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46th District

Basic Info

Submitter: RON RENAUD
Location: Addison Township
Submitted: 6/11/2021
Type: plan
State House Districts
ID: p723

Tags

More Info

Michigan Independent Citizens
Redistricting Commission
MICRC
PO Box 30318
Lansing MI 48909
Dear Commissioners,
The area of Oxford, Lake Orion, Addison, & Brandon townships all share alike objectives of their communities. They work with each other to share services and ideas to create better communities. They work with groups of people from different areas and backgrounds get together to solve problems that affect them all and should be termed a “community of interest”. They work together to learn from each other and help each other think of solutions everybody can use to make things better in their own areas.
The value in this community of interest is in their ability to help each other to do things better or quicker or cheaper than they could do if each local government worked on their own because of their shared objectives for their communities. The energy and excitement they have had and will have, being continued as the

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46th District, the more quickly their problems get solved.
People in these communities of Oxford, Lake Orion, Addison, & Brandon townships get to know each other and talk to each other, although they might not even meet face to face or work together every day. Some might be at every single event; some might only come to one. Some might already know a lot about the problem, others might know nothing, but these people can still help the rest of the group by saying what they think about ideas or passing on what they have learned to other people they know.

This sharing of ideas and solutions as well as problems is what should be done everywhere. This ability to share services and ideas to create better communities that has like and shared objectives is what the 46th district of Oxford, Lake Orion, Addison, & Brandon townships is all about and should be considered a Community of Interest.
Many kind regards,
Ron Renaud
Addison Township, Michigan

Comments & Feedback

No comments have been submitted.

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Thumb Congressional District

Basic Info

Submitter: Adrian Beffrey
Location: Thomas Township
Submitted: 6/23/2021
Type: plan
Congressional Districts
ID: p978

Tags

More Info

Compact. Contains rural farms, small towns, and urban centers. Reflects communities of Interest.

Comments & Feedback

No comments have been submitted.

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Rachelle's Lapeer County

Basic Info

Submitter: Rachelle
Location: Lapeer
Submitted: 8/6/2021
Type: coi
ID: c2032

Tags

More Info

I believe I speak for others in my community by stating we want to KEEP our COUNTY TOGETHER. We are a close knit, secure, interdependent, rural & farming community. Our interests are absolutely separate from that of Oakland or Genesee Counties. Please RESPECT our COUNTY, TOWNSHIP & CITY LINES. If you must add us to another County, due to population, please add us to Counties of similar interests & community character, such as Tuscola or Sanilac Counties.

Comments & Feedback

No comments have been submitted.

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Ann's Lapeer

Basic Info

Submitter: Ann
Location: Lapeer
Submitted: 8/7/2021
Type: coi
ID: c2049

Tags

More Info

In the interest of my community I do not want to see our county, city or township lines changed. We are a rural community that should never be part of Genesee or Oakland County. If you must combined counties due to population then please combined us with Tuscola and or Sanilac County. There will be protest organized if we are combined with Genesee or Oakland county. We want to be heard and we will be however it may be.

Comments & Feedback

No comments have been submitted.

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Fair Maps Project - SD-14

Basic Info

Submitter: Fair Maps Project
Location:
Submitted: 9/6/2021
Type: coi
ID: c3718

Tags

More Info

Honorable Commissioners -- On August 23rd we published (submission o2663) the 2020 Census Update to the Fair Maps Project, an effort undertaken by the Michigan AFL-CIO and our 1 million active and retired members over the past eight months to survey union members and their communities in an effort to provide insight on the MICRC's redistricting process. What you see here is a simplified map, and a short version of some of the information in support -- please see the full report at miaflcio.org/fairmaps for all the information, including statistics on our statewide maps for both chambers demonstrating their compliance with the Constitutional criteria.
District 14 is a rectangular-shaped district in the center of Oakland County Royal Oak, Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, Franklin, Birmingham, Bloomfield, Bloomfield Hills, West Bloomfield Township, Orchard Lake, Keego Harbor, Sylvan Lake, Commerce Township, Walled Lake, and Wolverine Lake. Royal Oak is connected to the core of the district via Woodward Ave. The district leans Democratic. The district is compact, with zero municipal breaks.

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Comments & Feedback

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Please keep our communities together.

Basic Info

Submitter: Shane Trejo
Location: Oakland County
Submitted: 9/9/2021
Type: written
ID: w4235

Tags

Comments & Feedback

9/13/2021 - **KB** (Novi City): Pumpkinfest is the annual event in South Lyon that has been going on for over 35 years. It's the largest annual celebration in the town. The Novi event is put on by MSU Tollgate, colloquially known as the fall festival. It is delightful. My family and I always go. But, historically around here, when people mention Pumpkinfest - they mean the one in South Lyon. #novi #south lyon city #oakland county

Written Testimony

Our wonderful annual festivals like Milford Memories, Rockin Under the Stars in Highland, and Novi Pumpkinfest bring us together every year. Western Oakland County residents identify with our shared history and shared economies which are rooted in our agricultural past and quickly morphing into a new-economy integrating both residential and commercial development from Holly to Wixom. Any lines drawn should keep these areas of Western and Northern Oakland County together.

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Redistricting drowns out logic

Basic Info

Submitter: Breanna DePottey
Location: Tuscola Township
Submitted: 9/19/2021
Type: written
ID: w4959

Tags

#saginaw

Comments & Feedback

No comments have been submitted.

Written Testimony

Thank you commissioners for your time. The proposed redistricting lines would be extremely detrimental to all citizens. Not only would it drown out the Saginaw neighborhoods with Midland voices-but it also robs focus of Saginaw issues by bundling them with citizens from far in the thumb. As Americans, we all desire for our voices and concerns to be represented by those who have roots in the area of concern; who can be an accurate representation of their neighbors, their colleagues and friends. Please commissioners, tell me how someone from the thumb, farming and working the land, has the same concerns and issues as someone living the city life. Better yet, how can our congressman and representatives fight for the wishes of their community when their focus, their district, is spread so unreasonably far. This is simply a tactic to drown out the minority community and deprive our citizens of their due voices. We have evolved as a country, and should no longer try to impose our wills on those to whom it may not affect. Please consider the larger implications of what you are proposing. If someone did this to your daughter, your son, one would hope you'd feel the same. Let communities have a voice by leaders who understand their constituents, not by misconstrued bureaucrats with diluted intentions. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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I want to thank the Commission for hard work and hope you take my testimony into account and more college get involved with the state redistricting process and looking for the final results from your hard work with fair districts throughout the State of Michigan thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Joan long.

>> Good evening can you hear me, okay?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> My name is Joan long I'm a lifelong resident of Grand Rapids and Kent County Michigan.

My comments tonight are in regards to the Congressional District centered around the Grand Rapids area.

The required voting population of 775,000 people automatically dictates that a larger geographical area will be needed compared to the State Senate and House Districts.

Grand Rapids Metro area is the center of activity in West Michigan.

Grand Rapids is the second largest City.

The voting population of 657,000 voters in Kent County where Grand Rapids is located is almost a District in itself.

All of West Michigan is focused around the greater Metro area of Grand Rapids.

It is the busy center of Commerce, urban, suburban residential population entertainment healthcare higher education, cultural venues, air and land transportation as well as employment and shopping in this area.

As the Congressional District is currently drawn the District expands out of Kent County and into the very rural area of Ionia along with farming Townships.

To be consistent with the communities of interest of greater Grand Rapids, expansion to pick up the extra population that's required for your Congressional District would need to go west into the similarly busy Ottawa Township and Allendale, Tallmadge as well as Georgetown and Jamestown at a minimum. And then Grand Valley University and the busy suburbs Hudsonville and Jenison would be included in the greater Metro area of Grand Rapids. Thank you so much for your time.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Phillip Reed.

>> Okay, can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can hear you.

>> All right my name is Phillip Reed and I live in the Clarkston area of north of Oakland County and I'm referring to map 187 Congressional districts of 929 of this year in regard and in regards to the District as proposed.

North Oakland County consists mainly of bedroom or communities have strong associations with Flint and Genesee County.

Has little in common with the northeastern part of the state.

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I believe Skula County which has much more in common with the thumb area than north Oakland County has and I would recommend you revise the CD maps with this in mind. That's it, thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

James Gallant.

>> Yes, James Gallant Marquette, these are my opinions.

And I'd like to first agree with the former speaker there that you should be trying to make both parties unhappy.

That could be the goal. And then we know that they are booing. And it's not all about the parties. And it's not about the partisan.

But also on your rules of procedure, it's...I asked you to do some due diligence, you know.

And ask some experts for some opinion on this, you know.

You have the, what is that, center for civic engagement here. You have Grossman.

You have Ibeko. You have all these people at your disposal but you just won't do none of it.

And, you know, a registered parliamentarian would be the way to go. They are in the State of Michigan. There are several. There are some good ones at the top. There is probably half a dozen.

And get a little opinion.

You know, it's...I think this is too close.

It's too personal, you know,

Your attorney is not willing to call you out on your dirty deeds, you know.

It's just not happening, you know.

She is, I guess, worried about her paycheck more than the people of State of Michigan because this is about us.

This is our Commission.

It's not your Commission.

you don't get to do just what you want, do your polar model. You know, it changes every day, whoever is here. You know, this is not what this is supposed to be.

And so and I guess you folks just are just doubling down, and I guess I will see you in Court.

Have a nice day.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Next in line is Rexanaldo.

Nazarko.

>> Hello, good afternoon.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Hello.

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Stop mistreating western Oakland county

Basic Info

Submitter: Collin Parks
Location: Milford
Submitted: 10/1/2021
Type: written
ID: w5822

Tags

Comments & Feedback

No comments have been submitted.

Written Testimony

Please, for the love of God, stop lumping in Western Oakland County with the thumb district. The townships of Milford, Highland, and Lyon are all Detroit suburbs, integrated with the neighboring suburbs. As such, they belong in a district that connects them with those other communities which they resemble, not cast off to the thumb district and communities that do not resemble them and might have vastly different economic interests.

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Trying to incorporate public comments

Basic Info

Submitter: Christopher
Location: Grand Rapids
Submitted: 10/22/2021
Type: plan
Congressional Districts
ID: p7100

Tags

More Info

This plan tweaks the current Commission Congressional plans to incorporate the most common public comments. The comments I tried to follow were: 1) Keep Ottawa County together, 2)Connect Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo, 3) Keep Eaton/Ingham/Clinton whole and together, 4) Put Midland with Saginaw and Bay City, 5) Keep Midland County together, 6) Put Western Oakland with nearby communities, not the Thumb, and 7) Create Majority-Minority Districts (1 and 2, though both are "coalition" districts that are >50% Black+Hispanic, not >50% Black).

Comments & Feedback

No comments have been submitted.

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Huron.Tuscola.Sanilac

Basic Info

Submitter: Debb
Location: Huron County
Submitted: 10/26/2021
Type: written
ID: w7348

Tags

Comments & Feedback

No comments have been submitted.

Written Testimony

The counties that comprise the tip of the thumb--Tuscola, Sanilac, and Huron--should be grouped together. They share the same rural background, tourism attractions, conservative values, and general level of wealth.

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>> Hi, my name is Paul an organizer with the Michigan labors union representing thousands of members in the state.
I'm here to speak on behalf.
Out of the maps you have cherry is your best of the Senate map and Pine is your best at the house maps.
But neither of these maps are good enough yet. These are just the best of bad options.
How is any map fair in which one party can win majority of seats while losing majority of the votes.
We voted in 2018 to get rid of the rigged system.
And right now none of your maps create a level playing field.
Your job is to get as close to 0 on the partisan fairness scores as possible.
If you're over 1% then you still have work to do.
All your maps rig elections to benefit the republican party.
I encourage you to look at the AFLCIO fair maps project for ideas how to get to partisan fairness.
We need to keep the City of Flint as a whole to make these maps fair so that our votes count.
Please listen to everyone here today that are trying to make their voices heard and consider a more partisan fairness map for the State of Michigan.
Thank you.
>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. 58.
>> Good afternoon my name is Paul.
I live in Hemlock Michigan Saginaw County.
I'm a business agent for labors 1098 and also an owner operator for a small farm in Saginaw County.
I represent hundreds of members in the Saginaw Bay and Midland Counties.
And think that we are a very diverse but very similar group of people in those Counties.
And believe that we need to be kept together the Tri-Cities in the single Senate District and put together with Genesee for Congress.
Thank you for your time today and your diligent effort.
>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. 59.
>> Hello, my name is Dan.
I'm a retiree of local 1075 former business manager for 1 years represented a lot of members and now I run the retiree Council. During that time I represented Counties from across the thumb in addition to Genesee County that experience and shown me there is substantial difference between the industrial areas in Genesee County and the rural areas of the thumb.
The people who live in Genesee County largely work in factories or construction.
In the thumb agricultural dominates these are the areas radically different.

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Joining Warren & Sterling Heights

Basic Info

Submitter: Michael
Location: Sterling Heights City
Submitted: 6/24/2021
Type: written
ID: w1016

Tags

#warren #sterling heights city #auto workers #arabamerican #chaldean #refugees #social work #sterling heights

Comments & Feedback

No comments have been submitted.

Written Testimony

My name is Michael A. I'm a lifelong resident of Warren, and Sterling Heights. I wanted to write to express my support for having Warren and Sterling Heights in the same district, as they have extensive communal and demographic connection, as well as strong economic connection.
I was born and grew up in Warren, and as an early teen moved a few miles up the road to Sterling Heights.

I understand how important the task of this commission is. How it will have significant impacts on the people, and their representation.
I also understand that there are many people who are only interested in partisan interests. How to draw lines to best support their "group," and how much more difficult that makes the task of the commission.
As I noted above, I spent my life in Warren and Sterling Heights.
I worked as an attorney, and as a social worker in both communities.
I can tell you that the most fair drawing of the district, the one that best reflects the "communities of interest" here, is a district (or districts) that incudes both Warren and Sterling Heights.
To illustrate, last year, I worked as a social worker placing refugees escaping war and violence. We specifically placed individuals belonging to several demographic groups through Warren and Sterling Heights specifically, because of the strong overlapping populations of these groups.
For example, we placed members of both the Arab and Chaldean community, (a community which I am a part of) in

Warren and Sterling Heights almost exclusively, because of the strong shared community spanning between the two cities.
For minority and vulnerable populations to have adequate representation, they need to remain in the same district.
The communities are also connected economically. Many of my friends in Warren, working at the auto plants live in Sterling Heights and vice-verse. The Mound/Van-* roads, spanning through Warren and Sterling Heights, include several auto-companies, with their workers (similarly situated), residing in both cities. To split up these communities would divide up a significant common community, and hurt representation through this state.

I appreciate the hard work of the commission, and appreciate you listening to my input and the input of this community
Thank you,
Michael A

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Carole Chi's COI for State House Seat

Basic Info

Submitter: Carole Chi
Location: STERLING HEIGHTS
Submitted: 6/24/2021
Type: plan
State House Districts
ID: p991

Tags

More Info

This is my Community of Interest, for I live in Sterling Heights, but I grocery shop and eat at restaurants in Warren, have lots of friends in Warren, go to other events there, swimming pool, Friday Fish Fries at local churches and community centers, as well as pursuing the same interests in Sterling Heights. This will make for a better, more fair, more representative balance of population, in every way, for elections and whomever we elect--to thoughtfully represent us. Now it takes 4 votes of one party to overcome 1 vote of the other party, which is totally not fair/unbalanced.

Comments & Feedback

6/24/2021 - **Victoria** (Sterling Heights): I also live in Sterling Heights, but I shop and eat in Utica and Shelby Township so your plan does not work well with me for my community of interest would be torn in half. You must also consider school districts as a community of interest. Sterling Heights is divided into two districts - Utica Community Schools to the north which connects with Utica and Shelby Township, and the south end which connects

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with Warren Consolidated Schools. Now I propose keeping the districts together as much as possible to have proper representation at that particular community level (where my tax dollars go and the students that live in my area).

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Warren belongs with Industrial Corridor

Basic Info

Submitter: Geoffrey L
Location: Warren City
Submitted: 9/29/2021
Type: plan
Congressional Districts
ID: p5600

Tags

More Info

The commission's plan for metro Detroit needs some work. Warren really does not belong in District 1. It should be kept with other industrial areas in Macomb and Oakland like Sterling Heights, Troy, and Rochester Hills in District 4. District 1 can absorb Eastpointe and St. Clair Shores since these areas fit well with the Pointes and are both part of the St. Clair COI cluster. Other than that I would just move things around to make the Black population more even between Districts 1 and 2.

Comments & Feedback

No comments have been submitted.

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Support Birch Plan

Basic Info

Submitter: Rich Peacock
Location: Sterling Heights
Submitted: 10/14/2021
Type: written
ID: w6561

Tags

#sterling heights city

Comments & Feedback

No comments have been submitted.

Written Testimony

I support the Birch map as a voting citizen of Sterling Heights. Birch draws competitive districts and put communities of interest together. Living in Sterling Heights, I find the inclusion of suburbs ranging from Rochester Hills to Royal Oak and Troy to Mt. Clemens to give us a diverse but connected constituency. This is a manageable district that can give us good access to our Representative. Given this access, diversity, and competitiveness, believe Birch will promote voter turnout. That is good because I value participatory democracy.

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All the Chaldeans and Middle Easterns are registered as whites.
We are not white.
Our voices have always been neglected.
And we want to change this.
We voted for proposal two to have community of interest take priority and not efficiency gaps.
They are not mentioned in proposal two.
They are partisan wishes take COI as number one and I implore you not to dilute our voices and we go to the outskirts of Wixom, we are Shelby, Troy and more.
We are a faith based community and tentacle Dean churches in Detroit area and estimated to be 160,000 and growing.
All of these proposed maps dilute Chaldean voices and give us a voice in one District.
This Commission promised to give communities of color a voice.
Please give the Chaldean community a voice in one District.
I created this map 68270 that is 68270.
This map represents majority of Chaldeans in one District.
Thank you, Commissioners, for your hard work.
>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Kathy.
>> Can you hear me?
>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.
>> Okay finally.
I have listened to most of the comments and most of the people are from Grand Rapids.
As is appropriate.
Since that is where the meeting is.
But since there was no meeting in southwestern Michigan this is the best, I could do.
I am concerned particularly with the Congressional map for Battle Creek and Calhoun County.
Most of the maps are absurd on the surface.
Including Battle Creek and points southwest.
All the way to Lake St. Clair.
Which I believe is Monroe County.
But I'm not even sure what Counties are there.
I couldn't even tell you what cities are there.
That is not appropriate.
I looked at the Lange map.
And EID I don't know how to pronounce that map.
That includes Battle Creek with Kalamazoo which is a much better fit.
Battle Creek and Kalamazoo have a community of interest.
People in Kalamazoo work in Battle Creek.
People in Battle Creek work in Kalamazoo.

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Partisan fairness needs to be number one priority.
Further communities like my own are split up.
In my case in three districts when Farmington, Farmington Hills is a clear example of a community of interest.
Unless remedied we will not have a voice in our state Government because our votes will be so diminished.
Both criteria party fairness and community of interest while can be accomplished while moving the Voting Rights Act as well.
Please look to AFLCIO fair maps project maps for an example of fair maps.
I know you are under a lot of pressure to get these maps completed.
But more work needs to be done and the AFLCIO fair maps project map can save you a lot of time.
Thank you.
>> VICE CHAIR ROTHHORN: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number 54.
>> Do we have an in person speaker Ms. Reinhardt?
>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: We do.
We can go ahead and allow Yousif to speak since he is promoted, then we can turn to in person.
>> VICE CHAIR ROTHHORN: Sounds good, thank you.
Hi, Commissioners, I'm from Troy.
It's nice to speak with you again.
I do have a map but I guess it's not pulled up but it's okay.
I base my map is P7262.
P7262.
I base this mostly on Mr. Anthony Eid's Juniper map if you can Zoom into the purple area District six which is in Troy.
This map gives Chaldeans a voice.
So I'm asking you all please I'm asking the Commission to give Chaldeans a voice in one District and gives Asian community 10.8% population shared in District 6.
The highest out of the four proposed maps.
If you look at election details, District 6 does not change much from the originally proposed elections results with Juniper only half a percent less.
My point was distribute and give Chaldeans a voice in District 6 and benefits both of our communities as we share much similarities. Please Commissioners give Chaldeans a voice.
We are estimated to be 160,000 in Michigan.
We own over 25,000 businesses and we contribute immensely to the great State of Michigan.
Thank you for listening and I will continue praying for each one of you Commissioners.

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A very important majority Black District that has ensured that Black voters have a chance for representation in Lansing.
Today our representative in the current 4th District is only Black state elected official in Genesee County.
Despite the County being 20% Black and the loss of an authority of Black districts have changed for the meaning of politics already and should not have to give up our voice in the State House as well.
I ask you to ensure that.
>> CHAIR SZETELA: Sir your allotted 90 seconds has expired.
Thank you for addressing the Commission.
Thank you, sir.
Do we have 113? 115, 116.
>> Hello, Commissioners, I'm from Troy.
It's nice seeing you all again.
My map is P7375 please Zoom in to the purple area in Troy.
Let me read a Section from proposal two.
Proposal two required Commissioners to prioritize specific criteria including communities of similar historical culture.
Similar historical culture economic interest the Chaldean people share historical cultural and economic interest.
Do not disenfranchise us and use P7375 to put Chaldeans in one Congressional District.
Reminder community of interest is a higher priority than efficiency gaps. Efficiency gaps not even mentioned in proposal two.
Political fairness is the last category mentioned but political fairness is not the same as efficiency gaps.
Please do not dilute Chaldean. And they give 10.8% in the District with which we share similar economic interests.
As a side note Middle Eastern and north African should be in its own category, we are not white.
Thank you and I do not envy your task and I will continue to pray for you Commissioners.
>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. 116.
>> My name is Roy I'm a resident in Genesee County and speaking to proposed State House map concerning Genesee County.
Diluting minority populations does not offer voters more choice with candidates but ensures fewer minorities represent Genesee in the legislature.
Looking at 8 seats the seats are fair from independent and disproportionately lean republican.

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Where you saw majority of the Blacks that was there African/American that was there today was for P7273 and other ones were AFLCIO.
No time did they come and talk to the African/Americans and reflect community.
If you notice, that is just like 34th District as it is right now.
Why couldn't we keep it the way it was? Where you see District 49, they have over 13,000 votes right there alone which will wipe out the majority of the Blacks up north in Flint.
You all are gerrymandering.
We talked to two Commissioners and we told them when they came to Flint to broom center, we did not want them to divide us and we wanted our seat.
And that was bottom line.
And you all are not listening to the people here in the City of Flint.
That is ridiculous.
And if you feel slighted oh, well and quit trying to pacify us like the African/American lady tried to turn around and speak don't pacify us and do what is right and give us our seat.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number 42, Mandeep.

>> Hello Commissioners thank you for your work.
My name is Mandeep we live in Troy and currently I serve as the president of the Rochester Hills.
I'm here to speak on behalf of my religious community of Sikh and we have not advocated for ourselves and six need to be considered a community of interest and the Sikhs are growing underrepresented community tied by common value and cultural experiences locally and worldwide. As a local volunteer working with people who experience food insecurity and member of the Sikh community, I can say how religious cultural representation and advocacy are for the social fabric of our state.
We are small in numbers we need to be together to amplify our voice and be an active part of our Congress person's constituency.
The birch map Rochester Hills and Sterling Heights community together and unifies Troy Rochester and Sterling Heights for the underrepresented this map is a powerful vehicle for us to engage in the broader community in a meaningful way.
You will see many comments from my community on the birch map and ask you to consider the Sikh a community of interest on your final Congressional map.
Before I end, I acknowledge no map will be perfect but encourage the Commission to please listen to the voice of Detroiters and residents of Flynn and address their concerns, thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number 43 Jerry Hall.

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Chaldean Plan Based on Birch

Basic Info

Submitter: Yousif Yousif
Location: Troy City
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Type: plan
Congressional Districts
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Tags

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More Info

Please use a map similar to this one: https://districtr.org/plan/70686. I based this map on Mrs. Rebecca Szetela's Birch map. Please give Chaldean community a voice in one district! Include cities of Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield, Bloomfield Twp, Troy, Rochester Hills, Sterling Heights and Shelby Twp together. That's were most of the Chaldean community are. Thank you commissioners for listening!

Comments & Feedback

No comments have been submitted.

Map

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As I mentioned at the Flint hearing, the individual Commissioner maps do a great job of this.
Commissioner Lange's map that takes Ypsilanti and Ypsilanti Township down into Monroe. And Commissioner Eid's map that takes the northeastern corner of the County.
And the northern Section of Ann Arbor north into Novi.
That brings the other strong tech and communication area that is an area is very heavily office buildings and so forth.
And then Commissioner Szetela's western Washtenaw and mostly City of Ann Arbor into Jackson.
Very good way to divide the City of Ann Arbor there are two good ways you can divide the City north of the Huron river.
Which includes most of the AAPI population in the City of Ann Arbor.
Then you can divide on the west side.
>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Yousif.
>> Good morning, Commissioners, my name is Yousif from Troy nice to speak with you P7997 is my map.
I base this map on cherry.
Sterling Heights is not COI with Detroit.
In my map Sterling Heights Troy and parts of Rochester Hills are in one District as they should be.
I also took two neighborhoods one from Troy and one from Sterling Heights included in the same District as Hamtramck and put them back with Troy and Sterling Heights.
Sterling Heights is one of the most populated communities in Michigan and unite us on the east side of Sterling Heights.
AAPI vote asked more Sterling heights to be with Troy.
I agree P997 does that thank you for listening and I will continue to pray for each one of you Commissioners.
>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Jason.
>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Numbers 29 and 30 are not present.
>> CHAIR SZETELA: 29 and 30.
Robert Dindoffer.
>> Hello, can you her me.
>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.
>> Great hey I wanted to thank you guys for your work that you did on the Lake St. Clair State Senate District yesterday adding my hometown of gross point park back in.
Very much appreciated.
I wanted to let you know you can complete the lakeshore by adding Ira Township and two precincts from clay Township that are on the Lake.

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and businesses that have been impacted by the PFAS water contamination crisis. So it's really crucial to keep these communities whole and together. So that we can be effective, have effective representation. Especially in the State House and the State Senate districts. On a side note we also want to be included in the Grand Rapids Congressional District and not have the City of Kalamazoo overshadow us. So we ideally like to have those separate so we can stay in the Grand Rapids Congressional District. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Elizabeth Johnson.

>> Hello, can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> Okay, hi my name is Elizabeth Johnson. Keep the Senate districts for Grand Rapids the way they are go do not move the line from Fulton to wealthy, it would split a neighborhood association of heritage hill and east town between two districts. The proposed House District 76 map includes the City of Walker and several different neighborhoods within the City of Grand Rapids. These neighborhoods are vastly different from one another and do not form a community of interest. The City of Walker is drawn with Alpine Township in its current State House District. They should remain the same. As they share the Kenowa Hills School District and Commerce quite a lot. The river breaks the western Grand Rapids neighborhood association from the eastern. The downtown and east town neighborhood associations are closer as other neighborhood associations like heritage hill and East Grand Rapids. House District 75 map violates several communities of interest. Grand Rapids Townships form a community of interest with Ada.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number 78, RJ.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: RJ, if you can unmute yourself, you are free to address the Commission.

>> Okay, hi this is RJ, I'm a resident of Grand Rapids Township and a third Congressional state committee man. I believe Plainfield Township should be kept whole within one House District with the attorneys of Algoma, Courtland and the City of Rockford. These areas makeup the Rockford community of interest and share the same public school District Rockford public schools. They live and work in neighboring municipalities and primarily shop in the Rockford area and use the same parks and recreational facility. Currently you have several precincts of Plainfield Township with northeastern Grand Rapids and Grand Rapids Township. Grand Rapids Township forms a community of interest with Ada and Cascade Township because they share the same school District. Forrest Hills public schools. Northeast Grand Rapids is in a different school District than that of Plainfield and should be kept separate in a different House District map. Lastly, I encourage you to approve the State Senate map plan as presented and to not move the dividing line for Senate District 23 and 24 from Fulton to Wealthy Street.

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you draw Kent County districts, please do not combine fair outline farmland with downtown Grand Rapids. They do not share much in common. Rather include the gather Rockford school District which is largely composed of suburban developments. This is a much better community of interest. Map P7 excuse me map P8747 best achieves this. Again thank you for your work creating Pine map version five for the State House. Please carry that same attention to detail to your state Senate map and refer to P8747. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Next in line is number 115, Robert Dindoffer.

>> I am on, but I don't have the link. It's not.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We can hear you so we can hear you.

>> Okay great, thank you. So let's start. I would like to request that you take a look at some of the Detroit neighborhoods and some of the Macomb County neighborhoods in the State Senate map to make a few minor shifts that will make some communities whole. The first one is in the north end of Detroit. North end neighborhoods should be made whole. You could do this by shifting a little bit of population from five to six basically making those Detroit neighbors on the north end whole which was requested at the TCF center. The end result of this, these shifts will be more of the Chaldean community can be put together in Sterling Heights as well but step two is to make Macomb Township whole by moving population from five to two. That will make another community whole. Third step either make Shelby or Oakland Township whole moving population from 16 to or from 16 to 2 in the State Senate and the fourth one with move population in Sterling Heights from 6-16 to move more of the Chaldean.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number 116 Meagan R.

>> Good morning, Commissioners first and Foremost I want to thank you for everything that you have been doing so far in this process. I'm not here to talk specifically about maps but more about the process. You guys moving forward. I know that the Commission is going to have a conversation today related to individual Commissioner submitting maps for the Monday deadline. And I just would encourage you under the wonderful stance of transparency you have so far that if you guys continue to have the deadline Monday at Noon that Monday afternoon that those shape files and all of the information for the maps submitted by the individual Commissioners be published on the website for the public. Thank you, guys, for your time and appreciate all that you're doing.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is 117, Yousif-Yousif.

>> Hello Commissioners. Good morning. It's Yousif. I support apple V2 and Magnolia for house map. I appreciate Commissioner Eid for being persistent and giving Chaldeans a bigger voice. Thank you, all Commissioners, for approving Magnolia for publication. I want to thank you all for all your hard work. You Commissioners did a

Sherry G.
This map is best for Harrison Township, by including it in DISTRICT 10 and NOT District 9. Other maps include HT in District 9, along with the rural, Thumb Area communities, which is very partisan. Including HT with St. Clair Shores and Eastpointe to the south and Rochester/Shelby to the north is much more bi-partisan. Thank you for your efforts.

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