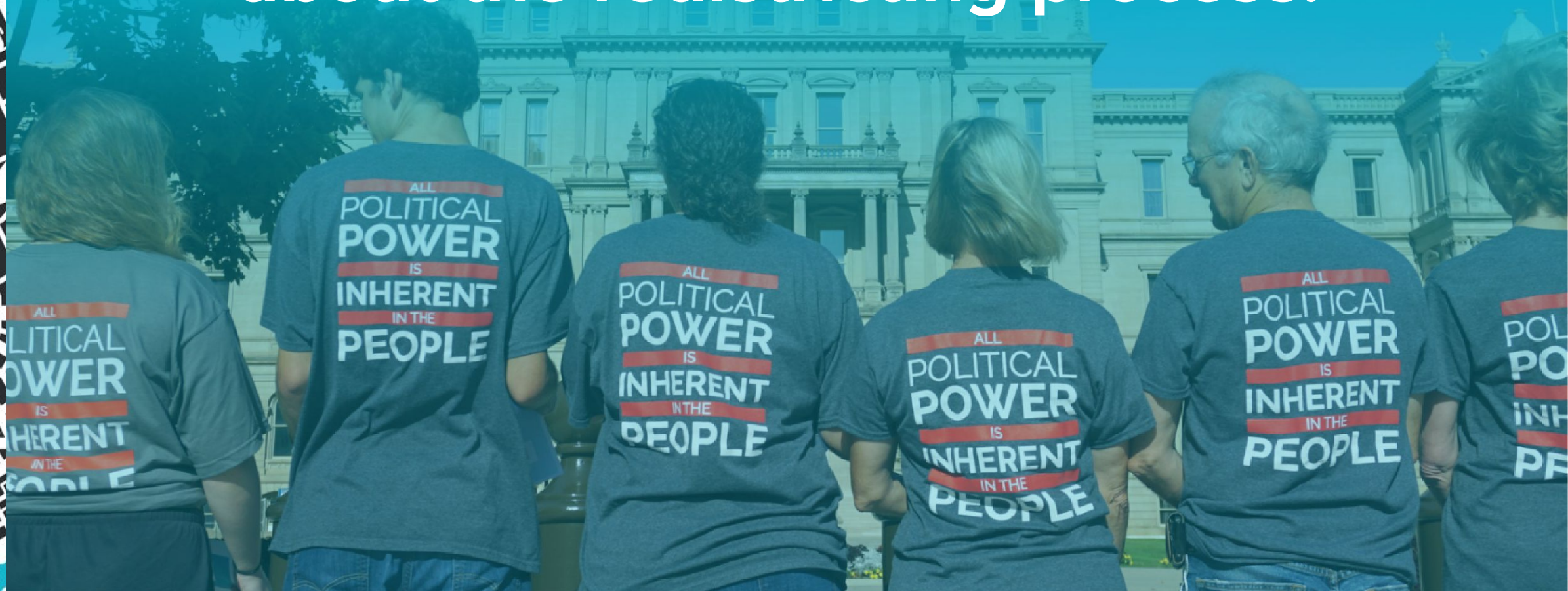
The Commission is waiting for...



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 with white lines on a dark grey background. The map shows a grid of streets and some irregular shapes representing parks or water bodies. A solid teal shape is located in the bottom right corner.

Break Out Session

Possible prompts:

- **You each belong to many Communities. Think about the ones that would especially benefit from engagement in the redistricting process.**
- **Discuss your Community and its needs.**
(5-minute session)

Who serves on the Redistricting Commission?

Democratic Commissioners

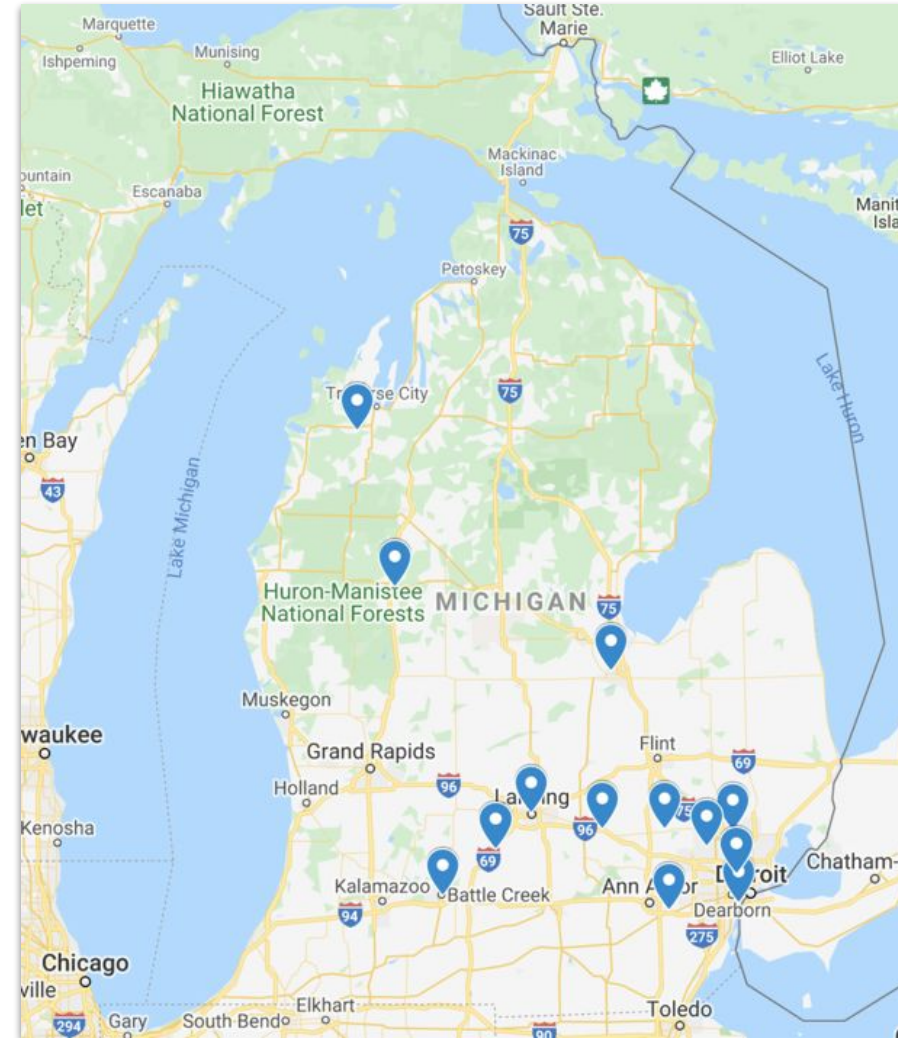
Juanita Curry (Detroit)
Brittni Kellom (Detroit)
M.C. Rothhorn (Lansing)
Dustin Witjes (Ypsilanti)

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)



Redistricting Commission (Staff)

Hired Staff

Executive Director



Sue Hammersmith

General Counsel



Julianne Pastula

Communications &
Outreach Director



Edward Woods III

Currently Hiring

**Line Drawing and
Redistricting
Technical Services**
(Expected start date:
March 1st, 2021)

**Voting Rights Act
Legal Counsel**
(Expected start date:
March 8th, 2021)

Learn more about the ICRC by visiting:
RedistrictingMichigan.org

A map of the United States where states are colored to represent political affiliations. The colors used are red, blue, green, purple, and orange. States colored red include Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Texas, and Florida. States colored blue 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. States colored green include Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, and Missouri. States colored purple include Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, and Alaska. States colored orange include Florida. States colored grey include Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Texas, 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.

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