

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF OHIO, *et al.*,

Relators,

v.

OHIO REDISTRICTING
COMMISSION, *et al.*,

Respondents.

Case No. 2021-1193

BRIA BENNETT, *et al.*,

Relators,

v.

OHIO REDISTRICTING
COMMISSION, *et al.*,

Respondents.

Case No. 2021-1198

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OHIO REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 2021
REGIONAL HEARING - YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY
AGENDA

- I. Welcome
- II. Call to Order & Attendance
- III. Overview
- IV. Public Testimony
- V. Adjourn

PROPONENT/OPPONENT TESTIMONY OF:

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[Alliance, OH, August 23, 2021] —I am here today to remind the commission that the work they are doing right now will directly affect me and my neighbors for the coming decade. If the districts they draw are unfair, their actions will directly result in the negation of my rights as an Ohioan and an American to have my voice heard.

In the last 10 years I have felt unrepresented and ignored by my elected officials. I am active locally helping to organize volunteers interested in supporting progressive issues. I came to this out of frustration that policies being instituted by my government were completely opposed to everything I believe in. I have reached out to my representatives, about issues that are important to me, about bills that are up for consideration, about topics I feel should be addressed. The only response I have ever received was a form letter, and that was a rare occurrence.

As a civically engaged Ohioan, it is my responsibility to pay attention to what my government is doing, and if the policies that polls are showing that Ohioans support are being passed and implemented by my government. There are so many issues about which I care deeply that are not being supported by my government. For example, various recent polls showed that 51.3% or more of Ohioans support abortion remaining legal in most cases. However, our state government continues to pass unconstitutional laws that limit access to women's healthcare, and repeatedly pass laws criminalizing abortion and those who provide the procedures. This is a failure of Democracy.

According to the most recent data I have been able to find, Ohio is made up of approximately 46% democrats, and 53% Republicans. However, our statehouse has republican supermajorities in both house: Republicans hold 64.6 % of the seats in the Ohio Statehouse, and 75.8% of the seats in the Ohio State Senate. My Ohio senator does not care what I think, that I am desperate for Universal Healthcare, that our education system is an embarrassment that robs our children of a decent education. He knows his job is secure, because the district he nominally "represents" is drawn in such a way that my voice is ignored, lumping me together with those with whom I have zero in common. My representative doesn't care that I want a vaccine mandate, that I'm worried about the health of my immune-compromised teenage

daughter, that I'm horrified that our schools don't teach comprehensive sex ed, instead teaching abstinence only despite hundreds of studies showing such curricula don't reduce teen pregnancy or the spread of STDs. He doesn't represent me.

So far the process for redistricting has been confusing and vague. Despite an overwhelming majority of Ohioans twice voting in support of fair districts, I have little to no confidence that fair districts will be drawn. I am here to help ensure that the wishes of Ohioans are followed. Who is working on the maps right now? When will we see them? We need time to be able to access those maps and determine if they are a fair representation of Ohioans, and time is running out.

I need to know that this process is going result in fair representation, as mandated by the United States Constitution. I need to know that my vote will matter. I want to know that my community will be included with those that have similar life experience to me – I live in Mahoning County, but I have an Alliance address. Most of Alliance is in Stark County. If the district is drawn along the county line, I will be voting with people I have almost no connection with. I need my community to be in a district with those I shop, do business, and whose kids my kids go to school. Anything else means my voice, and the voices of so many of my neighbors, will be silenced.

Ohio Redistricting Commission Public Hearing Testimony
August 23, 2021
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The Honorable Governor Mike Dewine
The Honorable Speaker of the House Robert Cupp
The Honorable Senate President Matt Huffman
The Honorable Senator Vernon Sykes
The Honorable House Minority Leader Emilia Sykes
The Honorable Keith Faber
The Honorable Frank LaRose

Members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission, thank you for bringing a public hearing to Mahoning County and performing your Constitutional duties in the open so we might have a discussion about the political future of this community.

I have served with all of you at some point over the last 21 years whether in the State Legislature or in our nation's Capital, and I've known all of you be honorable in your public service and its approach. We passed legislation together and worked together to help Ohioans after natural disasters and in their time of greatest need. I acknowledge your honorable service.

However, when it comes to campaigns, Ohioans acknowledge that the process which Legislative and Congressional districts are drawn, and have been drawn, demonstrate sheer political muscle versus fairness. Simply put, past maps have not been drawn as honorably as your individual service. Past commissions 'packed and cracked' communities like mine lumping vast numbers of voters into districts that do not follow the fairness model which comprises compactness, keeping cities whole and representational fairness.

It is clear in Ohio that politicians are picking the people they want to represent versus people picking the politicians they want representing them in government. It stems from this process which in the days of Governor Jim Rhodes and Speaker Vern Riffe saw maps drawn with pencils after much consensus, to maps that are now drawn with laser 3D printers to build from the ground up a political district for the majority party.

This process shouldn't be about politics, but about fairness. Don't get me wrong both Democrats and Republicans are doing it around the country – but Ohio hasn't witnessed fairness in decades.

When first elected to the Ohio House, the legislative map for the 57th District stretched from the suburbs of Youngstown to Carrollton, in Carroll County. In 2002 when the new map was redrawn, the 61st Ohio House District extended further south including slivers of Mahoning County, Stark County, all of Carroll County and a sliver of Tuscarawas County all the way to New

Philadelphia, Ohio. The most populous county in that redrawn district was the sliver of Stark County now included in the 61st District. **It appeared the district was drawn to weaken the representative's political influence versus strengthening the political voice of citizens in the district.**

In 2002 while in the Ohio House, the majority eliminated the Congressional District of then Congressman Jim Traficant. Now that was an easy political move because Congressman Trafficant had just been convicted of a felony and subsequently removed from his seat by a vote of his peers in the US House of Representatives. However, the voices of Valley residents were now packed together into the 6th Congressional District comprising 12 counties, one county wide all the way down the Ohio River to Portsmouth, in Scioto county. Speaker Larry Householder often referred to this district as the "Sliver on the River." Mahoning County, the tenth most populous county,¹ now was cracked and packed into smaller communities in an unfamiliar configuration drawn for political considerations and not for the needs of its citizens.

There are some who suggest that the 2002-2012 map was fairer because I won a seat in Congress in the 16th Congressional District, a district that hadn't seen a Democrat elected in nearly 60 years. However, political reality soon set in after the 2010 election when all the districts that saw different representatives soon flipped back to their original configurations, or their intended political representation.

In fact, the League of Women Voters Ohio and Common Cause of Ohio identified an important fact in the 2012 map.

"Not only were politicians choosing their voters, but redistricting was used to maximize political contributions. This is most obvious in the 16th Congressional District where a puppet shaped peninsula was carved into Canton and attached to the District. The total population in this peninsula was zero – no other portion of Canton is in the 16th District. The zero-population area was attached to the 16th District because it contains the Timken Manufacturing plant and their corporate headquarters. Those connected with Timken are major campaign contributors to Congressman *Jim* Renacci...keeping the plant in his district gave these contributors a reason to continue contributing to Congressman Renacci."²

Now there was no coincidence about that political move – however I will draw your attention to that same 2012 map, a little nodule extending from the cracked and packed 13th

¹ *Ohio County Profiles*, Ohio Department of Development,
www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/nrcs144p2_029023.pdf.

² "Ohio's Gerrymandering Problem: Why Haven't We Fixed This Yet?" *Ohio's Gerrymandering Problem*, League of Women Voters of Ohio and Common Cause Ohio,
my.lwv.org/sites/default/files/leagues/wysiwyg/%5Bcurrent-user%3Aog-user-node%3A1%3Atitle%5D/ohios_gerrymandering_probl

Congressional District that extended into Stark County. The district ultimately would be won by Congressman Tim Ryan however the majority conveniently drew my home in Alliance into his Congressional District attempting to pit us against each other. No other part of Stark County is in the 13th Congressional District.

My plea to you today is stop this madness. What I have learned by both winning and losing elections is that people want their elected representatives to reduce the political fighting and maximize their voices in our capital. This cannot be achieved when partisans draw districts that favor political gains instead of gaining influence for citizens of Ohio. The number of wave elections over the last 15 years is testimony in itself to citizens displeasure at this very process. Drawing districts where a politician just has to worry about winning their primary has reduced the effectiveness of our institutions. Sure it permits the majority to hold onto power, but it dilutes the discourse within these institutions and creates hyper-partisan rhetoric that weakens our ability to speak to each other.

Fairer district maps allow for consideration of opposing political views and the building of consensus, which is at the heart of our democracy. If we are truly about winning elections on ideas, then let our campaigns be about that instead of a predetermined map that was delivered to maximize political opportunities.

The data and the demographics support the premise that the Mahoning Valley deserves its own Congressional District and statehouse districts. Many of our citizens feel as if Columbus has forgotten about this region. You have the chance to demonstrate that fairer districts create fairer government for ALL of Ohio's citizens.

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Redistricting in Ohio

Every ten years, Ohio must adopt new district maps for the purpose of electing members of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Ohio Senate, and the Ohio House of Representatives. This brief provides an overview of redistricting in Ohio, compares the separate constitutional processes for General Assembly and congressional redistricting, explains some essential district-drawing concepts, and summarizes several landmark U.S. Supreme Court rulings concerning redistricting.

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Redistricting basics

Ohio elects its members of the U.S. House of Representatives, its state senators, and its state representatives from districts with roughly equal populations, giving each person’s vote the same amount of influence. Every ten years, Ohio must redraw its congressional and General Assembly districts based on the updated population data in order to maintain population equality between districts and, in some cases, to change the number of congressional districts to match the new number of representatives to which Ohio is entitled.



Congressional Districts
2011-2021

The U.S. Census Bureau releases new population data for redistricting purposes by April 1 of each year ending in 1 (such as 2021), and the Ohio Constitution provides deadlines in the fall of that year to adopt new district maps (but see “**2020 U.S. Census delays**,” on page 8). The new maps must be in place in time to nominate congressional and General Assembly candidates in the primary election held

the next year. When that year is a presidential election year, candidates must file their papers based on the new district map as early as mid-December of the year ending in 1.¹

Redistricting processes at a glance

The state uses two separate processes for General Assembly and congressional redistricting. The voters approved a constitutional amendment implementing a new General Assembly redistricting process in November 2015, and a separate constitutional amendment prescribing a new congressional redistricting process in May 2018. The following table compares several major aspects of the processes. For detailed explanations of the General Assembly and congressional redistricting procedures, please see LSC's final analyses of [H.J.R. 12 of the 130th General Assembly](#) and [S.J.R. 5 of the 132nd General Assembly](#), respectively.

General Assembly Districts	Congressional Districts
Who draws the districts	
Ohio Redistricting Commission	General Assembly
Required bipartisan vote	
Four of seven members of the Commission, including at least two members who represent each of the two largest political parties represented in the General Assembly	¾ of the members of each chamber of the General Assembly, including at least ½ of the members of each of the two largest political parties represented in the chamber
Deadline to adopt a plan – see “2020 U.S. Census delays,” below	
September 1 of a year ending in 1	September 30 of a year ending in 1
Impasse procedure	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The deadline is extended to September 15. ▪ If the Commission adopts the plan only by a simple majority vote, the plan must be replaced after four years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Ohio Redistricting Commission must adopt a plan by a bipartisan vote by October 31. ▪ If the Commission fails to do so, the General Assembly must adopt a plan by November 30. ▪ If the General Assembly adopts the plan only by a simple majority vote, it must follow additional district standards, described below, and the plan must be replaced after four years.

¹ 13 United States Code (U.S.C.) 141(c); Ohio Constitution, Articles XI and XIX; and R.C. 3513.05. Ohio's current district maps are available from the Ohio Secretary of State [here](#).

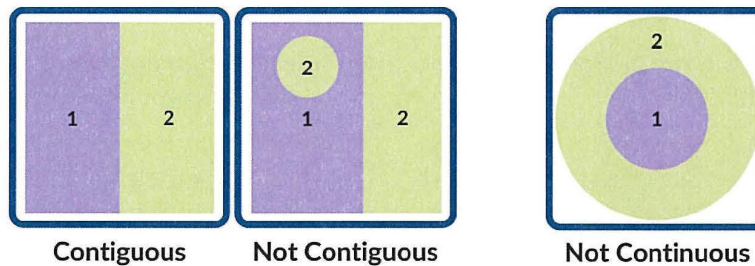
General Assembly Districts	Congressional Districts
Population equality between districts	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> District populations must be substantially equal. No district may contain a population of less than 95% or more than 105% of the ideal district population. 	Not specified (see “ Selected U.S. Supreme Court cases, ” below)
District standards considered	
<p>Mandatory standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contiguity Boundary must be a single nonintersecting continuous line Keep counties, municipal corporations, and townships whole, based on a specified procedure Each Senate district must consist of three contiguous House districts <p>Standards the Commission must attempt to follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No plan shall be drawn primarily to favor or disfavor a political party. The statewide proportion of districts whose voters, based on statewide state and federal partisan general election results during the last ten years, favor each political party must correspond closely to the statewide preferences of the voters of Ohio. Districts must be compact. 	<p>General standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contiguity Boundary must be a single nonintersecting continuous line Compactness Keep counties, municipal corporations, and townships whole, based on a specified procedure <p>Standards the General Assembly must follow if it does not pass the plan by the required bipartisan vote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The plan must not unduly favor or disfavor a political party or its incumbents. The plan must not unduly split governmental units, giving preference to keeping whole, in the order named, counties, then townships and municipal corporations. The General Assembly must attempt, but is not required, to draw districts that are compact.
Legal challenges	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> States that the Ohio Supreme Court has exclusive, original jurisdiction in any challenge. Requires the Ohio Redistricting Commission to amend the plan or adopt a new plan, as applicable, if a plan, district, or group of districts is ruled unconstitutional. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> States that the Ohio Supreme Court has exclusive, original jurisdiction in any challenge. Requires that, if a plan, district, or group of districts is ruled unconstitutional, the General Assembly must adopt a new plan within 30 days after the appeal deadline expires or

General Assembly Districts	Congressional Districts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibits a court from ordering the implementation of a plan not approved by the Commission. Prohibits a court from ordering the Commission to adopt a particular plan or to draw a particular district. Prescribes the available remedies in the event that the Court determines that a General Assembly district plan adopted by the Commission does not comply with the constitutional district standards. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> after the order is issued, if it is not appealable. Requires the Ohio Redistricting Commission to adopt a plan not later than 30 days after the General Assembly's deadline, if the General Assembly misses the deadline. Requires the new plan to remedy any legal defects, but to include no other changes.

District-drawing concepts

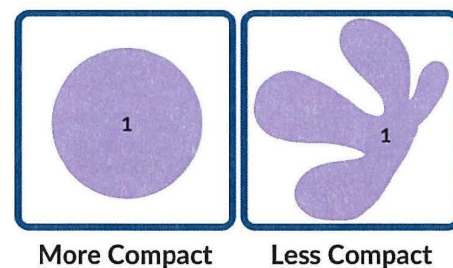
Contiguity and continuous boundary lines

Every congressional and General Assembly district in Ohio must be contiguous, meaning that it is a single, unbroken shape, with no “islands” of territory that do not touch the rest of the district. Each district’s boundary also must be a single nonintersecting continuous line. This standard prevents, for example, the creation of “donut” districts, with one district entirely surrounding another.²



Compactness

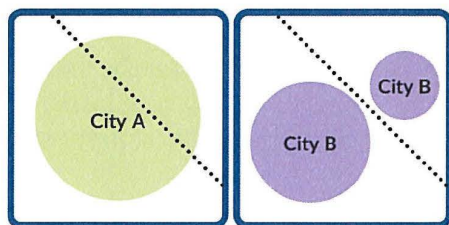
A district is considered compact if it has a minimal distance between all parts of its territory. Multiple methods exist to measure a district’s compactness, such as calculating the total length of its perimeter (a shorter perimeter meaning a more compact district), or calculating the average distance between locations on the outer edges of the district and the center of the district (a shorter average distance meaning a more compact district).



² Ohio Const., art. XI, sec. 3(B)(3) and art. XIX, sec. 2(B)(3).

Under the Ohio Constitution, the Ohio Redistricting Commission must attempt to draw compact General Assembly districts, but it is not explicitly required to do so. On the other hand, congressional districts must be compact, except that under the modified district standards that apply if the General Assembly fails to pass a district plan by the required bipartisan vote, the legislature must attempt to draw compact districts, but is not required to.³

Keeping political subdivisions whole

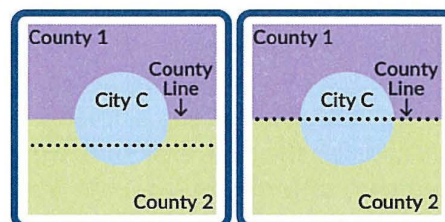


City A - Split

City B - Not Split

Ohio's congressional and General Assembly redistricting processes both place a priority on keeping counties, cities, villages, and townships together within one district. Splitting a political subdivision is necessary when, for example, its population exceeds the ideal district population. But, the Ohio Constitution includes procedures to minimize any unnecessary splitting.

Under both redistricting processes, a political subdivision is considered to be split if any contiguous portion of its territory is not contained entirely within one district. If a political subdivision has an island of territory that does not touch the rest of the subdivision, putting the island in a different district is not considered splitting the political subdivision (see above). Further, if a city, village, or township has territory in more than one county, drawing the district line along the county line is not considered splitting the city, village, or township.⁴

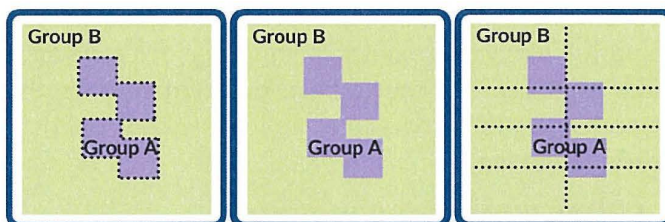


City C - Split

City C - Not Split

Packing and cracking

Two district-drawing practices, commonly called packing and cracking, can give one group less influence than another. At one extreme, when a group is "packed" into a single district, it makes up a supermajority within the district, but is less able to influence the outcome of elections outside that district.



Packed

Cracked

Conversely, when a group is "cracked" among many districts, it makes up only a minority of the vote in each district, and is less able to influence the outcome of elections in any district. In some redistricting cases, packing and cracking have given rise to claims of unlawful gerrymandering (see "**Selected U.S. Supreme Court cases,**" below).

³ Ohio Const., art. XI, sec. 6 and art. XIX, secs. 1(F)(3)(c) and 2(B)(2).

⁴ Ohio Const., art. XI, sec. 3(D) and art. XIX, sec. 2(C).

Political considerations

The Ohio Constitution includes two separate standards for the inclusion of political considerations in the drawing of district maps. For a General Assembly district plan, the Ohio Redistricting Commission must attempt to adopt a plan (1) that is not drawn primarily to favor or disfavor a political party, and (2) in which the statewide proportion of districts whose voters, based on statewide state and federal partisan general election results during the last ten years, favor each political party corresponds closely to the statewide preferences of the voters of Ohio.

For a congressional district map, the Ohio Constitution specifies that if, under the impasse procedure, the General Assembly passes a redistricting plan by a simple majority vote instead of by the required bipartisan vote, the plan must not unduly favor or disfavor a political party or its incumbents.⁵

Majority-minority districts

The Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment and the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (VRA) prohibit any district plan from denying or abridging citizens' right to vote on account of race, color, or status as a member of a language minority group. The U.S. Supreme Court has developed a test to determine whether a district map dilutes minority voting strength in violation of the VRA by cracking a minority population among multiple districts, as described above. Essentially, the test examines whether (1) the minority group is "sufficiently numerous and compact to form a majority in a single-member district," (2) the minority group is "politically cohesive," meaning its members tend to vote similarly, and (3) "the majority votes sufficiently as a bloc to enable it . . . usually to defeat the minority's preferred candidate."⁶

In order to remedy a case of minority vote dilution, a court may require the adoption of a majority-minority district, in which a sufficient population of a minority group exists to allow the group to elect its candidate of choice. Currently, no court has expressly required Ohio to create majority-minority congressional or General Assembly districts. A state may draw majority-minority districts voluntarily in order to remedy past discrimination. However, in some circumstances, the courts have overturned plans that included voluntarily created majority-minority districts because creating those districts amounted to unconstitutional racial gerrymandering.⁷

Other common concepts

The Ohio Redistricting Commission and the General Assembly might consider other district-drawing concepts in creating district maps, so long as the constitutional requirements are met. For example, some states use criteria such as preserving communities of interest in a single district or maintaining previous district lines to the extent feasible. The National Conference of

⁵ Ohio Const., art. XI, sec. 6 and art. XIX, sec. 1(C)(3)(a) and (F)(3)(a).

⁶ 52 U.S.C. 10301; *Thornburg v. Gingles*, 478 U.S. 30, 50 (1986); and *Village of Arlington Heights v. Metropolitan Housing Development Corp.*, 429 U.S. 252, 264 (1977).

⁷ *Voinovich v. Quilter*, 507 U.S. 146 (1993); *Bush v. Vera*, 517 U.S. 952 (1996); *Shaw v. Hunt*, 517 U.S. 899 (1996); and *Alabama Legislative Black Caucus v. Alabama*, 135 S.Ct. 1257 (2015).

State Legislatures offers several useful references on these topics, including a 50-state survey of redistricting criteria and [The Redistricting Glossary](#).⁸

Selected U.S. Supreme Court cases

The following cases represent a sample of the landmark U.S. Supreme Court rulings on congressional and state legislative redistricting. This list is intended to provide a basic foundation for understanding some of the legal discussions surrounding redistricting. However, the list is not exhaustive, and it does not include later rulings that have added nuance to these decisions.

Population equality

- *Wesberry v. Sanders*, 376 U.S. 1 (1964) – Held that the population of congressional districts in the same state must be as nearly equal as practicable.
- *Reynolds v. Sims*, 377 U.S. 533 (1964) – Specified that the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment requires states to draw legislative districts that are substantially equal in population.
- *Karcher v. Daggett*, 462 U.S. 725 (1983) – Held that congressional districts must be mathematically equal in population, except as necessary to achieve a legitimate state objective.

Racial and language minorities

- *Thornburg v. Gingles*, 478 U.S. 30 (1986) – Held that the VRA requires that a majority-minority district be drawn to remedy minority vote dilution if (1) the racial or language minority group is “sufficiently numerous and compact to form a majority in a single-member district,” (2) the minority group is “politically cohesive,” meaning its members tend to vote similarly, and (3) the “majority votes sufficiently as a bloc to enable it . . . usually to defeat the minority’s preferred candidate.”
- *Shaw v. Reno*, 509 U.S. 630 (1993) – Held that districts violate the Equal Protection Clause if they cannot be explained on grounds other than race.
- *Miller v. Johnson*, 515 U.S. 900 (1995) – Specified that a district is unconstitutionally racially gerrymandered if race is the “predominant” factor in drawing its lines.
- *Bush v. Vera*, 517 U.S. 952 (1996) – Found that if race was the predominant factor in drawing a district, the district cannot be justified by the VRA unless there is a strong basis in evidence that drawing the district was reasonably necessary to avoid denying or abridging equal voting rights.

Partisan gerrymandering

- *Rucho v. Common Cause*, 139 S.Ct. 2484 (2019) – Found that partisan gerrymandering represents a political question on which the federal courts cannot rule because there is no credible way to define and measure fairness in the political context.

⁸ National Conference of State Legislatures, [NCSL’s Redistricting Webpages](#).

2020 U.S. Census delays

The Ohio Constitution requires Ohio to use population data from the U.S. Census to draw General Assembly and congressional districts, except that if the federal census is unavailable, the General Assembly may designate another data source by law.⁹ Federal law requires the Census Bureau to provide the states with the necessary population data for redistricting by April 1 of a year ending in 1.¹⁰ After receiving the data in April, Ohio's contractors typically are able to incorporate the data into a computerized map drawing database and deliver the database in July, allowing state officials to begin creating proposed district maps.

However, because of delays related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Census Bureau announced that it could not provide the population data to the states by April 1, 2021. The Bureau promised to provide the data in a legacy format by "mid-to-late August 2021," and in a newer format by September 30, 2021.¹¹ Ohio's contractors are able to use the legacy format data to create the map drawing database, but still will need time after the data arrives to complete and deliver the database. This delay could create significant difficulties in meeting Ohio's constitutional redistricting deadlines in 2021.

⁹ Ohio Const., art. XI, secs. 3(A) and 7 and art. XIX, sec. 2(A).

¹⁰ 13 U.S.C. 141(c).

¹¹ U.S. Census Bureau, *U.S. Census Bureau Statement on Release of Legacy Format Summary Redistricting Data File* (March 15, 2021).

REPEALED. County and township treasuries.

§5
(1851, rep. 1933)

REPEALED. What officers may be removed.

§6
(1851, rep. 1933)

REPEALED. Local taxation.

§7
(1851, rep. 1933)

Article XI: Apportionment**Persons responsible for apportionment of state for members of General Assembly.**

§1 (A) The Ohio redistricting commission shall be responsible for the redistricting of this state for the general assembly. The commission shall consist of the following seven members:

- (1) The governor;
- (2) The auditor of state;
- (3) The secretary of state;
- (4) One person appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;
- (5) One person appointed by the legislative leader of the largest political party in the house of representatives of which the speaker of the house of representatives is not a member;
- (6) One person appointed by the president of the senate; and

(7) One person appointed by the legislative leader of the largest political party in the senate of which the president of the senate is not a member.

The legislative leaders in the senate and the house of representatives of each of the two largest political parties represented in the general assembly, acting jointly by political party, shall appoint a member of the commission to serve as a co-chairperson of the commission.

(B)(1) Unless otherwise specified in this article, a simple majority of the commission members shall be required for any action by the commission.

(2)(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (B)(2)(b) of this section, a majority vote of the members of the commission, including at least one member of the commission who is a member of each of the two largest political parties represented in the general assembly, shall be required to do any of the following:

- (i) Adopt rules of the commission;
- (ii) Hire staff for the commission;
- (iii) Expend funds.

(b) If the commission is unable to agree, by the vote required under division (B)(2)(a) of this section, on the manner in which funds should be expended, each co-chairperson of the commission shall have the authority to expend one-half of the funds that have been appropriated to the commission.

(3) The affirmative vote of four members of the commission, including at least two members of the commission

who represent each of the two largest political parties represented in the general assembly shall be required to adopt any general assembly district plan. For the purpose of this division, a member of the commission shall be considered to represent a political party if the member was appointed to the commission by a member of that political party or if, in the case of the governor, the auditor of state, or the secretary of state, the member is a member of that political party.

(C) At the first meeting of the commission, which the governor shall convene only in a year ending in the numeral one, except as provided in Sections 8 and 9 of this article, the commission shall set a schedule for the adoption of procedural rules for the operation of the commission.

The commission shall release to the public a proposed general assembly district plan for the boundaries for each of the ninety-nine house of representatives districts and the thirty-three senate districts. The commission shall draft the proposed plan in the manner prescribed in this article. Before adopting, but after introducing, a proposed plan, the commission shall conduct a minimum of three public hearings across the state to present the proposed plan and shall seek public input regarding the proposed plan. All meetings of the commission shall be open to the public. Meetings shall be broadcast by electronic means of transmission using a medium readily accessible by the general public.

The commission shall adopt a final general assembly district plan not later than the first day of September of a

year ending in the numeral one. After the commission adopts a final plan, the commission shall promptly file the plan with the secretary of state. Upon filing with the secretary of state, the plan shall become effective.

Four weeks after the adoption of a general assembly district plan, the commission shall be automatically dissolved.

(D) The general assembly shall be responsible for making the appropriations it determines necessary in order for the commission to perform its duties under this article.
(1967, am. 2015)

Ratio of representation in house and senate.

§2 Each house of representatives district shall be entitled to a single representative in each general assembly. Each senate district shall be entitled to a single senator in each general assembly.
(1967, am. 2015)

Population of each House of Representatives district.

§3 (A) The whole population of the state, as determined by the federal decennial census or, if such is unavailable, such other basis as the general assembly may direct, shall be divided by the number "ninety-nine" and by the number "thirty-three" and the quotients shall be the ratio of representation in the house of representatives and in the senate, respectively, for ten years next succeeding such redistricting.

(B) A general assembly district plan shall comply with all of the requirements

of division (B) of this section.

(1) The population of each house of representatives district shall be substantially equal to the ratio of representation in the house of representatives, and the population of each senate district shall be substantially equal to the ratio of representation in the senate, as provided in division (A) of this section. In no event shall any district contain a population of less than ninety-five per cent nor more than one hundred five per cent of the applicable ratio of representation.

(2) Any general assembly district plan adopted by the commission shall comply with all applicable provisions of the constitutions of Ohio and the United States and of federal law.

(3) Every general assembly district shall be composed of contiguous territory, and the boundary of each district shall be a single nonintersecting continuous line.

(C) House of representatives districts shall be created and numbered in the following order of priority, to the extent that such order is consistent with the foregoing standards:

(1) Proceeding in succession from the largest to the smallest, each county containing population greater than one hundred five per cent of the ratio of representation in the house of representatives shall be divided into as many house of representatives districts as it has whole ratios of representation. Any fraction of the population in excess of a whole ratio shall be a part of only one adjoining house of representatives district.

(2) Each county containing population of not less than ninety-five per cent of the ratio of representation in the house of representatives nor more than one hundred five per cent of the ratio shall be designated a representative district.

(3) The remaining territory of the state shall be divided into representative districts by combining the areas of counties, municipal corporations, and townships. Where feasible, no county shall be split more than once.

(D)(1)(a) Except as otherwise provided in divisions (D)(1)(b) and (c) of this section, a county, municipal corporation, or township is considered to be split if any contiguous portion of its territory is not contained entirely within one district.

(b) If a municipal corporation or township has territory in more than one county, the contiguous portion of that municipal corporation or township that lies in each county shall be considered to be a separate municipal corporation or township for the purposes of this section.

(c) If a municipal corporation or township that is located in a county that contains a municipal corporation or township that has a population of more than one ratio of representation is split for the purpose of complying with division (E)(1)(a) or (b) of this section, each portion of that municipal corporation or township shall be considered to be a separate municipal corporation or township for the purposes of this section.

(2) Representative districts shall be drawn so as to split the smallest possible

number of municipal corporations and townships whose contiguous portions contain a population of more than fifty per cent, but less than one hundred per cent, of one ratio of representation.

(3) Where the requirements of divisions (B), (C), and (D) of this section cannot feasibly be attained by forming a representative district from whole municipal corporations and townships, not more than one municipal corporation or township may be split per representative district.

(E)(1) If it is not possible for the commission to comply with all of the requirements of divisions (B), (C), and (D) of this section in drawing a particular representative district, the commission shall take the first action listed below that makes it possible for the commission to draw that district:

(a) Notwithstanding division (D)(3) of this section, the commission shall create the district by splitting two municipal corporations or townships whose contiguous portions do not contain a population of more than fifty per cent, but less than one hundred per cent, of one ratio of representation.

(b) Notwithstanding division (D)(2) of this section, the commission shall create the district by splitting a municipal corporation or township whose contiguous portions contain a population of more than fifty per cent, but less than one hundred per cent, of one ratio of representation.

(c) Notwithstanding division (C)(2) of this section, the commission shall create the district by splitting, once, a single county that contains a population

of not less than ninety-five per cent of the ratio of representation, but not more than one hundred five per cent of the ratio of representation.

(d) Notwithstanding division (C)(1) of this section, the commission shall create the district by including in two districts portions of the territory that remains after a county that contains a population of more than one hundred five per cent of the ratio of representation has been divided into as many house of representatives districts as it has whole ratios of representation.

(2) If the commission takes an action under division (E)(1) of this section, the commission shall include in the general assembly district plan a statement explaining which action the commission took under that division and the reason the commission took that action.

(3) If the commission complies with divisions (E)(1) and (2) of this section in drawing a district, the commission shall not be considered to have violated division (C)(1), (C)(2), (D)(2), or (D)(3) of this section, as applicable, in drawing that district, for the purpose of an analysis under division (D) of Section 9 of this article.

(1967, am. 2015)

Population of each Senate district.

§4 (A) Senate districts shall be composed of three contiguous house of representatives districts.

(B)(1) A county having at least one whole senate ratio of representation shall have as many senate districts wholly within the boundaries of the

county as it has whole senate ratios of representation. Any fraction of the population in excess of a whole ratio shall be a part of only one adjoining senate district.

(2) Counties having less than one senate ratio of representation, but at least one house of representatives ratio of representation, shall be part of only one senate district.

(3) If it is not possible for the commission to draw representative districts that comply with all of the requirements of this article and that make it possible for the commission to comply with all of the requirements of divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this section, the commission shall draw senate districts so as to commit the fewest possible violations of those divisions. If the commission complies with this division in drawing senate districts, the commission shall not be considered to have violated division (B)(1) or (2) of this section, as applicable, in drawing those districts, for the purpose of an analysis under division (D) of Section 9 of this article.

(C) The number of whole ratios of representation for a county shall be determined by dividing the population of the county by the ratio of representation in the senate determined under division (A) of Section 3 of this article.

(D) Senate districts shall be numbered from one through thirty-three and as provided in Section 5 of this article.
(1967, am. 2015)

Representation for each house and senate district.

§5 At any time the boundaries of senate districts are changed in any general assembly district plan made pursuant to any provision of this article, a senator whose term will not expire within two years of the time the plan becomes effective shall represent, for the remainder of the term for which the senator was elected, the senate district that contains the largest portion of the population of the district from which the senator was elected, and the district shall be given the number of the district from which the senator was elected. If more than one senator whose term will not so expire would represent the same district by following the provisions of this section, the plan shall designate which senator shall represent the district and shall designate which district the other senator or senators shall represent for the balance of their term or terms.
(1967, am. 2015)

Creation of district boundaries; change at end of decennial period.

§6 The Ohio redistricting commission shall attempt to draw a general assembly district plan that meets all of the following standards:

(A) No general assembly district plan shall be drawn primarily to favor or disfavor a political party.

(B) The statewide proportion of districts whose voters, based on statewide state and federal partisan general election results during the last ten years, favor each political party shall correspond closely to the statewide preferences of the voters of Ohio.

(C) General assembly districts shall be compact.

Nothing in this section permits the commission to violate the district standards described in Section 2, 3, 4, 5, or 7 of this article.
(1967, am. 2015)

REPEALED. Provided additional senators for districts with a ratio of representation greater than one.

§6a
(1956, rep. 1967)

Boundary lines of House of Representatives districts.

§7 Notwithstanding the fact that boundaries of counties, municipal corporations, and townships within a district may be changed, district boundaries shall be created by using the boundaries of counties, municipal corporations, and townships as they exist at the time of the federal decennial census on which the redistricting is based, or, if unavailable, on such other basis as the general assembly has directed.

(1967, am. 2015)

Determination of number of House of Representatives districts within each county.

§8 (A)(1) If the Ohio redistricting commission fails to adopt a final general assembly district plan not later than the first day of September of a year ending in the numeral one, in accordance with Section 1 of this article, the commission shall introduce a proposed general assembly district plan by a simple majority vote of the

commission.

(2) After introducing a proposed general assembly district plan under division (A)(1) of this section, the commission shall hold a public hearing concerning the proposed plan, at which the public may offer testimony and at which the commission may adopt amendments to the proposed plan. Members of the commission should attend the hearing; however, only a quorum of the members of the commission is required to conduct the hearing.

(3) After the hearing described in division (A)(2) of this section is held, and not later than the fifteenth day of September of a year ending in the numeral one, the commission shall adopt a final general assembly district plan, either by the vote required to adopt a plan under division (B)(3) of Section 1 of this article or by a simple majority vote of the commission.

(B) If the commission adopts a final general assembly district plan in accordance with division (A)(3) of this section by the vote required to adopt a plan under division (B)(3) of Section 1 of this article, the plan shall take effect upon filing with the secretary of state and shall remain effective until the next year ending in the numeral one, except as provided in Section 9 of this article.

(C)(1)(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (C)(1)(b) of this section, if the commission adopts a final general assembly district plan in accordance with division (A)(3) of this section by a simple majority vote of the commission, and not by the vote required to adopt a plan under division (B)(3) of Section 1 of this article, the plan shall take

effect upon filing with the secretary of state and shall remain effective until two general elections for the house of representatives have occurred under the plan.

(b) If the commission adopts a final general assembly district plan in accordance with division (A)(3) of this section by a simple majority vote of the commission, and not by the vote required to adopt a plan under division (B) of Section 1 of this article, and that plan is adopted to replace a plan that ceased to be effective under division (C)(1)(a) of this section before a year ending in the numeral one, the plan adopted under this division shall take effect upon filing with the secretary of state and shall remain effective until a year ending in the numeral one, except as provided in Section 9 of this article.

(2) A final general assembly district plan adopted under division (C)(1)(a) or (b) of this section shall include a statement explaining what the commission determined to be the statewide preferences of the voters of Ohio and the manner in which the statewide proportion of districts in the plan whose voters, based on statewide state and federal partisan general election results during the last ten years, favor each political party corresponds closely to those preferences, as described in division (B) of Section 6 of this article. At the time the plan is adopted, a member of the commission who does not vote in favor of the plan may submit a declaration of the member's opinion concerning the statement included with the plan.

(D) After a general assembly district plan adopted under division (C)(1)(a)

of this section ceases to be effective, and not earlier than the first day of July of the year following the year in which the plan ceased to be effective, the commission shall be reconstituted as provided in Section 1 of this article, convene, and adopt a new general assembly district plan in accordance with this article, to be used until the next time for redistricting under this article. The commission shall draw the new general assembly district plan using the same population and county, municipal corporation, and township boundary data as were used to draw the previous plan adopted under division (C) of this section.

(1967, am. 2015)

When population of county is fraction of ratio of representation.

§9 (A) The supreme court of Ohio shall have exclusive, original jurisdiction in all cases arising under this article.

(B) In the event that any section of this constitution relating to redistricting, any general assembly district plan made by the Ohio redistricting commission, or any district is determined to be invalid by an unappealed final order of a court of competent jurisdiction then, notwithstanding any other provisions of this constitution, the commission shall be reconstituted as provided in Section 1 of this article, convene, and ascertain and determine a general assembly district plan in conformity with such provisions of this constitution as are then valid, including establishing terms of office and election of members of the general assembly from districts designated in the plan, to be used until the next time for redistricting under

this article in conformity with such provisions of this constitution as are then valid.

(C) Notwithstanding any provision of this constitution or any law regarding the residence of senators and representatives, a general assembly district plan made pursuant to this section shall allow thirty days for persons to change residence in order to be eligible for election.

(D)(1) No court shall order, in any circumstance, the implementation or enforcement of any general assembly district plan that has not been approved by the commission in the manner prescribed by this article.

(2) No court shall order the commission to adopt a particular general assembly district plan or to draw a particular district.

(3) If the supreme court of Ohio determines that a general assembly district plan adopted by the commission does not comply with the requirements of Section 2, 3, 4, 5, or 7 of this article, the available remedies shall be as follows:

(a) If the court finds that the plan contains one or more isolated violations of those requirements, the court shall order the commission to amend the plan to correct the violation.

(b) If the court finds that it is necessary to amend not fewer than six house of representatives districts to correct violations of those requirements, to amend not fewer than two senate districts to correct violations of those requirements, or both, the court shall

declare the plan invalid and shall order the commission to adopt a new general assembly district plan in accordance with this article.

(c) If, in considering a plan adopted under division (C) of Section 8 of this article, the court determines that both of the following are true, the court shall order the commission to adopt a new general assembly district plan in accordance with this article:

(i) The plan significantly violates those requirements in a manner that materially affects the ability of the plan to contain districts whose voters favor political parties in an overall proportion that corresponds closely to the statewide political party preferences of the voters of Ohio, as described in division (B) of Section 6 of this article.

(ii) The statewide proportion of districts in the plan whose voters, based on statewide state and federal partisan general election results during the last ten years, favor each political party does not correspond closely to the statewide preferences of the voters of Ohio.

(1967, am. 2015)

Severability provision.

§10 The various provisions of this article are intended to be severable, and the invalidity of one or more of such provisions shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions.

(1967, am. 2015)

REPEALED. Senate districts.

§11

(1967, rep. 2015)

REPEALED. Change of district boundaries of senate districts.

§12
(1967, rep. 2015)

REPEALED. Jurisdiction of Supreme Court, effect of determination of unconstitutionality; apportionment.

§13
(1967, rep. 2015)

REPEALED. District boundaries until January 1, 1973.

§14
(1967, rep. 2015)

REPEALED. Severability provision.

§15
(1967, rep. 2015)

Article XII: Finance and Taxation

Poll taxes prohibited.

§1 No poll tax shall ever be levied in this state, or service required, which may be commuted in money or other thing of value.
(1851, am. 1912)

Limitation on tax rate; exemption.

§2 No property, taxed according to value, shall be so taxed in excess of one per cent of its true value in money for all state and local purposes, but laws may be passed authorizing additional taxes to be levied outside of such limitation, either when approved by at least a

majority of the electors of the taxing district voting on such proposition, or when provided for by the charter of a municipal corporation. Land and improvements thereon shall be taxed by uniform rule according to value, except that laws may be passed to reduce taxes by providing for a reduction in value of the homestead of permanently and totally disabled residents, residents sixty-five years of age and older, and residents sixty years of age or older who are surviving spouses of deceased residents who were sixty-five years of age or older or permanently and totally disabled and receiving a reduction in the value of their homestead at the time of death, provided the surviving spouse continues to reside in a qualifying homestead, and providing for income and other qualifications to obtain such reduction. Without limiting the general power, subject to the provisions of Article I of this constitution, to determine the subjects and methods of taxation or exemptions therefrom, general laws may be passed to exempt burying grounds, public school houses, houses used exclusively for public worship, institutions used exclusively for charitable purposes, and public property used exclusively for any public purpose, but all such laws shall be subject to alteration or repeal; and the value of all property so exempted shall, from time to time, be ascertained and published as may be directed by law.

(1851, am. 1906, 1912, 1918, 1929, 1933, 1970, 1974, 1990)

CONVENING OF THE OHIO REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

AGENDA August 6, 2021

1. Governor calls meeting to order.
2. Presentation of any member appointments to the Ohio Redistricting Commission; order that any new appointments be entered in record of proceedings.
3. Administration of the Oath of Office.
 - a. Governor administers the Oath of Office to Members of Commission.
 - b. Secretary of State then administers the Oath of Office to Governor.
4. Roll Call; Governor declares quorum present.
4. Filing of Certificate of Compliance with public meeting notice provisions of Section 121.22 of the Revised Code.
5. Presentation of Co-Chairperson appointments to the Ohio Redistricting Commission; order that any new appointments be entered in record of proceedings.
6. Governor turns the meeting over to the Co-Chairpersons.
7. Scheduling

OATH OF OFFICE

I, _____, do solemnly swear to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and to faithfully discharge the duties of the office, as a Member of the Ohio Redistricting Commission on which I serve pursuant to Article XI, Section 1 of the Ohio Constitution. This I shall do as I shall answer unto God.

(Appointee)

STATE OF OHIO
COUNTY OF FRANKLIN

Personally sworn to before me, Mike DeWine, Governor of the State of Ohio pursuant to Revised Code Section 3.24 in Franklin County and subscribed to in my presence this 6th day of August, 2021.

Mike DeWine
Governor of the State of Ohio



Matt Huffman
Senate President

Statehouse
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215
614-466-7584

To: Vincent Keeran, Clerk
From: Senator Matt Huffman, President
Date: August 4, 2021
Re: Appointment to Ohio Redistricting Commission

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Matthew C. Huffman

Pursuant to Article XI, Section 1(A) of the Ohio Constitution, the President of the Ohio Senate hereby joins with the Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives in appointing the following individual to serve as the co-chairperson of the Ohio Redistricting Commission:

Robert R. Cupp

cc: Ohio Governor Mike DeWine
Ohio Auditor Keith Faber
Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose
Ohio Senate Minority Leader Kenny Yuko
Ohio House of Representatives Minority Leader Emilia Sykes



Senator **Kenny Yuko**
Minority Leader
25th District

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Memorandum

To: Senate Clerk Vincent Keeran
From: Senate Minority Leader Kenny Yuko
Date: August 5, 2021
Re: Ohio Redistricting Commission Co-Chair Appointment

Pursuant to Article XI, Section 1 (A) of the Ohio Constitution, I hereby join the Minority Leader of the Ohio House of Representatives in appointing state Senator Vernon Sykes to serve as co-chairperson of the Ohio Redistricting Commission.

CC:

Governor Mike DeWine
Senate President Matt Huffman
Speaker Robert Cupp
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**Representative Emilia Strong Sykes
Minority Leader**

August 4, 2021

Governor Mike DeWine
Riffe Center
77 S. High Street, 30th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Governor DeWine:

Pursuant to Article XI, Section 1(A)(5) of the Ohio Constitution, I am using my appointing authority to appoint myself to the Ohio Redistricting Commission.

I look forward to an open and transparent process during our important work of creating fair districts for all Ohioans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emilia Strong Sykes".

Emilia Strong Sykes
Minority Leader
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August 2, 2021

Mike DeWine
Ohio Governor
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Re: Ohio Redistricting Commission

Dear Governor DeWine,

Pursuant to Article XI, Section 1 (A) of the Ohio Constitution, I hereby appoint state Senator Vernon Sykes to serve on the Ohio Redistricting Commission. We look forward to working with you in an open, transparent manner to draw maps that respect the wishes of Ohio's voters and minimize partisan gerrymandering in our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenny Yuko", is written over a circular embossed seal.

KENNY YUKO
Minority Leader
Ohio Senate

CC:

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To: Brad Young, Clerk
From: Robert R. Cupp, Speaker of the House
Date: August 3, 2021
Re: Appointment – Ohio Redistricting Commission

Pursuant to Article XI Section 01(A)(4) of the Ohio Constitution, the Speaker of the House hereby appoints the following individual to the Ohio Redistricting Commission:

APPOINT: Robert R. Cupp

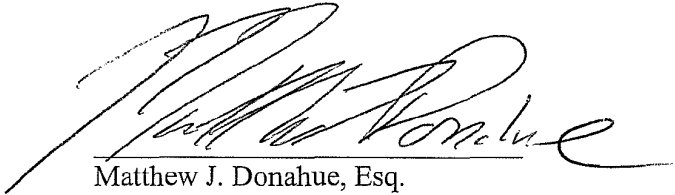
CONVENING OF THE OHIO REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

August 6, 2021

Certification Regarding Notification of Meeting to the Public and the News Media

The undersigned, Chief Legal Counsel to the Governor, certifies that notice of the time, place and purpose of the convening of the 2021 Ohio Redistricting Commission was given to the press and the public via press release of Monday August 2, 2021 at 10.03 AM. A copy of the official notice and press release is attached. This notice was done in compliance with Ohio law. Additionally, a reminder notice was sent via press release on August 5, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted

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Matthew J. Donahue, Esq.
Chief Legal Counsel to Governor DeWine



MIKE DEWINE
GOVERNOR
STATE OF OHIO

**OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE CONVENING OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE
OHIO REDISTRICTING COMMISSION FOR THE YEAR 2021**

Pursuant to Article XI, Section 1 of the Ohio Constitution, Governor Mike DeWine will convene the first meeting of the Ohio Redistricting Commission for the year 2021.

When:

August 6, 2021, at 9:00 AM

Where:

The Ohio Statehouse

Richard H. Finan Hearing Room (Senate Finance Hearing Room)

1 Capitol Square

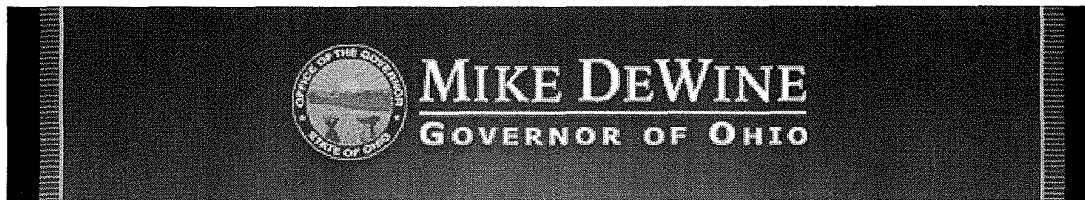
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General Order of Business for the Convening:

Governor DeWine will convene the first meeting of the Ohio Redistricting Commission for the year 2021. The appointments of any appointed members of the commission will be entered into the record, the roll will be called, the co-chairpersons will be formally entered into the record, and the meeting will be turned over to the co-chairpersons.

Donahue, Matthew

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[Official Notice \(PDF\)](#)

WHAT:
First meeting of the Ohio Redistricting Commission

WHERE:
Ohio Statehouse
Richard H. Finan Hearing Room
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WHEN:
Friday, August 6, 2021
Event begins at 9:00 a.m.

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Article XI, Section 8(C)(2) STATEMENT

Pursuant to Article XI, Section 8(C)(2) of the Ohio Constitution, the Ohio Redistricting Commission issues the following statement:

The Commission determined that the statewide preferences of the voters of Ohio predominately favor Republican candidates.

The Commission considered statewide state and federal partisan general election results during the last ten years. There were sixteen such contests. When considering the results of each of those elections, the Commission determined that Republican candidates won thirteen out of sixteen of those elections resulting in a statewide proportion of voters favoring statewide Republican candidates of 81% and a statewide proportion of voters favoring statewide Democratic candidates of 19%. When considering the number of votes cast in each of those elections for Republican and Democratic candidates, the statewide proportion of voters favoring statewide Republican candidates is 55% and the statewide proportion of voters favoring statewide Democratic candidates is 45%. Thus, the statewide proportion of voters favoring statewide Republican candidates is between 55% and 81% and the statewide proportion of voters favoring statewide Democratic candidates is between 19% and 45%. The Commission obtained publicly available geographic data for statewide partisan elections in 2016, 2018, and 2020. Publicly available geographic data for those elections was not available for elections in 2012 and 2014. Using this data, the Commission adopted the final general assembly district plan, which contains [87] districts [(65.9%)] favoring Republican candidates and [45] districts [(34.1%)] favoring Democratic candidates out of a total of 132 districts. Accordingly, the statewide proportion of districts whose voters favor each political party corresponds closely to the statewide preferences of the voters of Ohio.

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The final general assembly district plan adopted by the Commission complies with all of the mandatory requirements of Article XI, Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 of the Ohio Constitution. The Commission's attempt to meet the aspirational standards of Article XI, Section 6 of the Ohio Constitution did not result in any violation of the mandatory requirements of Article XI, Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 of the Ohio Constitution.

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OHIO REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

Minority Report

September 15, 2021

Senator Vernon Sykes, Co-Chair

House Minority Leader Emilia Strong Sykes, Commissioner

The state legislative district plan adopted by the Republican members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission egregiously violates the anti-gerrymandering provisions of the Ohio Constitution. These anti-gerrymandering provisions were enshrined in the Ohio Constitution just six years ago for state legislative districts by the overwhelming majority of Ohio voters. Gerrymandering is defined by the Merriam-Webster dictionary as “the practice of dividing or arranging a territorial unit into election districts in a way that gives one political party an unfair advantage in elections.” Simply put, gerrymandering is partisan unfairness. The Ohio Constitution requires partisan fairness.

Article XI of the Ohio Constitution is clear in its provisions that dictate the drawing of our state legislative maps. It requires that the maps respect the existing boundaries of counties, townships, and municipalities. It also requires that the maps reflect the statewide political preferences of Ohio voters over the previous decade of partisan statewide elections. Unfortunately, the maps adopted by the Commission’s Republican majority today do neither. Voters never

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presented to the Commission in extensive witness testimony as well as by researchers at Ohio University (OU) as part of the contract between the Legislative Task Force on Redistricting and OU to produce the Ohio Common Unified Redistricting Database. The election results are not in dispute. They are also publicly available on the Ohio Secretary of State's website. One does not need to be as expert to know the statewide partisan election results. Hundreds of Ohioans were able to draw maps in the constitutionally appropriate timeframe.

Legislative maps would closely correspond with these statewide voter preferences. If they yielded close to 45 House districts that would likely be won by Democratic candidates, 54 House districts that would likely be won by Republican candidates, 15 Senate districts that would likely be won by Democratic candidates, and 18 Senate districts that would likely be won by Republican candidates. The Republicans on the Commission, in a naked attempt to maintain a gerrymandered, unearned supermajority, drew and adopted districts that would likely yield 34 Democratic House districts, 65 Republican House districts, 8 Democratic Senate districts, and 25 Republican Senate districts. The Senate district numbers in the map approved today are even worse than under the current maps approved in 2011, which were so egregiously gerrymandered that they inspired voters to go to the polls twice to put fairness and equity in our redistricting process via constitutional amendments.

In the interest of fairness, bipartisanship, and the realities of geography, demography, and politics, the Democratic members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission produced maps that followed the constitutional demands of proper district drawing, including Art. XI, Section 6 (A) and (B), which were ignored by Republicans. These three maps, respectively, produced 14 likely Democratic Senate seats and 44 likely Democratic House seats, 13 likely Democratic Senate seats and 42 likely Democratic House seats, and 13 likely Democratic Senate seats and 42 likely

Democratic House seats. These correspond closely to the ratio of proportionality that the Ohio Constitution prescribes in Art. XI, Section 6. The Democratic members of the Commission and their staff worked tirelessly to incorporate Republican feedback into the mapmaking process while also drawing maps that adhere to the requirements of the Ohio Constitution in Art. XI, Section 6. The Democratic members of the Commission produced three separate map plans that did not disproportionately favor either party, that did represent the will of voters demonstrated over the previous decade of statewide partisan elections, and met the criteria of limiting splits of communities.

Throughout the process, Republicans appeared to follow a playbook of delay and deflection. They used as much time as possible before deadlines, skipped deadlines, and then offered unconstitutional map plans and unacceptable ultimatums to Democratic members of the legislature and the Commission. Their actions included a last-minute attempt this spring to change the Constitution to give themselves control of the process; delaying the convening of the Commission until early August; dragging their feet on approving the Commission's rules; blaming the census data delay for not convening the Commission before August 6; purposely missing the September 1 constitutional deadline for releasing a plan, holding hearings, and adopting a plan; and feigning interest in a compromise before the September 15 deadline but only offering gerrymandered maps. See Appendix B. Republicans did not demonstrate good faith participation in the process. Democratic solutions went unheeded while the Republicans made only token changes to their maps that appeared designed to protect their incumbents. This culminated again in heavily gerrymandered maps, in their second offering, sent to Democratic Commission members and staff late on September 14, the night before the constitutional deadline.

Their latest maps would produce 9 likely Democratic Senate districts and a single, additional 50-50 toss-up Republican-leaning Senate district. The remaining 23 Senate districts were drawn clearly to favor the Republican Party. It would produce 32 likely Democratic House districts and 5 toss-up Democratic-leaning House seats. This plan, like the first plan put forward by Republican map drawers, does not reflect the statewide political preferences of Ohio voters because it creates a higher proportion of Republican districts than the proportion of votes they earn in Ohio.

The GOP-adopted map lays out an absurd description of how it allegedly meets the requirements of Section 6(B). The voters of Ohio do not favor Republicans in a range of 54% to 81%.

We, the two members of the minority party, could not in good conscience violate the voters' will as expressed by the redistricting reforms approved in 2015 and 2018, nor could we ignore the Ohio Constitution's clear language that legislative district maps must correspond closely to the statewide preferences of voters as measured by the statewide partisan general election results over the past ten years. The plan adopted by the majority violates that requirement. In fact, the Republican members did not demonstrate any attempt to meet the requirements. For these reasons, we are voting against the maps the majority of the Commission is choosing to adopt.

APPENDIX A

Year	Democrat	Republican	Dem. Vote	Rep. Vote
2012	Obama	Romney	2,827,709	2,661,439
2012	Brown	Mandel	2,762,766	2,435,744
2014	FitzGerald	Kasich	1,009,359	1,944,848
2014	Pepper	DeWine	1,178,426	1,882,048
2014	Carney	Yost	1,149,305	1,711,927
2014	Turner	Husted	1,074,475	1,811,020
2014	Pillich	Mandel	1,323,325	1,724,060
2016	Clinton	Trump	2,394,164	2,841,005
2016	Strickland	Portman	1,996,908	3,118,567
2018	Cordray	DeWine	2,067,847	2,231,917
2018	Dettelbach	Yost	2,084,593	2,272,440
2018	Space	Faber	2,006,204	2,152,769
2018	Clyde	LaRose	2,049,944	2,210,356
2018	Richardson	Sprague	2,022,016	2,304,444
2018	Brown	Renacci	2,355,923	2,053,963
2020	Biden	Trump	2,603,681	3,074,418
			30,906,645	36,430,965

Ratio: **45.9%** **54.1%**

Senate: **15.1** **17.9**

House: **45.4** **53.6**

APPENDIX B

Ohio House of Representatives
Representative Emilia Sykes
Minority Leader



Ohio Senate
Senator Kenny Yuko
Minority Leader

June 11, 2021

Governor Mike DeWine
Vern Riffe Center
77 S. High St, 30th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Governor DeWine,

We write to urge you to convene the Ohio Redistricting Commission and call its first meeting so that work can begin immediately to prepare for the drawing of fair districts for the next decade. Under Ohio Constitution, Article XI, Section 3(C), the Redistricting Commission must be convened by the Governor. As you know, the Redistricting Commission has the responsibility for determining boundaries of the 99 House of Representatives districts and the 33 Ohio Senate districts. The Commission also must plan for its possible role in the creation of congressional districts. This will set the foundation for our state's form of democratic government for the next 10 years.

The final round of census enumeration and demographic data will be delivered in mid-August and there is much preparation to do over the next two months. Legislative leaders will need to appoint members to the commission and name co-chairs. The commission must adopt rules, hire staff, create a budget, and plan and build a system that allows the public to submit district plans. All of this work, which requires time and significant deliberation, must take place before the Commission begins its task of drawing and adopting maps. We also must provide adequate information and notice to allow for full public participation in the process as required by the constitution.

So that we can begin the work of creating fair districts for our state, we ask you to convene the Redistricting Commission and set its first meeting as soon as possible. We do not want this important work to be conducted at the last minute behind closed doors. Thank you for your time and urgent attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Emilia Sykes.

Emilia Sykes
Minority Leader
Ohio House of Representatives

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Kenny Yuko
Minority Leader
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Subject: Next steps

Now that the commission has accepted a map, and ahead of the hearings beginning Sunday afternoon, Secretary LaRose and our staff are available and desirous to meet, either in person, by phone, or virtually, to understand where there is an opportunity to build consensus among the commission members.

Ray, Blake and Randall, as the three staff who have presented maps, do you have thoughts on how we proceed?

Christine and Mike, representing the co-chairs, are the co-chairs themselves or staff available tomorrow or Saturday before the next meeting on Sunday?

Thanks all!

-Merle

Merle Madrid | Chief of Staff



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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Announcement of Commission Meetings on Thursday, September 9, 2021

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Announcement of Commission Meeting – Thursday, Sept. 9, 2021 @ 10AM

To:: Members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission
From: Speaker Robert Cupp, Co-Chair
Senator Vernon Sykes, Co-Chair

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Date: Thursday, September 9, 2021
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Finan Hearing Room (Room 126)
Senate Building
Ohio Statehouse
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215-4275

Agenda

The Ohio Redistricting Commission will meet to hear testimony on state redistricting plans pursuant to Article XI of the Ohio Constitution and Commission rules. Please complete and submit a witness information form to testimony@redistricting.ohio.gov in advance of testifying.

Announcement of Commission Meeting – Thursday, Sept. 9, 2021 @ 2PM

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From: Speaker Robert Cupp, Co-Chair
Senator Vernon Sykes, Co-Chair
Date: Thursday, September 9, 2021
Time: 2:00 PM
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**OHIO CITIZENS
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OFFICIAL REPORT TO THE OHIO REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

AUGUST 2021

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ABOUT

THE OHIO CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

The Ohio Citizens Redistricting Commission (OCRC) is sponsored by the Ohio Organizing Collaborative (OOC), Ohio State Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and the A. Philip Randolph Institute (APRI) of Ohio. The OCRC worked in partnership with the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity at The Ohio State University, More Equitable Democracy, Skylight and MGGG Redistricting Lab at Tufts University.

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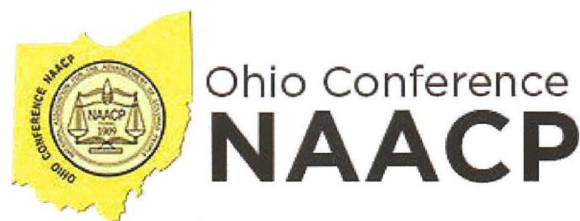




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ABOUT THE COMMISSION

OVERVIEW

The Ohio Citizens Redistricting Commission (OCRC) is an independent, diverse, non-partisan commission made up of 16 volunteer members, including interested citizens, academics, community leaders, current and former elected officials, attorneys, and more. Members were deliberately chosen to reflect the diversity of Ohio, and include persons of color, persons of all ages and backgrounds, persons from the LGBTQ community, and persons from different regions of the state.

GOALS OF THE COMMISSION

The OCRC has three main goals:

- *Model a thorough and robust engagement process for developing legislative districts, including reaching out specifically to minority and underrepresented communities,*
- *Develop and demonstrate citizen-derived principles of redistricting, and*
- *Draw “unity maps”, meaning maps based on constitutional requirements, citizen-derived principles of redistricting, and an aggregation of a wide variety of preferences that came out of public input.*

PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

The OCRC developed this report summarizing how these goals were achieved to submit as public testimony to the Ohio Redistricting Commission.

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Some members of the Commission helped to write the constitutional amendment that Ohio voters approved in 2015 and that spells out the criteria upon which the Commission’s unity maps are based. Commission members were invited to apply by representatives of the OCRC sponsor organizations the Ohio Organizing Collaborative, Ohio State Conference of the NAACP, and APRI of Ohio.

COMMISSION PARTNERS



The OCRC partnered with the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity at The Ohio State University and MGGG Redistricting Lab at Tufts University for data collection, analysis, and community mapping, with More Equitable Democracy for district mapping and analysis, and with Skylight for web-based community engagement. The following individuals participated in this work:

Mapping & Data Analysis Team Members

- **Dr. Ranthony Edmonds**, Department of Mathematics, Ohio State -- Data Analysis
- **Dr. Matthew Kahle**, Department of Mathematics, Ohio State -- Data Analysis
- **Dr. Vladimir Kogan**, Political Science, Ohio State -- Politics/Policy
- **Michael Outrich**, Kirwan Institute, Ohio State -- Ohio Community Mapping
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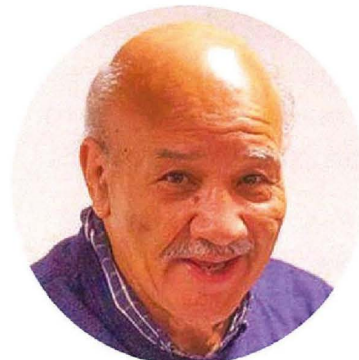
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COMMISSION PROCESS AND TIMELINE

Commission Announced

On Wednesday, May 12, 2021, the formation and membership of the OCRC was announced to the general public via statewide media release and on social media. The public was encouraged to become involved in the work of the OCRC and to watch for further updates and developments.

Public Engagement and Hearings

Public hearings were held virtually throughout the state with a quorum of OCRC members present to give an overview of the amendments to the Ohio Constitution for 2021 regarding the redistricting process, to encourage attendees to participate in the community mapping project, and to receive feedback about what they would like to see happen in the 2021 redistricting process as it relates to their communities or region of the state. The OCRC was also interested to hear how communities, and particularly minority and underrepresented communities, have been impacted in the last decade under gerrymandered districts, and to hear feedback about what specifically witnesses would recommend moving forward to have better political and community representation.

Each public hearing featured a few guest speakers, like a prominent local elected official or community leader, and then the meeting was opened up for citizen witnesses to testify. **A total of 494 Ohio citizens registered to attend these public hearings.** Many of these citizens came representing large subgroups and/or membership lists of other citizens. Recordings of all public hearings can be viewed on our OCRC website at www.ohredistrict.org/past-hearings.

The OCRC held all public hearings after business hours to optimize accessibility, and virtually to ensure safe participation. Hearings were held on the following dates and times:

- May 13, 2021 at 6pm for an organizational meeting and redistricting briefing.
- May 27, 2021 at 6pm for Northwest Ohio (Toledo and Lima).
- June 10, 2021 at 6pm for Greater Cleveland (Cleveland, Lorain, Euclid, Parma).
- June 24, 2021 at 6pm for Northeast Ohio (Akron, Canton, Youngstown).
- July 8, 2021 at 6pm for Southeast Ohio (Athens, Portsmouth, East Liverpool, Chillicothe).
- July 22, 2021 at 6pm for Southwest Ohio (Cincinnati, Dayton).
- August 12, 2021 at 6pm for Central Ohio (Columbus, Marion, Mansfield, Newark, Lancaster).
- August 26, 2021 at 5:30pm for a presentation on our proposed unity maps and to receive feedback and questions.
- August 27, 2021 at 5:30pm for a presentation on our proposed unity maps and to receive feedback and questions.

Commission Work Sessions and Work Groups

The first organizational meeting of the commission took place on May 13, 2021 at 6pm. Members received a briefing about the commission's objectives and about the guidelines laid out in the Ohio Constitution for drawing state legislative and congressional districts.

Commission work sessions took place virtually via Zoom on the following dates:

- May 27, 2021 following the completion of the public hearing.
- June 10, 2021 following the completion of the public hearing.
- June 24, 2021 following the completion of the public hearing.
- July 8, 2021 following the completion of the public hearing.
- July 22, 2021 following the completion of the public hearing.
- July 29, 2021 to discuss and adopt mapping criteria framework.
- August 12, 2021 following the completion of the public hearing.
- August 20, 2021 to discuss draft unity maps.
- August 22, 2021 to discuss draft unity maps. The OCRC voted unanimously to propose draft unity maps to the public.
- August 29, 2021 to discuss proposed unity maps, feedback on proposed maps, and the draft report to be submitted to the Ohio Redistricting Commission. The OCRC voted unanimously to adopt the final commission report and unity maps.

Commission officers met weekly on Mondays beginning on May 3rd.

The OCRC established four workgroups to facilitate the work of the commission and report back to the full commission. All workgroups met as needed and workgroup leads would report in at full commission work sessions. The working groups are:



Public Relations

Purpose: To represent the goals of the commission with the media, and to guide the commission's public communications.

Members: Alan Bannister (Lead), Amina Barhum, Jeremy Blake and Chris Tavenor



Minority Representation

Purpose: To ensure that communities of color are treated fairly in the redistricting process and can meaningfully influence elections under the maps enacted.

Members: Barbara Sykes (Lead), Jeniece Brock, Greg Moore, Tom Roberts, and Katy Shanahan



Mapping Criteria

Purpose: To develop community driven principles and priorities for mapping and to ensure unity maps represent the input of community members and commissioners.

Members: Dr. Richard Gunther (Lead), Kathleen Clyde, Sam Gresham, Greg Moore and Katy Shanahan.



Community Engagement

Community Engagement & Outreach: To engage at the grassroots level in communities around the state and to ensure input from diverse communities.

Members: Dr. Ellen Greene Bush (Lead), Akii Butler, Dr. Lis Regula, and Andre Washington.

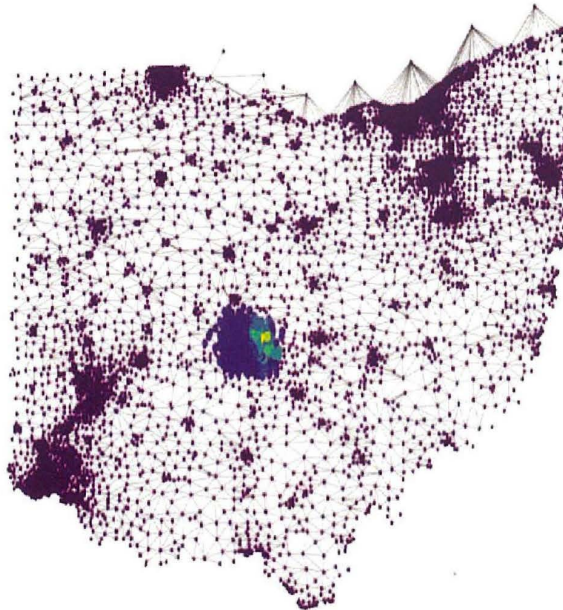
Community Mapping Project

The MGGG Redistricting Lab built a project team based at The Ohio State University and supported by a network of grassroots organizations to collect and synthesize Community of Interest (COI) input for the OCRC. One of the major guiding principles of this team was to ensure that narratives, needs, and concerns from a diverse range of Ohioans were included in the process. They emphasized concerted outreach to minority and underrepresented communities in their approach.

This team used Districtr, a free community web tool developed by MGGG to enable users to create both COI regions and “points of interest” paired with narratives about community issues and needs. **There were 2,350 submissions received through the Districtr portal.**

Prioritizing Communities of Interest is generally considered to be essential to drawing fair districts, but in practice, it is prohibitively difficult to implement without local community knowledge. This community mapping project collected spatialized testimony from the public, which featured not only narrative descriptions of the communities, but mapping describing their geography.

Districtr users could work remotely or join video conference-based workshops led by members of our outreach partner organizations. The Commission received public input in many modalities: collection at in-person meetings when possible, in virtual public meetings, submitted through Districtr.org, OCRC website and email or even via social media.



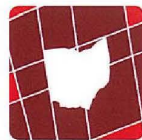
OCRC DistrictR Community of Interest heat map clusters from East Columbus, Reynoldsburg, Gahanna and Westerville prepared by MGGG.

Proposed Unity Maps Introduced to the Public

On August 25, the OCRC released proposed unity maps for the Ohio House and Ohio Senate via statewide media and social media for public comment and input. The unity maps were based on constitutional requirements, citizen-derived principles of redistricting, and an aggregation of a wide variety of preferences that came out of public input. These unity maps incorporated the 2020 Census data released two weeks earlier on August 12. Input was requested at two scheduled public hearings or via email to the commission.

Final Report and Unity Maps Submitted to Ohio Redistricting Commission

The OCRC submitted their final report and unity maps to the Ohio Redistricting Commission on September 1, 2021.



OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UNITY MAP

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The OCRC adopted this Ohio House of Representatives Unity Map based on constitutional requirements, citizen-derived principles of redistricting, and an aggregation of a wide variety of preferences that came out of public input. There are also additional considerations that the OCRC used to better understand how best to deliver real pathways to representation through new district lines for all of Ohio's communities.

EQUAL POPULATION

Under Article XI, Section 3(A) of the Ohio Constitution, the population of Ohio house and senate districts cannot vary more than $\pm 5\%$ of what is called a 'ratio of representation,' which is calculated by taking the whole population of the state and dividing it by the number of districts in the house. Districts must be drawn using the whole population of the state as determined by the most recent census – that is, every person who lives in Ohio must be used to determine the size of each district, not just adults, voters, or citizens. The 2020 Census whole population of Ohio is 11,808,848. Thus each of Ohio's 99 house districts must contain between 113,317 and 125,245 persons.

See Exhibit A for a listing of the population of each district on the proposed map. All districts have between 113,317 and 125,245 persons as required by the Ohio Constitution.

REPRESENTATIONAL FAIRNESS

Article XI, Section 6 of the Ohio Constitution states that, "No General Assembly district plan shall be drawn primarily to favor or disfavor a political party." Further, "The statewide proportion of districts whose voters, based on statewide state and federal partisan general election results during the last ten years, favor each political party shall correspond closely to the statewide preferences of the voters of Ohio."

In the five general elections that have taken place over the past decade, Republican candidates for President, U.S. Senator, Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor, Attorney General and Treasurer have received 54.3% of the votes cast by Ohio voters, while Democratic candidates for those offices have received 45.7% of the votes cast. To ensure that one political party is not unduly favored over another, the partisan make-up of Ohio's districts should mirror the partisan make-up of Ohio's voters.

Exhibit C contains a memo from OCRC member Dr. Richard Gunther displaying these calculations using official results from the Ohio Secretary of State from 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, and 2020.

Our proposed map has 55 districts (55.56% of the districts) that lean over 50% Republican and 44 districts (44.44% of districts) that lean over 50% Democratic.

This 56% Republican/44% Democratic ratio closely aligns with the 54%/46% representational fairness ratio required by the Ohio Constitution.

KEEPING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

State house districts were drawn to protect Ohio's communities by keeping them together as much as practically possible and in line with the constitutional requirements to minimize the splitting of counties, townships, and cities. These requirements are as follows:

- Proceeding in succession from the largest to the smallest, each county must be drawn with as many whole districts within county boundaries as can be drawn. Any remaining fraction of the county's population must be part of only one adjoining house district. [Ohio Constitution Article XI, Section 3(C)(1)]
 - Franklin, Cuyahoga, Hamilton, Summit, Montgomery, Lucas, Butler, Stark, Lorain, Mahoning, Lake, Warren, Clermont, Trumbull, Delaware, Medina, Licking, Greene, Portage, Fairfield, Clark, and Wood counties trigger this requirement. Our proposed map complies with this requirement.
- Counties with a population between 113,317 and 125,245 must be drawn as whole house districts and cannot be split apart. [Ohio Constitution Article XI, Section 3(C)(2)]
 - Richland and Wayne counties trigger this requirement. Our proposed map complies with this requirement.
- The remaining portions of the state must be joined together in house districts and, where possible, counties should not be split more than once when drawing house districts. [Ohio Constitution Article XI, Section 3(C)(3)]
 - Our proposed map complies with this requirement.
- If a municipality or township has territory in more than one county, the portion of that municipality or township shall be considered a separate municipality or township for the purposes of these sections. [Ohio Constitution, Article XI, Section 3(D)(1)(b).]
 - Our proposed map adopts this assumption where applicable.
- If a municipality or township within one county has a population of more than one house district, the split portions are considered separately and not splits. [Ohio Constitution, Article XI, Section 3(D)(1)(c).]
 - Columbus, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Toledo, Dayton, and Akron trigger this requirement. Our map minimizes these splits and complies with this requirement.
- House districts must be drawn by splitting as few cities and townships whose contiguous portions have a population of 59,641 to 119,281.[3(D)(2)]
 - The cities of Parma, Canton, Youngstown, Lorain, and Hamilton trigger this requirement. Our proposed map does not split any of these cities and therefore complies with the requirement.

- If the above splitting rules cannot be met when drawing a house district by including whole cities or townships, the district cannot split more than one city or township. [3(D)(3)]
 - Our proposed map complies with this requirement.

Using qualitative community of interest data collected by the OCRC and compiled by MGGG, the number of communities of interest kept together within district boundaries were maximized.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

INCUMBENCY PROTECTION

Incumbency protection as a criterion for state legislative districts, formerly Article XI, Section 7(D), was removed from the Ohio Constitution by overwhelming majorities in both houses of the legislature and ratified by over 70 percent of the voters in 2015. The removal of that criterion was an important priority to reformers for any agreement on state legislative redistricting, since preservation of the previous district boundaries was tantamount to making inevitable the preservation of the previous gerrymander.

MINORITY REPRESENTATION

Districts were reviewed to understand the extent to which minority voters can meaningfully influence elections. Following county and political subdivision split rules allowed communities of color to be drawn into compact districts and at the same time avoided packing and cracking. Minority vote dilution by packing or cracking was avoided. Packing is when minority voters are artificially concentrated into a small number of districts so that their overall electoral influence is weakened. Cracking splits minority communities and spreads minority voters thinly into many districts in which they have little or no electoral influence.

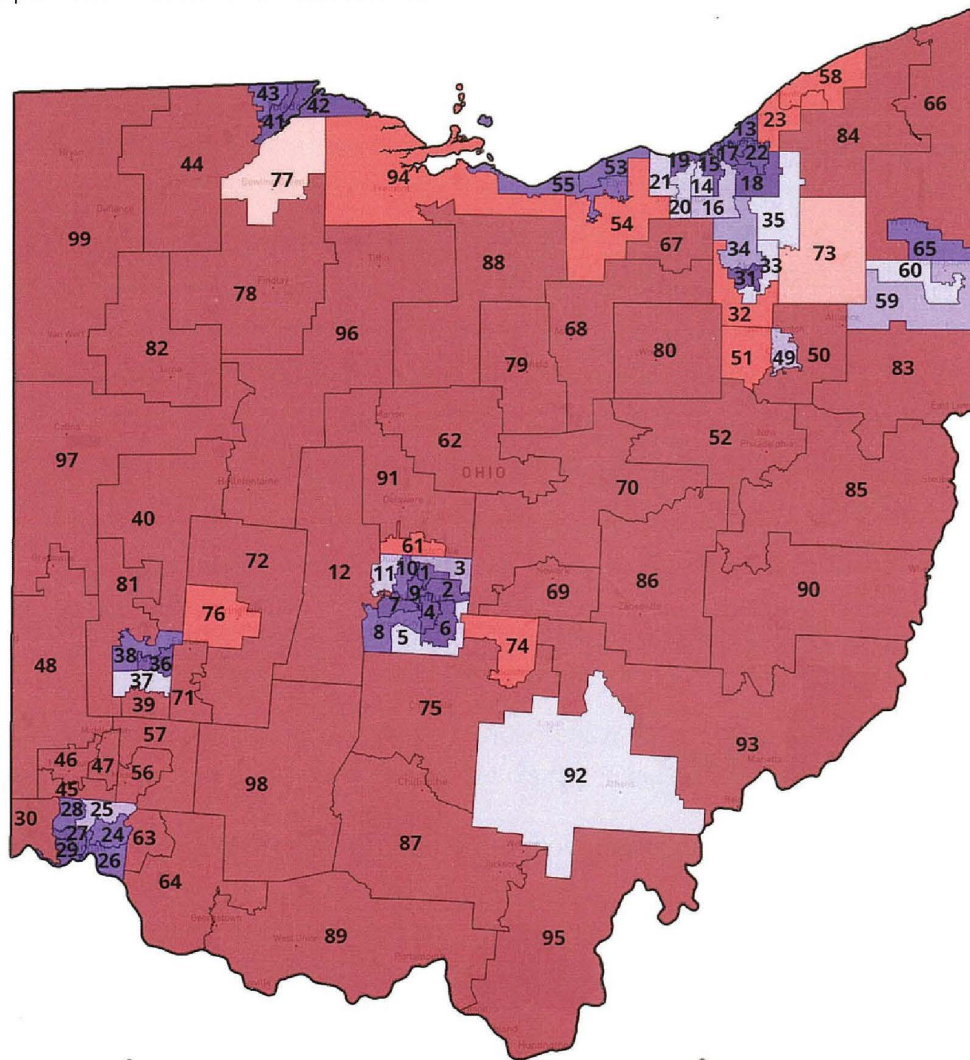
The Commission reviewed proposed maps to ensure that minority voters were fairly represented. The proposed map has 15 districts with a substantial opportunity for Black voters to be represented electorally. Exhibit B provides Black Voting Age Population (BVAP) numbers for those 15 districts and shows their location on relevant maps.



PROPOSED STATE LEGISLATIVE UNITY MAPS

OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following map meets all of the relevant constitutional requirements. Those requirements include provisions that dictate how or if a political subdivision (including counties, townships, and municipalities) is allowed to be split apart and that require representational fairness in the proportion of seats likely to go to each major political party based on statewide state and federal partisan elections in the last decade.



Key	
Dark Blue	Likely Democratic (60%+)
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OHIO STATE SENATE UNITY MAP

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- Each county must be drawn with as many whole senate districts within county boundaries as can be drawn. Any remaining fraction of the county's population that exceeds 375,735 must be part of only one adjoining senate district. [Ohio Constitution Article XI, Section 4(B)(1)]
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- Counties not large enough to contain one whole senate district but that have at least one house district shall be part of only one senate district [Ohio Constitution Article XI, Section 4(B)(2)]
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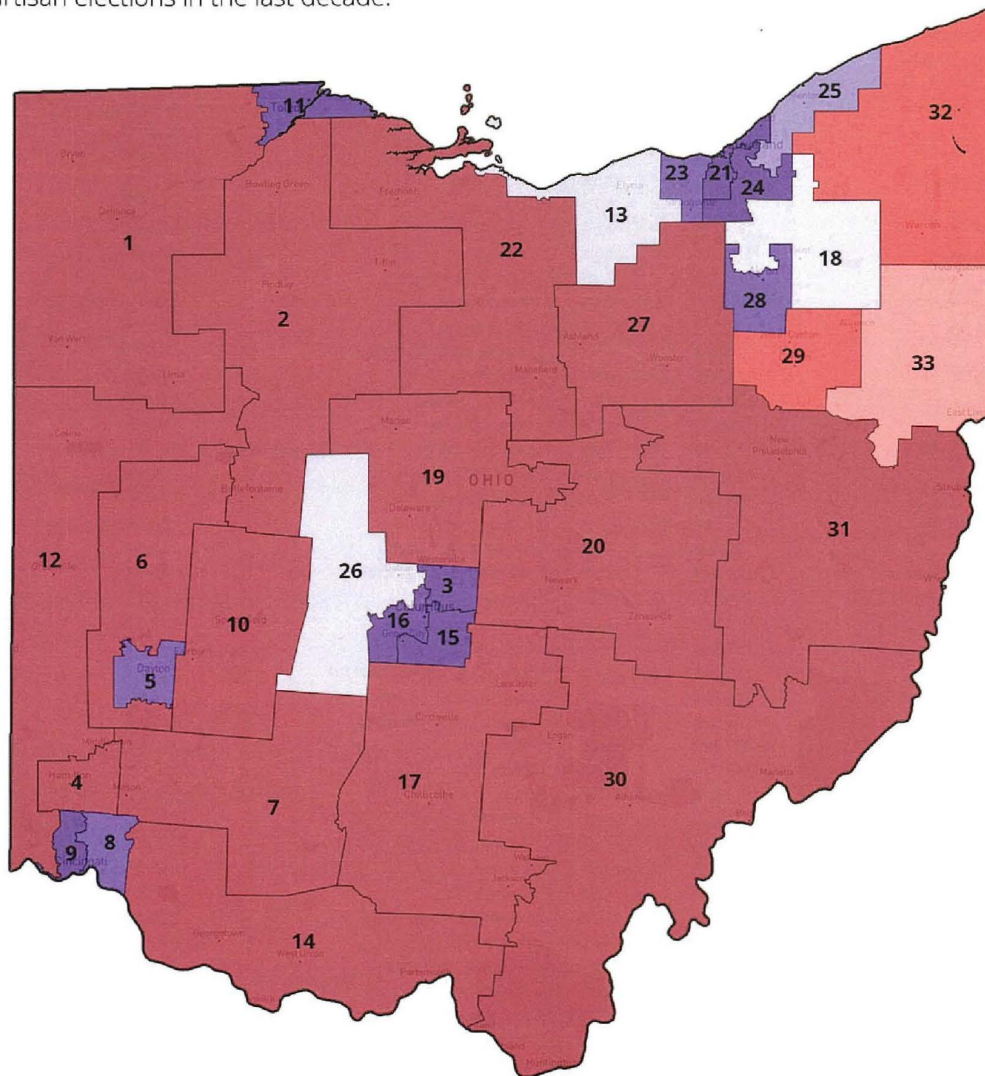
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EXHIBIT A: POPULATION COUNTS

OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UNITY MAP DISTRICTS

House District Population Counts					
District Region	Total Population	Deviation	District Region	Total Population	Deviation
Allen_Putnam_VanWert	122,106	2.4%	Highland_Clinton_Fayette	114,286	-4.1%
Ashtabula_Geauga	125,022	4.9%	Lake_A	124,908	4.8%
Athens_Perry_Hocking	113,391	-4.9%	Lawrence_Jackson_Gallia	116,593	-2.2%
Belmont_Guernsey_Noble	115,375	-3.2%	Licking_A	113,494	-4.8%
Butler_A	113,579	-4.7%	Licking_Knox_Holmes	114,070	-4.3%
Butler_B	113,453	-4.8%	Lorain_A	123,543	3.7%
Butler_C	115,685	-2.9%	Lorain_B	113,276	-5.0%
Butler_Darke_Preble	117,398	-1.5%	Lorain_Erie	123,988	4.0%
Clark_A	113,562	-4.7%	Lucas_A	123,848	3.9%
Clermont_A	122,488	2.8%	Lucas_B	125,100	5.0%
Clermont_Brown	114,614	-3.8%	Lucas_C	125,085	4.9%
Columbiana_Carroll	115,728	-2.9%	Lucas_Fulton_Henry	122,840	3.1%
Cuyahoga_A	124,826	4.7%	Mahoning_A	113,818	-4.5%
Cuyahoga_B	125,140	5.0%	Mahoning_B	114,796	-3.7%
Cuyahoga_C	124,968	4.9%	Marion_Knox_Morrow	113,629	-4.7%
Cuyahoga_D	125,024	4.9%	Medina_A	120,308	0.9%
Cuyahoga_E	124,611	4.6%	Medina_Ashland	114,609	-3.8%
Cuyahoga_F	124,637	4.6%	Miami_Shelby_Logan	114,538	-3.9%
Cuyahoga_G	124,790	4.7%	Montgomery_A	121,041	1.6%
Cuyahoga_H	124,936	4.8%	Montgomery_B	114,535	-3.9%
Cuyahoga_I	124,466	4.4%	Montgomery_C	120,078	0.7%
Cuyahoga_J	124,364	4.3%	Montgomery_D	122,332	2.6%
Cuyahoga_Lake	124,750	4.7%	Montgomery_Miami	114,430	-4.0%
Darke_Auglaize_Mercer	121,417	1.9%	Muskingum_Coshocton	113,586	-4.7%
Delaware_A	114,457	-4.0%	Portage_A	124,923	4.8%
Delaware_Marion	113,840	-4.5%	Richland_A	124,936	4.8%
Erie_Sandusky_Ottawa	113,928	-4.4%	Ross_Jackson_Pike	116,665	-2.1%
Fairfield_A	116,348	-2.4%	Sandusky_Huron_Crawford	113,701	-4.6%
Fairfield_Ross_Pickaway	114,358	-4.1%	Scioto_Brown_Adams	116,660	-2.1%
Franklin_A	116,195	-2.5%	Seneca_Logan_Hardin	121,281	1.8%
Franklin_B	117,795	-1.2%	Stark_A	119,639	0.4%
Franklin_C	114,715	-3.8%	Stark_B	123,441	3.6%
Franklin_D	113,852	-4.5%	Stark_C	124,655	4.6%
Franklin_E	124,669	4.6%	Summit_A	117,262	-1.6%
Franklin_F	115,611	-3.0%	Summit_B	122,161	2.5%
Franklin_G	116,226	-2.5%	Summit_C	113,869	-4.5%
Franklin_H	122,253	2.6%	Summit_D	123,343	3.5%
Franklin_I	117,162	-1.7%	Summit_Portage_Gauga	124,037	4.1%
Franklin_J	124,414	4.4%	Trumbull_A	121,935	2.3%
Franklin_K	124,449	4.4%	Trumbull_Ashtabula	124,615	4.6%
Franklin_Union_Madison	123,074	3.3%	Tuscarawas_Holmes	121,163	1.7%
Fulton_Defiance_Williams	122,667	2.9%	Tuscarawas_Jefferson_Guernsey	113,824	-4.5%
Greene_A	113,413	-4.8%	Warren_A	123,512	3.6%
Greene_Clark_Champaign	115,706	-2.9%	Warren_B	118,825	-0.3%
Hamilton_A	124,421	4.4%	Washington_Perry_Noble	113,769	-4.5%
Hamilton_B	124,842	4.7%	Wayne_A	116,894	-1.9%
Hamilton_C	121,704	2.1%	Wood_A	113,541	-4.7%
Hamilton_D	115,205	-3.3%	Wood_Hancock_Putnam	123,965	4.0%
Hamilton_E	116,284	-2.4%			
Hamilton_F	113,410	-4.8%			
Hamilton_G	114,773	-3.7%			

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OHIO STATE SENATE UNITY MAP DISTRICTS

District Region	Total Population	Deviation
Athens_Washington_Lawrence	343,753	-3.9%
Butler_A	342,717	-4.2%
Clermont_Scioto_Brown	353,762	-1.1%
Cuyahoga_A	374,934	4.9%
Cuyahoga_B	374,272	4.7%
Cuyahoga_C	374,192	4.7%
Cuyahoga_Lake	374,022	4.6%
Delaware_Marion_Knox	341,926	-4.4%
Fairfield_Ross_Pickaway	347,371	-2.8%
Franklin_A	348,705	-2.5%
Franklin_B	354,132	-1.0%
Franklin_C	355,641	-0.5%
Franklin_Union_Madison	371,937	4.0%
Greene_Clark_Champaign	342,681	-4.2%
Hamilton_A	370,967	3.7%
Hamilton_B	344,899	-3.5%
Hamilton_Butler_Darke	353,588	-1.1%
Licking_Muskingum_Knox	341,150	-4.6%
Lorain_Erie	360,807	0.9%
Lucas_A	374,033	4.6%
Lucas_Allen_Fulton	367,613	2.8%
Mahoning_Columbiana_Carroll	344,342	-3.7%
Medina_Wayne_Ashland	351,811	-1.6%
Montgomery_A	355,654	-0.5%
Montgomery_Miami_Shelby	351,300	-1.8%
Richland_Erie_Sandusky	352,565	-1.4%
Stark_A	367,735	2.8%
Stark_Tuscarawas_Belmont	350,362	-2.0%
Summit_A	353,292	-1.2%
Summit_Portage_Gauga	372,303	4.1%
Trumbull_Ashtabula_Gauga	371,572	3.9%
Warren_Highland_Clinton	356,623	-0.3%
Wood_Hancock_Seneca	358,787	0.3%

EXHIBIT B: MINORITY REPRESENTATION OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UNITY MAP DISTRICTS

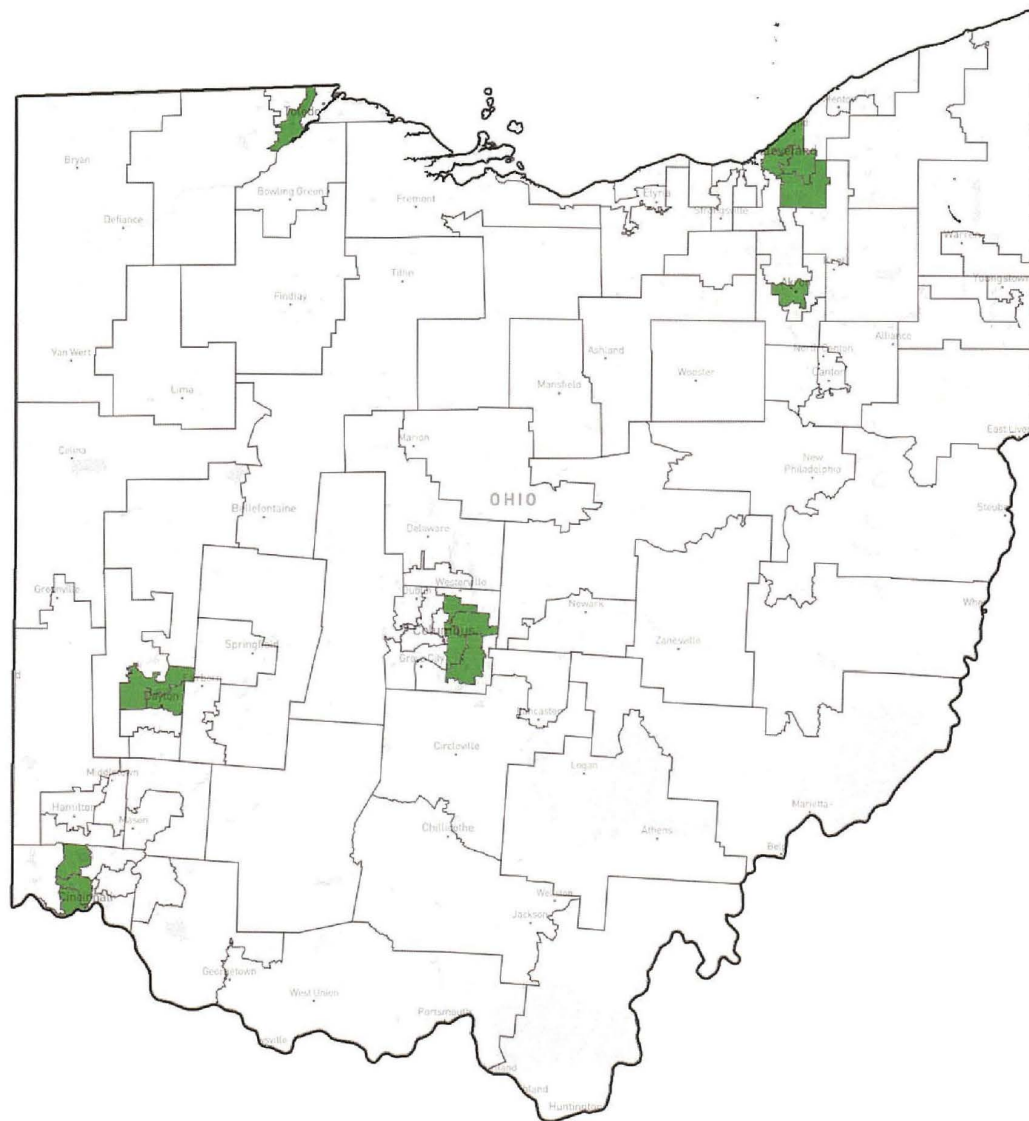
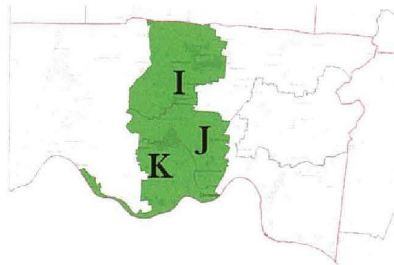


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OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UNITY MAP DISTRICTS

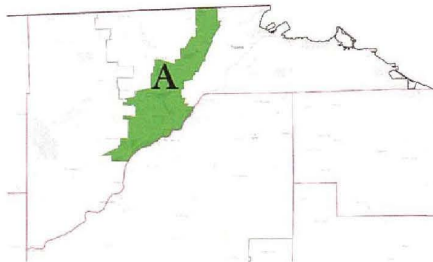
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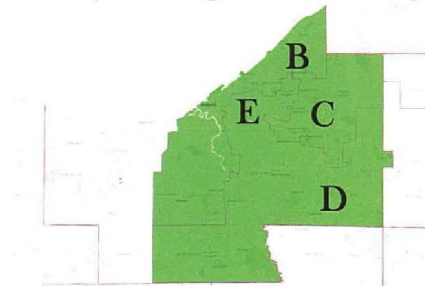


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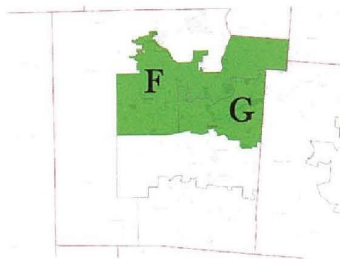


House Minority Representation		
Letter	BVAP	POC Total Population
A	30.02%	43.77%
B	73.19%	79.70%
C	28.19%	40.24%
D	59.75%	68.50%
E	65.99%	77.18%
F	37.54%	46.93%
G	33.82%	47.63%
H	41.86%	58.75%
I	37.03%	51.78%
J	38.87%	53.18%
K	38.40%	53.56%
L	39.39%	63.14%
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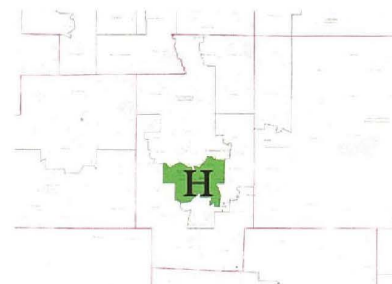


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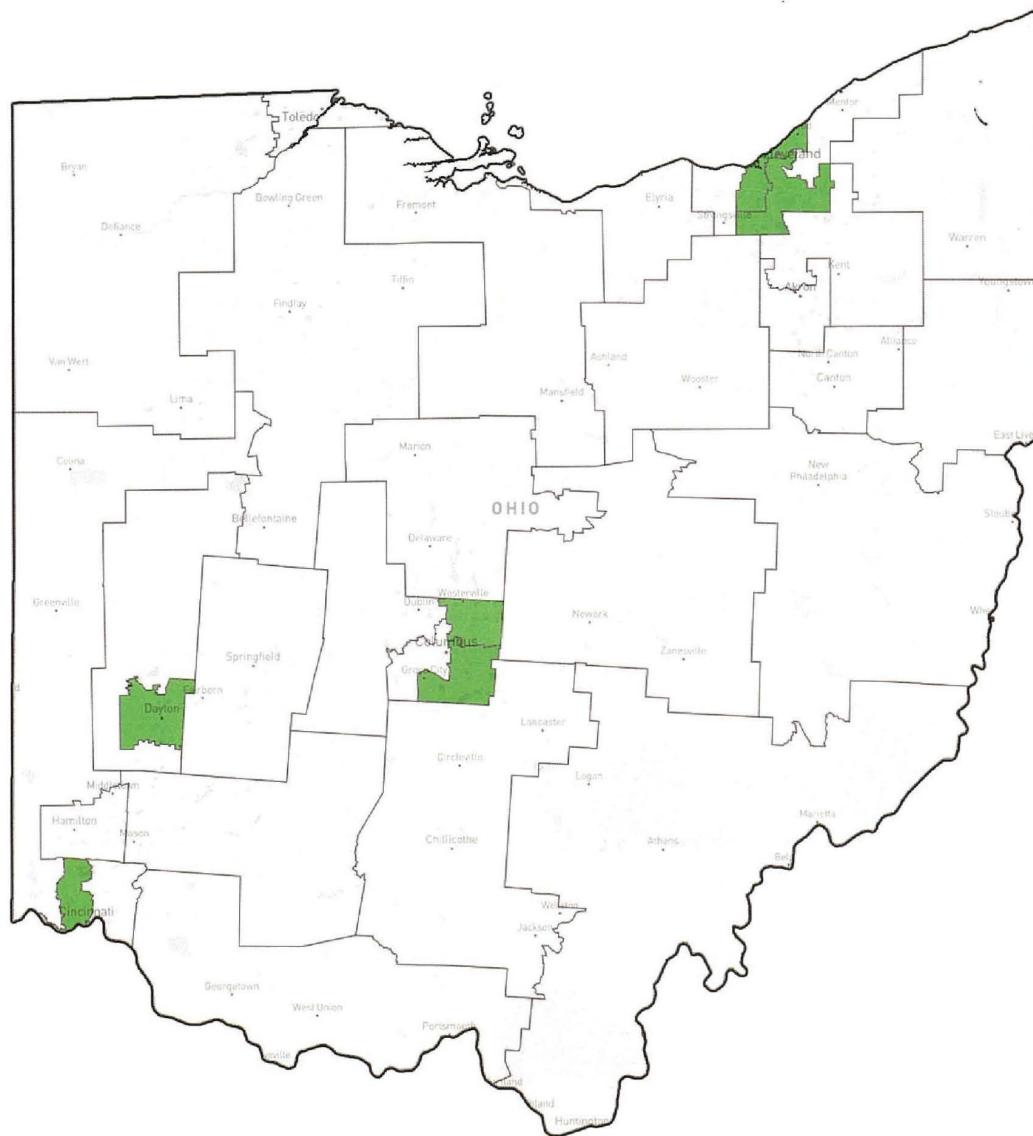
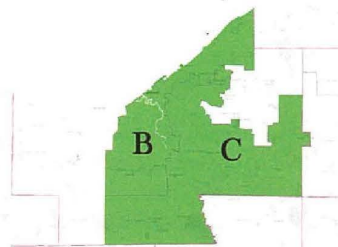


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Senate Minority Representation

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E	29.93%	49.41%
F	39.05%	53.19%

EXHIBIT C: REPRESENTATIONAL FAIRNESS MEMO

Oral Presentation of Article XI, Section 6(B)

“The statewide proportion of districts whose voters, based on statewide state and federal partisan general election results during the last ten years, favor each political party shall correspond closely to the statewide preferences of the voters of Ohio.”

How Section 6(B) is Intended to Work

The first step is to calculate the statewide preferences of the voters of Ohio as reflected in ballots cast for the candidates of each major party for President, United States Senator, Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Auditor and Treasurer over the past decade. That calculation (based on the official election results as published by the Ohio Secretary of State) is presented in the following table.

Votes for Statewide Offices over the Past Decade

Democratic Candidates	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020
President	2,697,260		2,394,164		2,679,165
Senator	2,645,901		1,996,908		
Governor		1,009,359		2,067,847	
Sec of State		1,074,475		2,049,944	
Attorney General		1,178,426		2,084,593	
Auditor		1,149,305		2,006,204	
Treasurer		1,323,325		2,022,016	

GRAND TOTAL of votes cast for Democratic candidates 2012-2020: **28,378,892**

Republican Candidates	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020
President	2,593,779		2,841,005		3,154,834
Senator	2,371,230		3,118,567		
Governor		1,944,848		2,231,917	
Sec. of State		1,811,020		2,210,356	
Attorney General		1,882,048		2,272,440	
Auditor		1,149,305		2,152,769	
Treasurer		1,724,060		2,304,444	

GRAND TOTAL of votes cast for Republican candidates 2012-2020: **33,759,622**

Democratic share of votes cast for statewide offices $(28,378,892 \div 62,141,514) = 45.7\%$

Republican share of votes cast for statewide offices $(33,762,622 \div 62,141,514) = 54.3\%$

EXHIBIT C: REPRESENTATIONAL FAIRNESS MEMO

Thus, the grand total of votes for Republican and Democratic candidates for statewide offices over the past decade indicates that Ohio voters supported Republican candidates over Democratic candidates by a margin of 54.3% vs. 45.7%.

Accordingly, for the map to be representationally fair, that is, not gerrymandered, the share of Ohio House of Representatives districts whose voters lean toward Republican candidates should be as close to 54.3% as possible, while 45.7% of these districts should lean toward Democratic candidates.

The second step is to create a partisan index for each of the districts that have been drawn based on the same statewide election results. This involves aggregating those same data for each of the districts in the map. This step determines the likely partisan lean in each district.

This seems like a lot of work, but computer programs used to draw district maps can easily accomplish this task.

Then simply count the number of districts that lean toward one party or the other.

After this has been done, it will be easily possible to determine which maps most closely correspond to the partisan preferences of Ohio's voters over the previous decade.

Using these data, the goal should be to create a map in which 54% of the districts have a pro-Republican partisan index and 45.7% have a pro-Democratic partisan index based on the last decade's election results.

Note that Section 6(B) of Article XI does not imply that each individual district should internally mirror this statewide ratio, which cannot occur because of how Republican and Democratic voters are unevenly distributed across the state.

Instead, it is the *statewide* share of districts leaning toward one party or another (based upon previous voting behavior over the previous decade) that should correspond to this statewide pattern of partisan preferences.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



Thank you to all of our partners, contributors and every fellow Ohioan who lifted their voice in this process. Democracy is a practice that requires all of us.

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TO: Ohio Redistricting Commission Members

FROM: Co-chair Vernon Sykes, State Senator
Co-chair Speaker Bob Cupp

RE: Announcement of Vote on Commission Rules

DATE: August 25, 2021

This memo is to provide notice that the Ohio Redistricting Commission intends to vote to adopt rules, as required by subsection (1)(B)(2)(a)(i) of Article XI of the Ohio Constitution, at our meeting in Lima, Ohio on Thursday, August 26, at 9:30 a.m. This meeting will be held at the Lima branch of the Ohio State University, 4240 Campus Drive, Life Science Building, Room 100.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

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Sent on: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 6:12:49 PM

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He will be represented by staff at each hearing.

Monday in Cleveland and Youngstown

Merle Madrid, Chief of Staff

Tuesday in Dayton and Cincinnati

D. Michael Grodhaus, Chief Legal Counsel

Wednesday in Zanesville and Rio Grande and

Thursday in Lima and Toledo

Chris Oliveti, Director of Legislative Affairs

Friday in Akron and Mansfield

Jeananne Chadsey, Deputy Chief of Staff

Thanks so much!

-Merle

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To: Rowe, Mike<Mike.Rowe@ohiosenate.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Invitation to discuss our map

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From: Rowe, Mike <Mike.Rowe@ohiosenate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 09:14
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Hi Merle,

Thanks for getting back to me. Is Secretary LaRose available today between 11:00am to 1:30pm? Our map team will be set up in our conference room.

Mike Rowe

Chief of Staff
Ohio Senate Minority Caucus
614-466-4371

From: "Madrid, Merle" <mmadrid@OhioSOS.Gov>
Date: Monday, September 6, 2021 at 9:38 PM
To: "Rowe, Mike" <Mike.Rowe@ohiosenate.gov>, "Grodhaus, Michael" <mgrodhaus@OhioSOS.Gov>
Cc: "Boas, George" <George.Boas@ohiosenate.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Invitation to discuss our map
Thanks Mike.
When could we have this meeting?
-Merle

From: Rowe, Mike <Mike.Rowe@ohiosenate.gov>
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Senator Vernon Sykes, co-chair of the Ohio Redistricting Commission, would like to extend a personal invitation to Secretary of State LaRose to meet with our map-drawing team that put together the plan presented at this week's commission meeting. This would be an opportunity for Secretary LaRose to see a detailed view of our map, ask questions and provide input. We have given a similar presentation to Auditor Faber. Please let me know if Secretary LaRose is interested and we can proceed with scheduling a meeting.

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Sent: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 09:14
To: Madrid, Merle <mmadrid@OhioSOS.Gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Invitation to discuss our map

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Hi Merle,
Thanks for getting back to me. Is Secretary LaRose available today between 11:00am to 1:30pm? Our map team will be set up in our conference room.

Mike Rowe

Chief of Staff
Ohio Senate Minority Caucus
614-466-4371

From: "Madrid, Merle" <mmadrid@OhioSOS.Gov>
Date: Monday, September 6, 2021 at 9:38 PM
To: "Rowe, Mike" <Mike.Rowe@ohiosenate.gov>, "Grodhaus, Michael" <mgrodhaus@OhioSOS.Gov>
Cc: "Boas, George" <George.Boas@ohiosenate.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Invitation to discuss our map
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-Merle

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From: Rowe, Mike <Mike.Rowe@ohiosenate.gov>

Sent: Friday, September 3, 2021 13:47

To: Madrid, Merle <mmadrid@OhioSOS.Gov>; Grodhaus, Michael <mgrodhaus@OhioSOS.Gov>

Cc: Boas, George <George.Boas@ohiosenate.gov>

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Sent on: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 1:38:19 AM
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CC: Boas, George<George.Boas@ohiosenate.gov>
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Sent on: Thursday, September 9, 2021 9:36:52 PM

To: Rowe, Mike<Mike.Rowe@ohiosenate.gov>; Heather.Blessing@ohiohouse.gov; Christine.Morrison@ohiohouse.gov; Paul.Disantis@ohiohouse.gov; Will.Hinman@ohiohouse.gov; Dauren.Mason@ohiohouse.gov; Samantha.Herd@ohiohouse.gov; Andy.DiPalma@ohiohouse.gov; Mindy.Spain@ohiohouse.gov; Oliveti, Chris<coliveti@OhioSOS.Gov>; Oliveti, Chris<coliveti@OhioSOS.Gov>; Grodhaus, Michael<mgrodhaus@OhioSOS.Gov>; Sarah.Cherry@ohiohouse.gov; Stockman, Scott<Scott.Stockman@ohiosenate.gov>; Boas, George<George.Boas@ohiosenate.gov>; Rothey, Kristin<Kristin.Rothey@ohiosenate.gov>; Routt, Randall<Randall.Routt@ohiosenate.gov>; Cambieri, Giulia<Giulia.Cambieri@ohiosenate.gov>; Osterback, Kate<Kate.Osterback@ohiosenate.gov>; Golski, Mallory<Mallory.Golski@ohiosenate.gov>; Barron, John<John.Barron@ohiosenate.gov>; Strigari, Frank<Frank.Strigari@ohiosenate.gov>; Matthew.Donahue@governor.ohio.gov; asbilchak@ohioauditor.gov; Sheila.Boehner@ohiohouse.gov

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Next steps

Thanks Mike. SOS staff will be there.

From: Rowe, Mike <Mike.Rowe@ohiosenate.gov>

Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 17:35

To: Madrid, Merle <mmadrid@OhioSOS.Gov>; Heather.Blessing@ohiohouse.gov; Christine.Morrison@ohiohouse.gov; Paul.Disantis@ohiohouse.gov; Will.Hinman@ohiohouse.gov; Dauren.Mason@ohiohouse.gov; Samantha.Herd@ohiohouse.gov; Andy.DiPalma@ohiohouse.gov; Mindy.Spain@ohiohouse.gov; Oliveti, Chris <coliveti@OhioSOS.Gov>; Oliveti, Chris <coliveti@OhioSOS.Gov>; Grodhaus, Michael <mgrodhaus@OhioSOS.Gov>; Sarah.Cherry@ohiohouse.gov; Stockman, Scott <Scott.Stockman@ohiosenate.gov>; Boas, George <George.Boas@ohiosenate.gov>; Rothey, Kristin <Kristin.Rothey@ohiosenate.gov>; Routt, Randall <Randall.Routt@ohiosenate.gov>; Cambieri, Giulia <Giulia.Cambieri@ohiosenate.gov>; Osterback, Kate <Kate.Osterback@ohiosenate.gov>; Golski, Mallory <Mallory.Golski@ohiosenate.gov>; Barron, John <John.Barron@ohiosenate.gov>; Strigari, Frank <Frank.Strigari@ohiosenate.gov>; 'Matthew.Donahue@governor.ohio.gov' <Matthew.Donahue@governor.ohio.gov>; 'asbilchak@ohioauditor.gov' <asbilchak@ohioauditor.gov>; Sheila.Boehner@ohiohouse.gov

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Merle,

Thanks for your email. On behalf of Co-chair Sykes and Leader Sykes I would like to invite staff representatives for all the commission members to meet Friday morning at 10am in the Senate Minority conference room (2nd floor Senate building). This is the same room where we conducted briefings on our map earlier this week. We have a monitor set up there for viewing maps.

I look forward to your responses.

Mike Rowe

Chief of Staff

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From: "Madrid, Merle" <mmadrid@OhioSOS.Gov>

Date: Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 3:31 PM

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Subject: Next steps

Now that the commission has accepted a map, and ahead of the hearings beginning Sunday afternoon, Secretary LaRose and our staff are available and desirous to meet, either in person, by phone, or virtually, to understand where there is an opportunity to build consensus among the commission members.

Ray, Blake and Randall, as the three staff who have presented maps, do you have thoughts on how we proceed?

Christine and Mike, representing the co-chairs, are the co-chairs themselves or staff available tomorrow or Saturday before the next meeting on Sunday?

Thanks all!

-Merle

Merle Madrid | Chief of Staff



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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Announcement of Commission Meetings on Thursday, September 9, 2021

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Announcement of Commission Meeting – Thursday, Sept. 9, 2021 @ 10AM

To:: Members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission
From: Speaker Robert Cupp, Co-Chair
Senator Vernon Sykes, Co-Chair
Date: Thursday, September 9, 2021
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Finan Hearing Room (Room 126)
Senate Building
Ohio Statehouse

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1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215-4275

Agenda

The Ohio Redistricting Commission will meet to hear testimony on state redistricting plans pursuant to Article XI of the Ohio Constitution and Commission rules. Please complete and submit a witness information form to testimony@redistricting.ohio.gov in advance of testifying.

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Senate Contact: Giulia Cambieri, (614) 644-5533

House Contact: Aaron Mulvey, (614) 466-8759

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Thanks Merle.

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To: Boas, George; Grodhaus, Michael
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Thanks George. Let us huddle and get back with you soon.
-Merle

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George,

Thank you for providing this. After discussion with Secretary LaRose, he does not recall specifically asking Senator Sykes for the Commission to acquire licenses or training for himself or the other executive officeholders use, beyond what's already been acquired for the Democratic and Republican caucuses in the Legislature. So, while we appreciate the work, we do not desire to proceed with this proposal, especially at this late hour in the process.

Thank you.

-Merle

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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Commission Regional Hearing Schedule (internal) as of 8/17/21

Thanks, George. -Merle

On Aug 18, 2021, at 14:13, Boas, George <George.Boas@ohiosenate.gov> wrote:

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Merle,

Thank you for sharing Jen Miller's message with us. Mike Rowe, our chief of staff, reached out to her on behalf of Co-chair Sykes.

George

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Heather,

Thank you.

I wanted to make you and others on the commission aware of the message I received from Jen Miller with the Ohio League of Women Voters today.

Specifically, she said "lots of confusion about the hearings next week. It's unclear how to submit testimony and there are some of the locations don't have an exact building/address (sic)" and "We [the LWV] are getting lots of emails and calls."

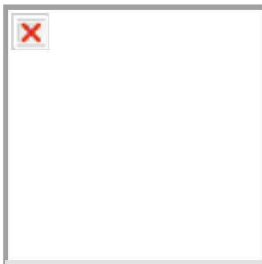
I told her I would relay those concerns to the co-chairs of the commission.

Thanks!

-Merle

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Please find attached an updated working schedule of the Ohio Redistricting Commission. We continue to fill in details and will recirculate a finalized version by the end of the week (all dates, times, and general locations are confirmed, however).

We would appreciate if you let us know by Friday morning if your respective Commission member plans on attend any of the hearings, or if they plan on sending a designee, so that we can prepare name plates in advance and advise university site hosts appropriately.

Sincerely,

Heather Blessing

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From: Madrid, Merle<mmadrid@OhioSOS.Gov> on behalf of Madrid, Merle
Sent on: Tuesday, August 24, 2021 12:13:09 PM
To: Heather.Blessing@ohiohouse.gov
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Internal schedule - updated 8/22/2021 @ 9:58PM

In classic Army style...

It was hurry up, then it was wait. Then it was modified, then it was postponed.

Secretary LaRose will be in Dayton and Cincinnati today.

Thanks!

-Merle

On Aug 22, 2021, at 21:59, Heather.Blessing@ohiohouse.gov wrote:

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Please find attached the updated internal schedule as of 8/22/2021. Changes include additions of House Speaker designees and other administrative details (no location changes). Please note that parking at Cleveland State University on Monday, 8/23 is \$10 for four hours.

Maps (no changes) here: https://isstateohus-my.sharepoint.com/:f/g/personal/goplegal_ohiohouse_gov/Ej0oaHW2BXPqEtjpY7XHvABe-opelbmYwi0eWCQPRXwrw?e=T9pU9b

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<2021 Ohio Redistricting Commission - regional hearing schedule (internal).docx>

From: Rowe, Mike<Mike.Rowe@ohiosenate.gov>
Sent on: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 1:13:46 PM
To: Madrid, Merle<mmadrid@OhioSOS.Gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Invitation to discuss our map

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Hi Merle,

Thanks for getting back to me. Is Secretary LaRose available today between 11:00am to 1:30pm? Our map team will be set up in our conference room.

Mike Rowe

Chief of Staff
Ohio Senate Minority Caucus
614-466-4371

From: "Madrid, Merle" <mmadrid@OhioSOS.Gov>
Date: Monday, September 6, 2021 at 9:38 PM
To: "Rowe, Mike" <Mike.Rowe@ohiosenate.gov>, "Grodhaus, Michael" <mgrodhaus@OhioSOS.Gov>
Cc: "Boas, George" <George.Boas@ohiosenate.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Invitation to discuss our map
Thanks Mike.
When could we have this meeting?
-Merle

From: Rowe, Mike <Mike.Rowe@ohiosenate.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 3, 2021 13:47
To: Madrid, Merle <mmadrid@OhioSOS.Gov>; Grodhaus, Michael <mgrodhaus@OhioSOS.Gov>
Cc: Boas, George <George.Boas@ohiosenate.gov>
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Mike Rowe

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From: Rowe, Mike<Mike.Rowe@ohiosenate.gov>
Sent on: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 1:57:07 PM
To: Madrid, Merle<mmadrid@OhioSOS.Gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Invitation to discuss our map

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Ok. That works for us. We will be in the Minority Conference room on the second floor of Senate building.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 7, 2021, at 9:54 AM, Madrid, Merle <mmadrid@ohiosos.gov> wrote:

Thanks. Let's set 12:30 – 1:30 today for that meeting.

From: Rowe, Mike <Mike.Rowe@ohiosenate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 09:14
To: Madrid, Merle <mmadrid@OhioSOS.Gov>
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Sent: Friday, September 3, 2021 13:47

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To: Madrid, Merle <mmadrid@OhioSOS.Gov>; Grodhaus, Michael <mgrodhaus@OhioSOS.Gov>

Cc: Boas, George <George.Boas@ohiosenate.gov>

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From: Madrid, Merle<mmadrid@OhioSOS.Gov> on behalf of Madrid, Merle
Sent on: Friday, September 10, 2021 2:13:15 AM
To: Heather.Blessing@ohiohouse.gov
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Ohio Redistricting Commission Regional Hearings Notice (Sept. 12-14, 2021)

Secretary LaRose will attend all hearings.

Thanks!

-Merle

On Sep 9, 2021, at 22:05, Heather.Blessing@ohiohouse.gov wrote:

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Please find below and attached the notices and maps for the regional hearings scheduled for September 12-14, 2021. Please contact Heather Blessing at heather.blessing@ohiohouse.gov to let us know who will be attending on behalf of your office at each hearing (the Commission member or designee).

Announcement of Commission Regional Hearing (Sunday, 9/12/2021)

To: Members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission
From: Speaker Robert Cupp, Co-Chair
Senator Vernon Sykes, Co-Chair
Date: Sunday, September 12, 2021
Time: 4:00 PM
Location: Washington Township RecPlex West (Auditorium)
965 Miamisburg Centerville Road
Dayton, Ohio 45459

Agenda

The Ohio Redistricting Commission will meet to hear public testimony on the Commission's introduced state redistricting plan pursuant to Article XI of the Ohio Constitution.

Announcement of Commission Regional Hearing (Monday, 9/13/2021)

To: Members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission
From: Speaker Robert Cupp, Co-Chair
Senator Vernon Sykes, Co-Chair
Date: Monday, September 13, 2021
Time: 4:00 PM
Location: Tri-C Corporate College East
Super Conference Room (Room 126)
4400 Richmond Road
Warrensville Heights, Ohio 44128
Map: <https://www.tri-c.edu/campuses-and-locations/eastern/images/eastmap.jpg>

Agenda

The Ohio Redistricting Commission will meet to hear public testimony on the Commission's introduced state redistricting plan pursuant to Article XI of the Ohio Constitution.

Announcement of Commission Regional Hearing (Tuesday, 9/14/2021)

To: Members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission
From: Speaker Robert Cupp, Co-Chair
Senator Vernon Sykes, Co-Chair
Date: Tuesday, September 14, 2021
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Ohio House Finance Hearing Room (Room 313)
Ohio Statehouse

1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215-4275
(The Commission will receive testimony onsite in Columbus)
Washington State Community College
Arts & Science Building, Auditorium
710 Colegate Drive
Marietta, Ohio 45750
Map: <https://www.wscc.edu/about/campus-map/>

(The Commission will also receive testimony remotely that is offered onsite in Marie

Agenda

The Ohio Redistricting Commission will meet to hear public testimony on the Commission's introduced state redistricting plan pursuant to Article XI of the Ohio Constitution.

Senate Contact: Giulia Cambieri, (614) 644-5533

House Contact: Aaron Mulvey, (614) 466-8759

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<https://www.redistricting.ohio.gov/meetings/mailling-list-sign-up>.

<Witness & Media Information Form.pdf>

<Commission Regional Hearings Notices (Sept 12-14).pdf>

From: Madrid, Merle<mmadrid@OhioSOS.Gov> on behalf of Madrid, Merle
Sent on: Thursday, September 16, 2021 5:27:51 AM
To: Heather.Blessing@ohiohouse.gov
CC: Paul.Disantis@ohiohouse.gov; Frank.Strigari@ohiosenate.gov
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: Adopted Plan

Thank you.

On Sep 16, 2021, at 01:20, Heather.Blessing@ohiohouse.gov wrote:

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Merle,
Here's a clean copy of the Article XI, Section 8(C)(2) Statement adopted by the Commission.
Sincerely,
Heather Blessing

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From: Blessing, Heather
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 1:05 AM
To: 'mmadrid@OhioSOS.Gov' <mmadrid@OhioSOS.Gov>
Cc: Disantis, Paul <Paul.Disantis@ohiohouse.gov>; Frank Strigari <Frank.Strigari@ohiosenate.gov>
Subject: Adopted Plan

Dear Merle:

Please find attached:

- The files comprising General Assembly redistricting plan as adopted (and amended) by the Ohio Redistricting Commission.
- The Article XI, Section 8(C)(2) Statement adopted by the Commission
- Report submitted by minority members

Sincerely,
Heather Blessing

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<Majority Report.pdf>

From: Alex S. Bilchak<ASBilchak@ohioauditor.gov>

Sent on: Thursday, September 9, 2021 11:50:30 PM

To: Christine.Morrison@ohiohouse.gov; Mike.Rowe@ohiosenate.gov; Madrid, Merle<mmadrid@OhioSOS.Gov>; Heather.Blessing@ohiohouse.gov; Paul.Disantis@ohiohouse.gov; Will.Hinman@ohiohouse.gov; Dauren.Mason@ohiohouse.gov; Samantha.Herd@ohiohouse.gov; Andy.DiPalma@ohiohouse.gov; Mindy.Spain@ohiohouse.gov; Oliveti, Chris<coliveti@OhioSOS.Gov>; Grodhaus, Michael<mgrodhaus@OhioSOS.Gov>; Sarah.Cherry@ohiohouse.gov; Scott.Stockman@ohiosenate.gov; George.Boas@ohiosenate.gov; kristin.rothey@ohiosenate.gov; Randall.Routt@ohiosenate.gov; Cambieri, Giulia<Giulia.Cambieri@ohiosenate.gov>; Kate.Osterback@ohiosenate.gov; Golski, Mallory<Mallory.Golski@ohiosenate.gov>; john.barron@ohiosenate.gov; Frank.Strigari@ohiosenate.gov; Matthew.Donahue@governor.ohio.gov; Sheila.Boehner@ohiohouse.gov; Emily Redman<EERedman@ohioauditor.gov>

Subject: Re: [External]RE: Next steps

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The Auditor will be represented by Emily Redman.

From: Christine.Morrison@ohiohouse.gov <Christine.Morrison@ohiohouse.gov>

Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 6:34:15 PM

To: Mike.Rowe@ohiosenate.gov <Mike.Rowe@ohiosenate.gov>; Madrid, Merle <mmadrid@OhioSOS.Gov>; Heather.Blessing@ohiohouse.gov <Heather.Blessing@ohiohouse.gov>; Paul.Disantis@ohiohouse.gov <Paul.Disantis@ohiohouse.gov>; Will.Hinman@ohiohouse.gov <Will.Hinman@ohiohouse.gov>; Dauren.Mason@ohiohouse.gov <Dauren.Mason@ohiohouse.gov>; Samantha.Herd@ohiohouse.gov <Samantha.Herd@ohiohouse.gov>; Andy.DiPalma@ohiohouse.gov <Andy.DiPalma@ohiohouse.gov>; Mindy.Spain@ohiohouse.gov <Mindy.Spain@ohiohouse.gov>; Oliveti, Chris <coliveti@OhioSOS.Gov>; Oliveti, Chris <coliveti@OhioSOS.Gov>; Grodhaus, Michael <mgrodhaus@OhioSOS.Gov>; Sarah.Cherry@ohiohouse.gov <Sarah.Cherry@ohiohouse.gov>; Scott.Stockman@ohiosenate.gov <Scott.Stockman@ohiosenate.gov>; George.Boas@ohiosenate.gov <George.Boas@ohiosenate.gov>; kristin.rothey@ohiosenate.gov <kristin.rothey@ohiosenate.gov>; Randall.Routt@ohiosenate.gov <Randall.Routt@ohiosenate.gov>; Cambieri, Giulia <Giulia.Cambieri@ohiosenate.gov>; Kate.Osterback@ohiosenate.gov <Kate.Osterback@ohiosenate.gov>; Golski, Mallory <Mallory.Golski@ohiosenate.gov>; john.barron@ohiosenate.gov <john.barron@ohiosenate.gov>; Frank.Strigari@ohiosenate.gov <Frank.Strigari@ohiosenate.gov>; 'Matthew.Donahue@governor.ohio.gov' <Matthew.Donahue@governor.ohio.gov>; Alex S. Bilchak <ASBilchak@ohioauditor.gov>; Sheila.Boehner@ohiohouse.gov <Sheila.Boehner@ohiohouse.gov>

Subject: [External]RE: Next steps

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Thanks Mike. The House and Senate will be there.

From: Rowe, Mike <Mike.Rowe@ohiosenate.gov>

Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 5:35 PM

To: Madrid, Merle <mmadrid@OhioSOS.Gov>; Blessing, Heather <Heather.Blessing@ohiohouse.gov>; Morrison, Christine <Christine.Morrison@ohiohouse.gov>; Disantis, Paul <Paul.Disantis@ohiohouse.gov>; Hinman, Will <Will.Hinman@ohiohouse.gov>; Mason, Dauren <Dauren.Mason@ohiohouse.gov>; Herd, Samantha <Samantha.Herd@ohiohouse.gov>; DiPalma, Andy <Andy.DiPalma@ohiohouse.gov>; Spain, Mindy

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Subject: Re: Next steps

Merle,

Thanks for your email. On behalf of Co-chair Sykes and Leader Sykes I would like to invite staff representatives for all the commission members to meet Friday morning at 10am in the Senate Minority conference room (2nd floor Senate building). This is the same room where we conducted briefings on our map earlier this week. We have a monitor set up there for viewing maps.

I look forward to your responses.

Mike Rowe

Chief of Staff

Ohio Senate Minority Caucus

614-466-4371

From: "Madrid, Merle" <mmadrid@OhioSOS.Gov>

Date: Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 3:31 PM

To: "Heather.Blessing@ohiohouse.gov" <Heather.Blessing@ohiohouse.gov>, "Christine.Morrison@ohiohouse.gov" <Christine.Morrison@ohiohouse.gov>, "Paul.Disantis@ohiohouse.gov" <Paul.Disantis@ohiohouse.gov>, "Will.Hinman@ohiohouse.gov" <Will.Hinman@ohiohouse.gov>, "Dauren.Mason@ohiohouse.gov" <Dauren.Mason@ohiohouse.gov>, "Samantha.Herd@ohiohouse.gov" <Samantha.Herd@ohiohouse.gov>, "Andy.DiPalma@ohiohouse.gov" <Andy.DiPalma@ohiohouse.gov>, "Mindy.Spain@ohiohouse.gov" <Mindy.Spain@ohiohouse.gov>, "Oliveti, Chris" <coliveti@OhioSOS.Gov>, "Oliveti, Chris" <coliveti@OhioSOS.Gov>, "Grodhaus, Michael" <mgrodhaus@OhioSOS.Gov>, "Sarah.Cherry@ohiohouse.gov" <Sarah.Cherry@ohiohouse.gov>, "Rowe, Mike" <Mike.Rowe@ohiosenate.gov>, "Stockman, Scott" <Scott.Stockman@ohiosenate.gov>, "Boas, George" <George.Boas@ohiosenate.gov>, "Rothey, Kristin" <Kristin.Rothey@ohiosenate.gov>, "Routt, Randall" <Randall.Routt@ohiosenate.gov>, "Cambieri, Giulia" <Giulia.Cambieri@ohiosenate.gov>, "Osterback, Kate" <Kate.Osterback@ohiosenate.gov>, "Golski, Mallory" <Mallory.Golski@ohiosenate.gov>, "Barron, John" <John.Barron@ohiosenate.gov>, "Strigari, Frank" <Frank.Strigari@ohiosenate.gov>, "Matthew.Donahue@governor.ohio.gov" <Matthew.Donahue@governor.ohio.gov>, "asbilchak@ohioauditor.gov" <asbilchak@ohioauditor.gov>, "Sheila.Boehner@ohiohouse.gov" <Sheila.Boehner@ohiohouse.gov>

Subject: Next steps

Now that the commission has accepted a map, and ahead of the hearings beginning Sunday afternoon, Secretary LaRose and our staff are available and desirous to meet, either in person, by phone, or virtually, to understand where there is an opportunity to build consensus among the commission members.

Ray, Blake and Randall, as the three staff who have presented maps, do you have thoughts on how we proceed?

Christine and Mike, representing the co-chairs, are the co-chairs themselves or staff available tomorrow or Saturday before the next meeting on Sunday?

Thanks all!

-Merle

Merle Madrid | Chief of Staff



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Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 09:22
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Announcement of Commission Meetings on Thursday, September 9, 2021

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Announcement of Commission Meeting – Thursday, Sept. 9, 2021 @ 10AM

To:: Members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission
From: Speaker Robert Cupp, Co-Chair
Senator Vernon Sykes, Co-Chair
Date: Thursday, September 9, 2021
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Finan Hearing Room (Room 126)
Senate Building
Ohio Statehouse
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215-4275

Agenda

The Ohio Redistricting Commission will meet to hear testimony on state redistricting plans pursuant to Article XI of the Ohio Constitution and Commission rules. Please complete and submit a witness information form to testimony@redistricting.ohio.gov in advance of testifying.

Announcement of Commission Meeting – Thursday, Sept. 9, 2021 @ 2PM

To:: Members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission
From: Speaker Robert Cupp, Co-Chair
Senator Vernon Sykes, Co-Chair
Date: Thursday, September 9, 2021
Time: 2:00 PM
Location: Finan Hearing Room (Room 126)
Senate Building
Ohio Statehouse
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215-4275

Agenda

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Senate Contact: Giulia Cambieri, (614) 644-5533

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I, Freda J. Levenson, hereby certify that on October 22, 2021, I caused a true and correct copy of the following documents to be served by email upon the counsel listed below:

- 1. Affidavit of Freda J. Levenson**
- 2. Evidence of Relators, Documents Produced in Discovery, Volume 1 of 13**
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