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Relators,

v.

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Respondents.

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H. J. R. No. 12**Representative Huffman****A JOINT RESOLUTION**

Proposing to amend Sections 1, 2, 6, 7, 12, and 13; 1
to amend, for the purpose of adopting a new 2
section number as indicated in parentheses, 3
Section 13 (14); to enact new Section 13; and to 4
repeal Section 14 of Article XI of the 5
Constitution of the State of Ohio to revise the 6
redistricting process for General Assembly 7
districts. 8

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, 9
three-fifths of the members elected to each house concurring 10
herein, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the 11
state, in the manner prescribed by law at the general election to 12
be held on November 3, 2015, a proposal to amend Sections 1, 2, 6, 13
7, 12, and 13; to amend, for the purpose of adopting a new section 14
number as indicated in parentheses, Section 13 (14); and to enact 15
new Section 13 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of 16
Ohio to read as follows: 17

1. ~~The~~(A) The Ohio redistricting commission shall 18
be responsible for the redistricting of this state for the general 19
assembly. The commission shall consist of the following seven 20
members: 21

(1) ~~The~~ The governor;; 22

(2) ~~The~~ The auditor of state;; 23

(3) ~~The~~ The secretary of state, ~~one~~; 24

(4) ~~One~~ One person ~~chosen~~ appointed by the speaker of the house 25

of representatives ~~and~~; 26

(5) One person appointed by the leader in president of the 27
senate of the political party of which the speaker is a member, 28
and one; 29

(6) One person chosen appointed by the legislative leaders in 30
the two houses leader of the major largest political party in the 31
house of representatives of which the speaker is not a member 32
shall be the persons responsible for the apportionment of this 33
state for members of the general assembly; 34

(7) One person appointed by the legislative leader of the 35
largest political party in the senate of which the president of 36
the senate is not a member. 37

Such persons, or a majority of their number, shall meet and 38
establish in the manner prescribed in this Article the boundaries 39
for each of ninety-nine house of representatives districts and 40
thirty-three senate districts. Such meeting shall convene on a 41
date designated by the governor between August 1 and October 1 in 42
the year one thousand nine hundred seventy-one and every tenth 43
year thereafter. The governor shall give such persons two weeks 44
advance notice of the date, time, and place of such meeting. 45

The governor shall cause the apportionment to be published no 46
later than October 5 of the year in which it is made, in such 47
manner as provided by law. 48

No appointed member of the commission shall be a current 49
member of congress. 50

(B) Unless otherwise specified in this Article, a simple 51
majority of the commission members shall be required for any 52
action by the commission. Except as otherwise provided in Section 53
14 of this Article, the affirmative vote of four members of the 54
commission, including at least one member of the commission who is 55
a member of the largest political party represented in the general 56
assembly and at least one member of the commission who is a member 57
of the second largest political party represented in the general 58
assembly, shall be required to adopt any plan. 59

(C) At the first meeting of the commission, which the 60
governor shall convene only in a year ending in the numeral one, 61
except as provided in Sections 13 and 14 of this Article, the 62

members shall select co-chairpersons, one of whom shall be a member of the largest political party represented in the general assembly and one of whom shall be a member of the second largest political party represented in the general assembly, and shall set a schedule for the adoption of procedural rules for the operation of the commission.

The commission may release to the public a proposed plan for the boundaries for each of the ninety-nine house of representatives districts and the thirty-three senate districts. The commission shall draft a proposed plan in the manner prescribed in this Article. Before adopting a final general assembly district plan, the commission shall conduct a minimum of three public hearings across the state to seek public input regarding the redistricting process and any 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, subject to the discretion of the commission.

The commission shall adopt a final plan not earlier than the last week of August of a year ending in the numeral one but not later than the thirty-first day of August of a year ending in the numeral one. After the commission adopts a plan, the commission shall file the plan with the secretary of state. Upon filing with the secretary of state, the plan shall become effective.

Not more than six weeks after the adoption of a general assembly plan, the co-chairpersons of the commission shall jointly dissolve the commission.

(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.

Section 2. ~~The apportionment~~redistricting of this state for members of the general assembly shall be made in the following manner: 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 the quotient shall be the ratio of representation in the house of representatives for ten years next succeeding such ~~apportionment~~redistricting. 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 "thirty-three" and the
 quotient shall be the ratio of representation in the senate for
 ten years next succeeding such ~~apportionment~~redistricting.

Section 6. District boundaries established pursuant to this
 Article shall not be changed until the ensuing federal decennial
 census and the ensuing ~~apportionment~~redistricting or as provided
 in section 13 or 14 of this Article, notwithstanding the fact that
 boundaries of political subdivisions or city wards within the
 district may be changed during that time. District boundaries
 shall be created by using the boundaries of political subdivisions
 and city wards as they exist at the time of the federal decennial
 census on which the ~~apportionment~~redistricting is based, or such
 other basis as the general assembly has directed.

Section 7. (A) Every house of representatives district shall
 be compact and composed of contiguous territory, and the boundary
 of each district shall be a single nonintersecting continuous
 line. ~~To~~

(B) The commission shall minimize the splitting of political
 subdivisions. As used in this section, "political subdivision"
 means a county, a municipal corporation, a township, or a
 municipal ward.

(1) Dividing a noncontiguous political subdivision shall not
 be considered splitting the political subdivision if its
 noncontiguous portions are included in separate districts.
 However, dividing a noncontiguous political subdivision shall be
 considered splitting the political subdivision if any
 noncontiguous portion is divided into separate districts.

(2) Dividing, along a county line, a political subdivision
 that has territory in more than one county shall not be considered
 splitting the political subdivision.

(C) To the extent consistent with the requirements of section
 3 of this Article, the boundary lines of house of representatives
 districts shall be so drawn as to delineate an area containing one
 or more whole counties.

~~(B)~~(D) Where the requirements of section 3 of this Article
 cannot feasibly be attained by forming a house of representatives
 district from a whole county or counties, such district shall be
 formed by combining the areas of ~~governmental units~~ giving

~~preference in the order named to counties, townships,~~ 141
~~municipalities, and city wards~~whole political subdivisions, other 142
~~than a county.~~ 143

~~(C)(E).~~ Where the requirements of section 3 of this Article 144
cannot feasibly be attained by combining the areas of ~~governmental~~ 145
~~units~~whole political subdivisions, other than a county, as 146
prescribed in division ~~(B)(D)~~ of this section, only one such ~~unit~~ 147
political subdivision may be divided between two house of 148
representatives districts, ~~giving preference in the selection of a~~ 149
~~unit for division to a township, a city ward, a city, and a~~ 150
~~village in the order named.~~ 151

~~(D)(F).~~ In making a new ~~apportionment~~redistricting plan, 152
house of representatives district boundaries established by the 153
preceding apportionment shall be adopted to the extent reasonably 154
consistent with the requirements of section 3 of this Article. 155

Section 12. At any time the boundaries of senate districts 156
are changed in any plan of ~~apportionment~~redistricting made 157
pursuant to any provision of this Article, a senator whose term 158
will not expire within two years of the time the plan of 159
~~apportionment~~redistricting is made shall represent, for the 160
remainder of the term for which ~~he~~the senator was elected, the 161
senate district which contains the largest portion of the 162
population of the district from which ~~he~~the senator was elected, 163
and the district shall be given the number of the district from 164
which the senator was elected. If more than one senator whose term 165
will not so expire would represent the same district by following 166
the provisions of this section, the ~~persons responsible for~~ 167
~~apportionment~~commission, by a majority of ~~their~~its number, shall 168
designate which senator shall represent the district and shall 169
designate which district the other senator or senators shall 170
represent for the balance of their term or terms. 171

13. (A) If the Ohio redistricting commission fails 172
to adopt a final general assembly district plan not later than the 173
thirty-first day of August of a year ending in a numeral one, in 174
accordance with Section 1 of this Article, the following procedure 175
shall apply: 176

(1) Not later than the twenty-third day of September of that 177
year, the governor, the auditor of state, and the secretary of 178
state, acting independently of the commission and by a simple 179
majority vote of their number, shall create a general assembly. 180

district plan.

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(2) Not later than the thirtieth day of September of that year, the governor, the auditor of state, and the secretary of state shall call a meeting of the commission and shall provide the commission with a final opportunity to adopt the plan created under division (A)(1) of this section by the affirmative vote of four members of the commission, including at least one member of the commission who is a member of the largest political party represented in the general assembly and at least one member of the commission who is a member of the second largest political party represented in the general assembly, in accordance with Section 1 of this Article.

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(3) If the commission fails to adopt the plan created under division (A)(1) of this section not later than the first day of October of that year, the governor shall file the plan with the secretary of state. Upon filing with the secretary of state, the plan shall become effective.

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(B) A general assembly district plan that becomes effective under division (A)(3) of this section shall be effective for elections occurring in the year following the year in which the plan was adopted. At the general election conducted in that year, the following question shall be submitted to the electors of the state:

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"Shall the Ohio Redistricting Commission convene to draw new General Assembly districts?"

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(C) If a majority of the electors vote in favor of convening the commission to adopt a new general assembly district plan, the commission shall convene not earlier than the first day of February of the following year to adopt a plan in accordance with this Article. The commission shall draw the new plan using the same population and political subdivision and city ward boundary data as were used to draw the plan that became effective under division (A)(3) of this section.

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(D) If a majority of the electors vote against convening the commission to adopt a new general assembly district plan, the district plan that became effective under division (A)(3) of this section shall remain in effect until one-half of the general elections for the general assembly scheduled to occur during the period beginning after the election at which the electors voted

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not to convene the commission for the plan and ending in the next 220
year ending in the numeral one have occurred. If an odd number of 221
applicable elections are scheduled to occur during that period, 222
the number of general elections to be held using the plan that 223
became effective under division (A)(3) of this section shall be 224
determined by rounding up to the next whole number. After a plan 225
that became effective under division (A)(3) of this section ceases 226
to be effective under this division, and not earlier than the 227
first day of February of the year following the year in which the 228
plan ceased to be effective, the commission shall convene to adopt 229
a plan, in accordance with this Article, to be used until the next 230
time for redistricting under this Article. The commission shall 231
draw the new plan using the same population and political 232
subdivision and city ward boundary data as were used to draw the 233
plan that became effective under division (A)(3) of this section. 234

Section 13 14. (A) The supreme court of Ohio shall have 235
exclusive, original jurisdiction in all cases arising under this 236
Article. ~~In~~ 237

(B) ~~In~~ the event that any section of this Constitution 238
relating to ~~apportionment~~redistricting or any plan of 239
~~apportionment~~redistricting made by the persons responsible for 240
~~apportionment, by a majority of their number,~~Ohio redistricting 241
commission is determined to be invalid by either the supreme court 242
of Ohio, or the supreme ~~an~~ unappealed final order of a court of 243
the United States competent jurisdiction, then notwithstanding any 244
other provisions of this Constitution, the persons responsible for 245
~~apportionment by a majority of their number~~commission shall 246
reconvene to ascertain and determine a plan of ~~apportionment~~ 247
redistricting in conformity with such provisions of this 248
Constitution as are then valid, including establishing terms of 249
office and election of members of the general assembly from 250
districts designated in the plan, to be used until the next 251
regular ~~apportionment~~redistricting in conformity with such 252
provisions of this Constitution as are then valid. 253

(C) Notwithstanding any provision of this Constitution or any 254
law regarding the residence of senators and representatives, a 255
plan of ~~apportionment~~redistricting made pursuant to this section 256
shall allow thirty days for persons to change residence in order 257
to be eligible for election. 258

~~The governor shall give the persons responsible for~~ 259
~~apportionment two weeks advance written notice of the date, time,~~ 260

~~and place of any meeting held pursuant to this section.~~ 261

(D) No court shall order, in any circumstance, the 262
implementation or enforcement of any plan that has not been 263
approved by the commission in the manner prescribed by this 264
Article. 265

EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEAL 266

If adopted by a majority of the electors voting on this 267
proposal, Sections 1, 2, 6, 7, 12, and 13 (14) of Article XI 268
amended or amended and renumbered by this proposal and new Section 269
13 of Article XI enacted by this proposal take effect January 1, 270
2021, and existing Sections 1, 2, 6, 7, 12, and 13 and Section 271
14 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of 272
Ohio are repealed from that effective date. 273

SCHEDULE 274

The amendments to Section 12 of Article XI of the Ohio 275
Constitution in part substitute gender neutral for gender specific 276
language. These gender neutralizing amendments are not intended to 277
make a substantive change in the Ohio Constitution. The gender 278
neutral language is to be construed as a restatement of, and 279
substituted in a continuing way for, the corresponding gender 280
specific language existing prior to adoption of the gender 281
neutralizing amendments. 282

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to enact new Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 of Article XI and to repeal Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to revise the redistricting process for General Assembly districts.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, three-fifths of the members elected to each house concurring herein, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, in the manner prescribed by law at the general election to be held on November 3, 2015, a proposal to enact new Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to read as follows:

ARTICLE XI

Section 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.

Section 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.

Section 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.

Section 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.

Section 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.

Section 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.

Section 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.

Section 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.

Section 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.

Section 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.

EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEAL

If adopted by a majority of the electors voting on this proposal, new Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 of Article XI take effect January 1, 2021, and Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Ohio are repealed from that effective date.

Speaker _____ *of the House of Representatives.*

President _____ *of the Senate.*

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1 minority. And I just think this is bad government. I
2 think it's going to -- I think it's going to bear that
3 out. And I certainly urge the defeat of this proposal.

4 SPEAKER BATCHELDER: The question recurs,
5 shall the resolution be agreed to?

6 The gentleman from Franklin County.

7 REPRESENTATIVE DUFFEY: Thank you,
8 Mr. Speaker.

9 Those are honest comments, I think.
10 Heartfelt comments. Blunt comments.

11 However, the system that we have right now,
12 what I like about the constitutional system in Ohio and
13 at the federal level is the system of checks and
14 balances. And right now, we've got a redistricting
15 system that does not require any balance. It does not
16 require minority party participation. And I really
17 think that that has been destructive to the legislature
18 in my experience.

19 I've worked on redistricting reform. I've
20 been unsuccessful with it. I see today a genuine
21 opportunity with our colleagues across the aisle to get
22 something done. They're willing to do it and they been
23 unwilling to do it before in the past and this is the
24 moment for us to do this.

25 I honestly think it may carry some of the

1 risks that you describe. But I think what we've
2 already seen is so terrible that we should move ahead
3 with this. This can only be better. Checks and
4 balances will improve the system.

5 And lest we forget, we don't always control
6 the statewide offices. This is a purple state.
7 Sometimes we lose as Republicans.

8 I think when the shoes are -- if the shoe was
9 on the other foot, and the Democrats were to control
10 two of the three statewide offices, we'd be looking at
11 60-39 majority the other way. And I don't think anyone
12 really wants to see government operate that way. They
13 want to see some kind of balance and I think that this
14 is going to provide that and so I strongly support the
15 plan.

16 SPEAKER BATCHELDER: The question recurs,
17 shall the -- wait a minute, I'm on the wrong -- shall
18 the resolution be agreed to? Yeah.

19 REPRESENTATIVE CARNEY: Mr. Speaker?

20 SPEAKER BATCHELDER: The gentleman from
21 Franklin County, Representative Carney.

22 REPRESENTATIVE CARNEY: Thank you,
23 Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of the joint
24 resolution.

25 Certainly, as somebody who launched a

1 bit concerned about. And I'm looking to the Article
2 11, I'm on Page 6, and it's Sections -- Section 5,
3 subsection (a) and (b). It's on Line 162 through 167.

4 On section (b), it guarantees and this could
5 be good or bad depending on your perspective, it
6 guarantees we will forever have a very close 50-50
7 split in this chamber so you're no longer ever going to
8 see a strong partisan divide. So some people like that
9 and some people won't. I just want everybody to be
10 aware, you'll never see this kind of division again.

11 And on section (a), is actually the part I'm
12 more concerned about where it talks about, you know, no
13 plan shall favor or disfavor any political party. One
14 of my concerns all along with this -- this change in
15 the reapportionment is I don't want to see this wind up
16 in the courts. I don't want to see the Supreme Court
17 or some voter set of judges redrawing districts for us.
18 And this section (a) sounds like it's heading for the
19 Supreme Court.

20 Anybody who says, hey this isn't fair or this
21 favors or disfavors, the Supreme Court will make that
22 decision. And then, they're going to send it back to
23 us or are they going to redraw it themselves? I don't
24 know. But you know, judicial involvement always scares
25 me, and I -- I frankly no longer like this resolution.

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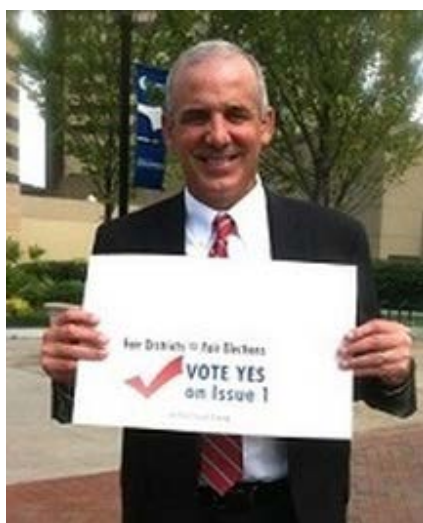
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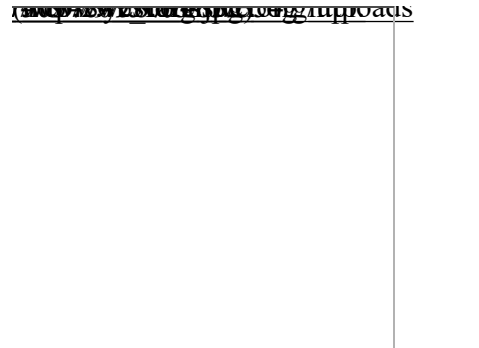
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Reforms in Issue 1 include:

- **Better partisan balance: creation of a seven-person bipartisan commission with at least two members of the minority party.**
- **Members include:**
 - Governor
 - State Auditor
 - Secretary of State
 - 1 person appointed by the Ohio Senate President
 - 1 person appointed by the Speaker of the Ohio House
 - 1 person appointed by the Ohio Senate Minority Leader
 - 1 person appointed by the Ohio House Minority Leader
- **Ban on partisan gerrymandering: explicit prohibition against drawing districts primarily to favor or disfavor a political party.**
- **Requirement that districts reflect how voters actually voted: a plan could face a legal challenge if, for example, a party that wins about half of the votes for the General Assembly does not win about half of**

the seats.

- **Limitations on maps lacking bipartisan support: If the commission approves a map without at least two votes from the minority party, the map will only be in effect for four years rather than 10. This creates an incentive for bipartisan cooperation because the majority party on the commission has no guarantee it will remain in the majority four years later.**



In 2011, legislators drew districts in secret in a hotel room they called “the bunker.” Photo by Rasevic.

The current process for drawing lines is rigged.

Right now the Ohio Constitution allows one political party in Ohio to draw General Assembly districts to increase partisan advantage instead of ensuring fair representation. In 2011, map-makers labeled the hotel room where they drew maps in secret “the bunker” and used partisan information to draw as many districts as possible for their party. They even changed district lines for a major political donor.

If voters amend Ohio’s Constitution by approving Issue 1 in November, they would end a system of hyper-partisan manipulation of state legislative map-making with no transparency and no accountability.

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Who We Are

Fair Districts for Ohio is a bipartisan coalition seeking to improve the process of drawing state legislative districts in Ohio. Co-Chairmen Matt Huffman and Vernon Sykes began building the coalition after a near unanimous vote by state lawmakers from both parties to place a constitutional amendment before the voters of Ohio to reform the process of drawing districts. With overwhelming support from both Republican and Democratic lawmakers, the issue will appear on the ballot this November giving Ohioans the opportunity to ensure state legislative districts are fair for everyone.

About The Issue

The first major overhaul to Ohio's process of drawing state legislative districts in over 40 years, this measure brings reforms to several key areas:

Bipartisan

- ✓ Creates a new seven-member bipartisan panel called the "Ohio Redistricting Commission."
- ✓ The commission must have at least two members from the minority party.
- ✓ Requires the commission to be co-chaired by two members, one chosen by each party.
- ✓ Requires at least two votes from each party in order to approve a district plan, otherwise a temporary plan is put in place and the commission must reconvene to redraw it.

Transparent

- ✓ Requires all commission meetings be open to the public and broadcast by electronic means of transmission using a medium readily accessible by the general public.
- ✓ The commission must hold a minimum of three public hearings.
- ✓ Before voting on a district plan, the commission is required to present the proposal to the public and to seek public input.
- ✓ Requires the commission to submit a statement to the public explaining their process.

Fairness

- ✓ Protects against gerrymandering by prohibiting any district from primarily favoring one political party.
- ✓ Requires districts to closely follow the statewide preferences of the voters.

Accountable

- ✓ Creates a process for the Ohio Supreme court to order the commission to redraw the map if the plan favors one political party.

Protects Communities

- ✓ Keeps our communities together by requiring a district plan to split as few counties, municipal corporations, and townships as possible.



STATEWIDE ISSUE HISTORY

2018

Issue 1
To Reduce Penalties for Crimes of Obtaining, Possessing, and Using Illegal Drugs
Yes 1,623,933
No 2,769,140

2017

Issue 1
Rights for crime victims
Yes 1,921,172
No 404,957

Issue 2
To require state agencies to not pay more for prescription drugs than the federal Department of Veterans Affairs and require state payment of attorney fees and expenses to specific individuals for defense t
Yes 483,983
No 1,837,608

2015

Issue 1
Creates a bipartisan, public process for drawing legislative districts
Yes 2,126,822
No 849,043

Issue 2
Anti-monopoly amendment; protects the initiative process from being used for personal economic benefit
Yes 1,621,329
No 1,537,261

Issue 3
Grants a monopoly for the commercial production and sale of marijuana for recreational and medicinal purposes
Yes 1,166,692
No 2,042,902

2014

Issue 1
To enact Section 2s of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio (Ohio Public Works)
Yes 797,207
No 427,273

Ohio Redistricting Transparency Report

The Elephant in the Room



How power was used in the political backrooms to manipulate districts to benefit the political insiders.

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“Information is the currency of democracy.”

Thomas Jefferson

Executive Summary

The 2011 redistricting process was in many ways “business as usual.” The party in power used the process to gain maximum political advantage. The minority party was shut out. Public input was ignored. The result was the approval of new districts that will provide for largely predetermined elections where we will know which party will win before we even know who the candidates are.

The districts were drawn and critical decisions were made in the backrooms outside of public view. When maps were unveiled, they were raced through the process in an effort to avoid public scrutiny. The elephant in the room that those drawing the maps would not publicly acknowledge drove the process. While the Republican officials talked about creating fair and constitutional districts, the driving force was how they could manipulate district boundaries in order to gain the maximum political advantage for the Republican Party – much like Democratic politicians have done when they had the power of the pen.

We participated in the public portion of the redistricting process and followed up with multiple public record requests in an effort to find out what really happened. While many records continue to be withheld, we have uncovered a number of records which help identify the elephant in the room.

In this report we carefully evaluate and document the level of transparency. We conclude that for the following reasons those responsible for Ohio’s 2011 redistricting process deserve a grade of D minus:

- Decisions were not made in public (p. 5)
- Public input was ignored (p. 6)
- The public had limited opportunity to review proposed maps (p. 7)
- The public was not provided with relevant data for proposed districts (p. 8)
- Nonpartisan redistricting criteria was not used (p. 9)
- The criteria used to evaluate plans was never publicly identified (p. 10)

Much of the above is apparent from observing the official process. By reviewing the records, we uncovered secrets which were not known. Some of these include:

- A concerted **strategy of secrecy** was employed which included use of a national consultant, secret meetings, and a secret redistricting office (p. 13)
- \$210,000 was **secretly paid** to two Republican staffers (p. 14)
- Speaker of the House John **Boehner’s team** was the primary decision maker for the congressional map (p. 15)

- A last minute change was made to the congressional districts to honor a request from Boehner’s team to move the **corporate headquarters of a major campaign contributor** into a different congressional district (p. 16)
- Republican officials believed that changes they made to state legislative districts could save them **millions of dollars in future campaign expenses** (p. 17)
- Based on their own political indexes, Republican officials believed they created a congressional plan which would provide a 12 – 4 Republican advantage and a state legislative plan which would **ensure their control of the legislature** even if there were a strong Democratic year (p. 17-19)
- **Multiple maps** were considered including pairings of Congressman Sutton and Fudge, Gibbs and Johnson, and Turner and Jordan (p. 19-20)
- Requests by State Senator Chris Widener to keep Clark County in one congressional district were ignored because this would **hurt the political index** for Congressman Stivers’ district (p. 20)
- **A last minute change** was made to split Mercer County into three congressional districts in order to move State Senator Keith Faber’s home from the 8th congressional district to the 4th congressional district (p. 20)

Because many records have still not been provided even though public record requests were made over two months ago, many things are still not known, including:

- What lobbying did legislators and congressmen engage in for their districts?
- What congressional district plans have been proposed in private negotiations between Democratic and Republican politicians?
- How many other district boundaries were manipulated to raise campaign funds?
- What else was discussed in the political backrooms?

Introduction

The Ohio Campaign for Accountable Redistricting (OCAR) was established through a partnership led by the League of Women Voters of Ohio, Ohio Citizen Action, and the Midwest Democracy Network, with funding provided by the Joyce Foundation. 25 Ohio organizations joined together to support this effort with the goal of educating the public about the redistricting process. Central to this process was organizing a competition where private citizens could draw their own state legislative and congressional maps which were evaluated based on nonpartisan redistricting criteria, some of which were submitted to the Apportionment Board and Legislature for their consideration.

OCAR and its partners represented public interests by advocating for an open process and the use of nonpartisan redistricting criteria and by providing an opportunity for the public to be involved in the redistricting process. However, the requests by OCAR and other members of the public fell on deaf ears. Although there were many public hearings, the actual decisions were made in private. Maps were unveiled at the last minute and quickly adopted. But for the

Were decisions made in public?

While the new state legislative and congressional districts were approved in public, **there is no evidence that any decisions were actually made in public.** The following demonstrates that decisions were actually made in private discussions among majority party officials:

- Starting July 11, weekly meetings were held in private among the secretaries of the Apportionment Board and representatives of the Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor, Speaker of the House, and Senate President.¹
- Both the congressional and state legislative maps were drawn in private and approved within days of being unveiled.²
- HB 319 which established the new congressional districts was adopted without a single change to the proposed districts.
- The only changes made to the state legislative districts from the plan presented by the Apportionment Board Secretaries were to honor private requests made by individual legislators, none of whom addressed their requests at a public meeting.³
- Ray DiRossi⁴ testified at the Sept. 26 Apportionment Board hearing that as he prepared draft maps of state legislative districts he presented them to legislative leadership and obtained feedback from them.⁵
- The first meeting of the House Government and Elections Committee to discuss congressional redistricting held on Sept. 6, 2011 was delayed while majority members were in a party caucus.
- On Sept. 21, the final Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee hearing on HB 319 was recessed immediately before the Senators voted so that majority Senators could have a party caucus to discuss in private how to proceed.
- To ensure that the Apportionment Board meetings did not deviate from the plan worked out in private, detailed scripts of each meeting (including which member would make and second each motion) were prepared in advance.⁶

¹ See pp. 13-14 herein and App. pp. 19.1-22. (Documents contained in the Appendix to this report are referenced as App. pp. __.)

² HB 319 which contained the new congressional districts was approved by the House of Representatives within 48 hours of being introduced. The state legislative districts were approved by the Ohio Apportionment Board within three business days of being unveiled. See App. pp. 4-6 for a complete timeline of the redistricting process.

³ Testimony of Ray DiRossi and Heather Mann before Ohio Apportionment Board on Sept. 28, 2011, transcript pp. 6-16, available at: <http://www.sos.state.oh.us/sos/upload/reshape/ApportionmentBoard/transcripts/2011-09-28.pdf>.

⁴ Ray DiRossi and Heather Mann served as Joint Secretaries for the Ohio Apportionment Board and were responsible for drafting the maps for the new districts. See App. pp. 1-2 for a listing of key players in the redistricting process.

⁵ App. pp. 162-166.

⁶ See App. pp. 146-152 for script of initial Apportionment Board meeting. Scripts were prepared for every meeting and for the regional hearings, as well. Governor Kasich acknowledged that he was following a script at the initial Apportionment Board meeting. (App. p. 154).

Making the decisions behind closed doors is not only bad policy and creates public distrust, but also puts in question whether the Apportionment Board's actions were in violation of Ohio's Sunshine Law.⁷

Was public input actually considered?



OCAR presented eight different congressional maps to the Legislature and two state legislative maps to the Apportionment Board.⁸ Yet, there is no evidence that any map presented even influenced a single district. The congressional map which was adopted in HB 319 was decided upon before some of the citizen maps were even presented to the Legislature.⁹

Similarly, the schedule adopted by the Apportionment Board to approve state legislative maps demonstrates no intention to consider public maps. The Ohio Constitution requires the Apportionment Board to meet between August 1 and October 1 to adopt state legislative districts.¹⁰ Yet, at the Board's organizational meeting Aug. 4, it approved a schedule where the full Board would not meet again until Monday, Sept. 26, only five days before the districts must be determined. The Board directed that proposed maps be submitted by Friday, Sept. 23, thus ensuring a process where there would be no opportunity to give substantial consideration to alternate maps. The Board then adopted rules which limited the proponent of any plan a total of ten minutes to testify about the plan – less than 5 seconds for each of the 132 districts in a legislative plan!¹¹

In addition to not considering public plans, both the Legislature and the Apportionment Board completely disregarded the testimony expressed by members of the public which focused on two issues:

- Use nonpartisan redistricting criteria
- Before voting on a map, publish the map on a public website for at least two weeks in order to provide an opportunity for public scrutiny

These requests were made multiple ways:

⁷ See R.C. 121.22, as well as pp. 13-14 herein.

⁸ All maps submitted by OCAR, including a description of each plan, are available at www.drawthelineohio.org.

⁹ On July 19, 2011 OCAR announced its public competition which required congressional maps to be completed by Sept. 11, 2011. This deadline was published in the media, was available on the OCAR website, and was provided to the Legislators during testimony at multiple regional legislative hearings on July 20, 21, and Aug. 2. However, on Aug. 30, the House Government and Elections Committee issued a notice scheduling hearings and requesting proposed maps by Sept. 2. OCAR was the only entity to present any map by the Sept. 2 deadline (OCAR-A). OCAR presented an additional map on Sept. 8 (OCAR-B) and four more maps on Sept. 12 (OCAR-C, OCAR-D, OCAR-E, OCAR-G). The HB 319 map was finalized over the weekend of Sept. 10-11 and was unveiled on Sept. 13.

¹⁰ Art. 11, Sect. 1, Ohio Constitution.

¹¹ See App. pp. 168 for a copy of Apportionment Board Rule 011-1-10.

The Apportionment Board schedule provided even less time for public scrutiny. Proposed maps were unveiled on Friday, Sept. 23, considered by the Apportionment Board on Monday, Sept. 26, and voted on Sept. 28.¹⁹

All of this was designed to limit the time that the public could have to review, analyze, and raise questions about the proposed maps.

Was the public provided with redistricting data for proposed districts?

The public was briefly provided with maps, a legal description, population figures, minority population percentages, and incumbent addresses, but little else. However, to fully evaluate the impact of proposed districts it is necessary to examine the underlying data on proposed districts.



Specifically, as maps were unveiled, the following information was withheld from the public:

- Political indexes for each district
- Number of districts which favored each political party
- Number of governmental units which were split
- Any measure of compactness
- An interactive map

As a starting point, the public, as well as legislators and board members who must vote on the maps, need to be able to identify the precise boundaries of proposed districts. Instead, only static pictures of the entire State and larger counties were posted on the Secretary of State's Website (www.reshapeohio.gov), even though the site contained mapping software which could have allowed for an interactive version of the proposed congressional and state legislative districts, so that the boundaries could be examined in detail. Thus the maps only provided the public with approximate district boundaries.

But, the actual district boundaries are just the first step. In order to evaluate the maps it is important to know how the new districts will affect future elections – what are the indexes for each district and how many districts favor each party? Additionally, it is important to know the compactness measure for the proposed districts, as well as the number of governmental units which are split. This type of information allows one to objectively compare proposed plans.

Instead of providing this information, the proponents of the new congressional and state legislative districts concealed this information – not because they didn't have it, but because

¹⁹ Proposed timelines discovered in the public records demonstrate an early plan to hold the maps "in the can" until the last minute. See p. 13 herein.

legislators nor the Apportionment Board ever publicly agreed upon a set of criteria to use, the public was left in the dark as to how plans would be evaluated.

Final Grade – D minus:

In an effort to search for the positive, the following small steps were taken by the Legislature and Apportionment Board which should continue in future redistricting cycles – although with changes as noted:



1. **Regional public hearings.** Holding regional hearings was a positive step and one that has the potential to help involve the public in the redistricting process. However, it would have been more beneficial to hold regional hearings after proposed maps were available to review and comment upon. Additionally, more should have been done to publicize the hearings,³⁰
2. **Public testimony.** Throughout the process both the legislative committees and the Apportionment Board did permit numerous concerned citizens including multiple representatives of the League of Women Voters and other interested organizations to provide public testimony. We would urge the officials in the future to fully consider the public input and not just use this as window dressing.
3. **Testimony by map drawers.** The authors of the official Apportionment Board map, Ray DiRossi and Heather Mann, both testified in a public hearing which provided some glimpse into what otherwise took place out of public view. It is unfortunate that they did not also testify about how they drew the congressional maps. Finally, it was disappointing that during DiRossi's testimony he needed to repeatedly consult with legal counsel before answering questions, which created a strong appearance that he was being very cautious about what he revealed.

However, on balance the lack of actual transparency was woeful. Decisions were made in private. Public input was ignored. Maps were unveiled at the last minute and raced through the process in an effort to avoid public scrutiny. And negotiations continue to take place behind closed doors as if the politicians from each political party are the only interested party.

Today's technology provides the opportunity to easily share information with the public. The public redistricting competition demonstrated that members of the public can create quality nonpartisan redistricting maps. Our politicians need to remember that they work for the public.

³⁰ News releases were not sent to local media where the hearings were held. In fact, the reporter for the Zanesville newspaper who attended the joint legislative hearing held in Zanesville only learned of the hearing that morning from his editor who had seen a Columbus media report. Nothing had been published in the local newspaper to announce the hearing. It is not surprising that only a handful of people attended the Zanesville hearing.

redistricting strategy.³⁸ Starting July 11, 2011 weekly redistricting meetings were held among the staff of the Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor, Senate President, House Majority Leader, and the Secretaries of the Apportionment Board.³⁹

Hotel used as secret redistricting office – At a taxpayer cost of \$9,600, redistricting officials rented a downtown hotel room from July 17, 2011 to Oct. 15, 2011 to use as a secret redistricting office.⁴⁰ The address of the hotel room never shows up on any correspondence. Meetings scheduled for the hotel room appear to be described as meetings in the “bunker” or simply as “off site.”⁴¹ The purpose of renting the hotel appears to be twofold – to ensure that no one could gain access to the redistricting plans and to provide a place where those drawing the maps could meet with interested parties without being seen by other staff.⁴²

Using “attorney-client privilege” to keep records secret – The Apportionment Board hired Washington D.C. attorney Mark Braden to serve as legal counsel, even though the Ohio Attorney General is their statutory legal counsel. Braden served for ten years as chief legal counsel to the Republican National Committee and promotes himself as being the “father of soft money.”⁴³ House Majority Counsel Michael Lenzo has refused to provide records of any communications with Braden on the basis of attorney-client privilege.⁴⁴ It appears that Braden did more than simply provide legal advice. Rather, he was involved in redistricting strategy. He hired consultant John Morgan and participated in meetings with him and Ohio redistricting officials.⁴⁵ The secretaries of the Apportionment Board submitted draft maps to him for consideration.⁴⁶ Braden’s name is even listed as the author of one of the final three congressional plans considered by Republican legislative leaders.⁴⁷

\$210,000 secretly paid to two Republican staffers.

At its initial meeting on Aug. 4, 2011 the Ohio Apportionment Board named Ray DiRossi and Heather Mann as its joint secretaries. It was assumed that DiRossi and Mann were working as state employees as both had been employed by the House and Senate.⁴⁸ However, a public records search revealed that neither were state employees while the Apportionment Board met.⁴⁹ Instead, each were paid \$105,000 (\$210,000 total) through contracts the Republican

³⁸ See App. pp. 19-21 for sample e-mails arranging these meetings. Note that the Ohio Supreme Court has held that the requirements of the Sunshine Law cannot be avoided simply by holding a series of separate back to back meetings with individual members of a public body. *State ex rel. Cincinnati Post v. City of Cincinnati*, 76 Ohio St.3d 540, 542, 1996-Ohio-372.

³⁹ See App. pp. 19-22 for sample e-mails arranging these meetings.

⁴⁰ Room 601 of the Doubletree Suites, 50 South Front St, Columbus was rented. The normal guest room furniture was moved out of the room and computers with internet connections were hooked up. See App. pp. 29-34 for documents describing the arrangements made with the hotel.

⁴¹ See App. 22, 35-36 for sample references to such meetings.

⁴² For the two weeks prior to the hotel room being rented, efforts were made to ensure that only two Senate and two House staff could have access to the state facilities in which redistricting business was being conducted. See App. p. 29.

⁴³ See App. p. 38 for Braden’s bio, as posted on his firm’s website at <http://www.bakerlaw.com/emarkbraden/>.

⁴⁴ See App. pp. 39-40.

⁴⁵ See App. pp. 19-21.

⁴⁶ See App. pp. 84.

⁴⁷ See App. p. 109.

⁴⁸ DiRossi and Mann were described in media reports as legislative staff. See App. pp. 62-65.

⁴⁹ See App. pp. 66-69.

campaign contributions provided by the Republican Party or caucuses.⁶³ DiRossi's response was:

"But we have made significant improvements to many HDs on this list. Hopefully saving millions over the coming years."⁶⁴

Republican mapmakers analyzed political indexes to maximize Republican seats

No political data was presented when HB 319 was introduced or when the state legislative districts were unveiled. However, this data not only existed, but had been thoroughly analyzed with the explicit goal of increasing the Republican advantage in multiple districts. By early July Republican map drawers had agreed upon the indexes they would use to evaluate districts.

They made a strategic decision to evaluate districts under the most favorable Democratic conditions, so that Republican candidates could safely win a solid majority of districts even in a heavily Democratic year. To do this they generally evaluated districts two ways. The first was to look at the percentage of votes which McCain received in a district in the 2008 Presidential race. Since McCain received 46.9% of the vote which is approximately 5% less than a typical statewide Republican candidate would receive.



The second comparison was to create what they labeled as a "unified index" which was based on the 2004 Presidential race, the 2006 Attorney General and Auditor's races, the 2008 Presidential race, and the 2010 Governor's race. Since this included two races in which the Democratic candidate won by approximately 5% and no races in which the Republican candidate won by more than 2%, this resulted in a Democratic leaning index. For the congressional districts, they also looked at the 2010 Attorney General race. Charts were created which provided the following information for each district: the incumbent, the indexes, and how much the McCain vote and the unified index changed.⁶⁵

Republican map drawers concluded that 12 of the 16 new congressional districts favored Republicans and that only the 14th District (LaTourette) could be considered a swing district.⁶⁶

⁶³ There were 18 house districts in which the over \$1 million in Republican in kind funds were provided, with the most expensive being the 20th and 18th house districts, which each topped \$3.3 million. See list in Judy e-mail at App. pp. 106-106. See App. p. 107 for a breakdown of who won in the various districts on the list.

⁶⁴ App. p. 106.

⁶⁵ See App. pp. 108-109, 111-121. The state legislative district charts also included when each candidate was term limited, information which would only be needed if one were interested in evaluating future elections.

⁶⁶ See App. p. 108. Because the 14th district is bordered by Lake Erie to the north, Pennsylvania to the east, and Democratic areas to the south and west, it is not possible to make the district significantly more Republican. This analysis is very similar to

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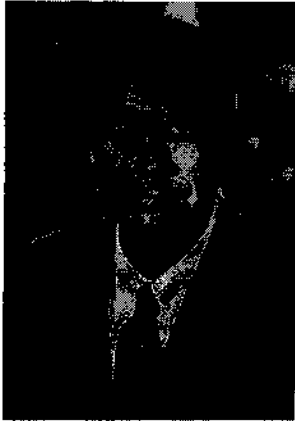
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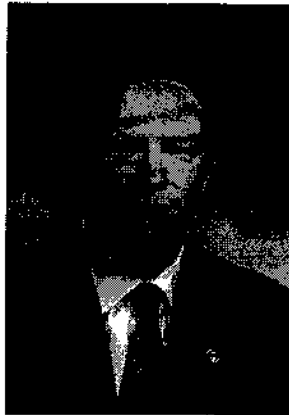
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Ohio Apportionment Board - 2011

Ohio Governor John Kasich
Republican



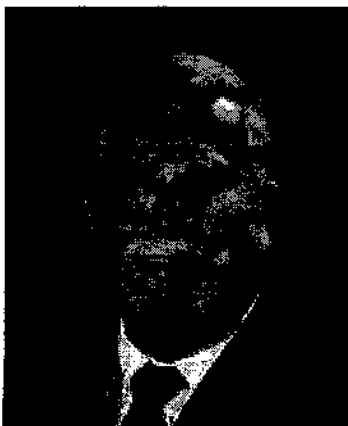
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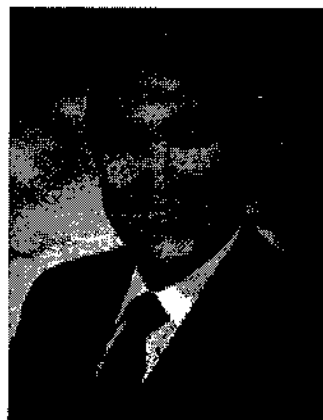
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Republican



Senate President Tom Niehaus
R-New Richmond



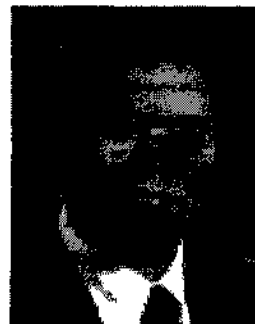
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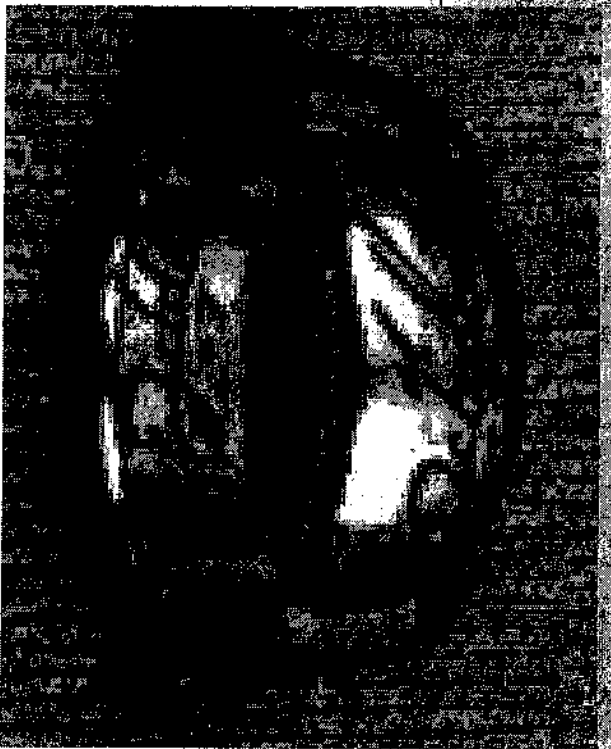


**Secretary of the
Apportionment Board
Heather Mann**



**Secretary of the
Apportionment Board
Ray DiRossi**





Keep it secret keep it safe

- Controlled access to location (a door with a key)
- Machine security, plan security, personnel security
- Storage and backup
- Away from distractions
- Establish procedures for input, drawing, output
- Process always matters

Redistricting Presentation -Republican National Committee
May 2010

Presenter: John Morgan

Consultant to Ohio Republican Redistricting Task Force

Attended by Michael Lenzo, Ohio House Majority Legal Counsel

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South Front Street
Columbus Ohio 43215

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Invoice No.

INVOICE

Customer

Name Mr. Di'Rossi
Address 77 S. High St., 14th Floor
City Columbus State OH ZIP 43215
Phone 614-466-9294

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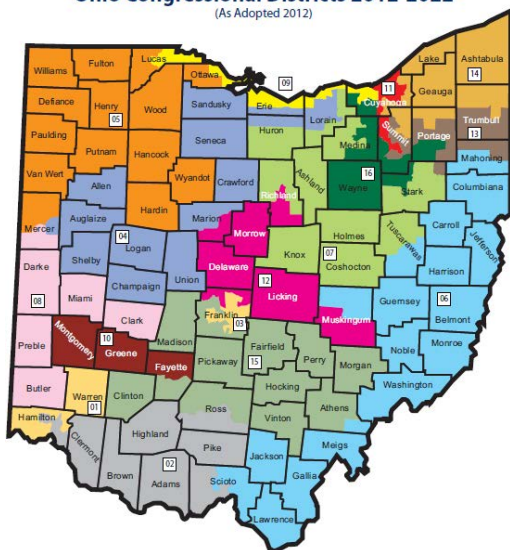
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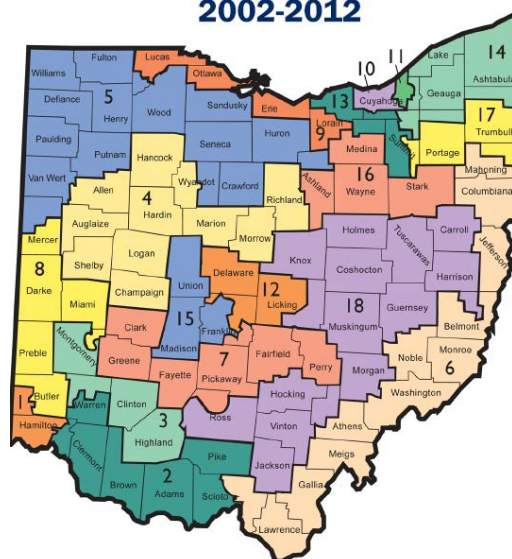
Ohio's Gerrymandering Problem: *Why Haven't We Fixed This Yet?*

A Report from the League of Women Voters of Ohio and Common Cause Ohio

Ohio Congressional Districts 2012-2022
(As Adopted 2012)



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1992-2002

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Ohio Redistricting Reform History

1967

An Ohio Constitutional amendment was adopted, authorizing the Apportionment Board to draw boundaries for Ohio House and Senate districts. The amendment did not address Congressional Districts and they continued to be drawn by the Ohio General Assembly.

1981

The Democrats performed the second partisan gerrymander. The League of Women Voters of Ohio supported an Ohio Constitutional amendment that provided for competition between redistricting plans and required approval of the plan that provided for the most compact districts. The Ohio Republican Party supported the amendment; the Democrats opposed it. The amendment failed, getting only 42% of the vote.

1999

The League of Women Voters of Ohio attempted, but failed, to place a redistricting reform amendment on the ballot. The proposal used a mathematical formula to assure compact districts.

2005

Reform Ohio Now (RON) placed a redistricting initiative on the ballot, along with three other election reform initiatives. Under the redistricting initiative, plans could be submitted by the public and the plan that created the most competitive districts would be chosen. The Ohio Republican Party opposed the initiative. The Ohio Democratic Party did not endorse the amendment. Some county Democratic Party organizations supported it while others opposed it. Opponents produced a map which they claimed was competitive, but which did not retain community of interest. The voters rejected the redistricting reform proposal by a 70% vote.

2009

The Republican controlled state Senate passed SJR 5, which was very similar to HJR 13 from 2006. SJR 5 emphasized compactness and keeping communities together. Competitiveness was to be a secondary consideration.

2011

The Republicans performed the fifth partisan gerrymander. Concurrently, the Ohio Campaign for Accountable Redistricting led by the League of Women Voters of Ohio and Ohio Citizen Action, held a competition in which citizens could draw maps. Those maps were more compact, more competitive, fairer to both political parties and respected county and municipal boundaries. All were better than the ones adopted. OCAR also issued a "Transparency Report" showing that maps were drawn in secret to the specifications of politicians.

2013

Although Joint Resolutions were introduced in the legislature, the focus of redistricting reform turned to the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission.

2015

The legislature's proposal was Issue 1 on the November ballot and passed by 71.5%. The League, Common Cause and others began work on adding Congressional redistricting to the reform agenda.

1971

The Democrats controlled the Apportionment Board and performed the first partisan gerrymander under the new amendment.

1991

The Republicans controlled the Apportionment Board and performed the third partisan gerrymander under the 1967 amendment.

2001

The Republicans performed the fourth partisan gerrymander under the 1967 amendment.

2006

A Republican legislator introduced a redistricting reform initiative, HJR 13. It emphasized compactness of districts and keeping communities together. The resolution narrowly failed to receive the required 60% vote from both the House and Senate to be placed on the ballot.

2010

The Democrats controlled state House passed HJR 15. It would establish a public competition for redrawing district lines based on objective criteria – compactness, preservation of county and municipal boundaries, competitiveness, and reflecting the relative strength of the two major parties with voters. The House and Senate were unable to reconcile SJR 5 and HJR 15 and agree

2012

Representatives of the League of Women Voters of Ohio, Common Cause Ohio and others filed a petition to place redistricting reform on the ballot. Under the proposal an independent commission would ensure districts were compact, competitive and reflective of the political values of voters. The initiative failed, getting 37% of the vote.

2014

The Constitutional Modernization Commission couldn't reach consensus. During the lame duck session, Rep. Vern Sykes (D) and Rep. Matt Huffman (R) negotiated a compromise plan for redistricting the General Assembly that overwhelmingly passed both the Ohio House and Senate. It required bipartisan support to adopt a full 10 year redistricting plan, tightened requirements for keeping political subdivisions together, stated districts could not be drawn for partisan gain, and required more transparency and public input. It was presented to the voters in November of 2015.

From 1978 through 2001, there was a proposed redistricting reform constitutional amendment introduced in each General Assembly Session — none passed.

Voters' Guide State Ballot Issues

Issue 1: Creates a bipartisan, public process for drawing legislative districts

(Proposed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly)

Proposing to enact new Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 of Article XI and to repeal Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Ohio.

A YES vote means approval of the constitutional amendment.

A NO vote means disapproval of the constitutional amendment.

A majority YES vote is required for the amendment to be adopted.

If approved, the proposed amendment will take effect immediately after Election Day.

League Explanation of Issue 1:

Issue 1 would amend the Ohio Constitution to change the way state legislative districts (but not U.S. Congressional districts) are determined. Every 10 years, Ohio draws new legislative district lines based on changes in population as reported in U.S. Census Bureau data. Issue 1 replaces the Apportionment Board with a bipartisan Ohio Redistricting Commission. If Issue 1 passes, members of the Commission will include:

- The Governor
- Auditor of State
- Ohio Secretary of State
- Appointee by the Speaker of the Ohio House
- Appointee by the President of the Ohio Senate
- Appointee by the Minority Leader of Ohio House
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The Ohio Redistricting Commission will be responsible for creating district maps for the Ohio House and the Ohio Senate. Issue 1 establishes rules for map-making. It ensures compactness and keeps communities together by prohibiting splitting governmental units, like counties or cities, unless necessary. Issue 1 prohibits partisan gerrymandering. No General Assembly map shall be drawn primarily to favor or disfavor a political party. Issue 1 creates more transparent map-making by requiring public hearings.

If the amendment is passed, it will become part of the constitution immediately; however, the new rules for drawing districts will not be applied until the next time districts are redrawn beginning January 1, 2021, after the next U.S. Census.

Issue 1 encourages bipartisan map-making. For the maps to last ten years, at least two members of the minority party will have to vote in favor of it. If only one party supports a particular map, the district lines will only last four years. Map-making will be subjected to stricter criteria, including the requirement that the districts reflect the statewide partisan preferences of voters, sometimes called representational fairness.

PRO:

1. Prohibits partisan gerrymandering-- "No General Assembly district plan shall be drawn primarily to favor or disfavor a party" will be written into the rules in the Ohio Constitution.
2. Requires transparency and public hearings, encouraging accountability to the electorate.
3. Districts will better protect community cohesiveness by limiting government units such as counties and cities from being split.
4. Eliminates the continuation of previous gerrymandering by removing language from the current Ohio Constitution that requires new maps to be "reasonably consistent" with old maps.

CON:

1. Many Ohioans are not Republican or Democrat. Third parties and Independents are not represented on the Commission.
2. Issue 1 does not address the process for determining U.S. Congressional districts.
3. The Ohio Redistricting Commission is not independent from legislators; legislative members can still influence the process.
4. Bipartisan Commission members can make "sweetheart deals" that can result in districts that are not representative of the state's overall partisan preferences.

Ohio Redistricting Commission Announces Dates for Regional Public Hearings

August 13, 2021



Today, state Senator Vernon Sykes (D-Akron) and Ohio House Speaker Bob Cupp (R-Lima), co-chairs of the Ohio Redistricting Commission ("Commission"), announced the schedule for upcoming regional public hearings. The hearings, which will take place throughout the state from Monday, August 23 through Friday, August 27, will provide Ohioans the opportunity to contribute their ideas on the future of Ohio's state legislative districts by offering public testimony and submitting map proposals.

"The makeup of our state legislative districts will have an impact on Ohio's state and local governments for the next ten years. This is why it's important for Ohioans to have a say in the redistricting process," Sykes said. "Ohioans played a crucial role in increasing transparency when they voted in 2015 and 2018 to reform the way we draw our statewide maps. I look forward to hearing what Ohioans have to say during our hearings and taking their input into consideration when creating maps that best represent voters' preferences."

The hearings will take place on the following days:

- Monday, August 23 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.: Cleveland
- Monday, August 23 from 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.: Youngstown
- Tuesday, August 24 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.: Dayton
- Tuesday, August 24 from 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.: Cincinnati
- Wednesday, August 25 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.: Zanesville
- Wednesday, August 25 from 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.: Rio Grande
- Thursday, August 26 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.: Lima
- Thursday, August 26 from 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.: Toledo
- Friday, August 27 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.: Akron
- Friday, August 27 from 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.: Mansfield

The full list of dates, times and locations for the hearings can be found [here](#). Hearings will also be broadcast live, and more information will be made available about how the public can tune in closer to the hearing dates.

"Ohio's process to create fair and reasonable state legislative and congressional districts includes the opportunity for the people of Ohio to be heard on the matter," Speaker Cupp said. "As a co-chair of the commission, I believe it's

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important to open the process for input from Ohio's citizens. The information and ideas gathered will be helpful to our important constitutional task."

These public hearings are just the beginning of the redistricting process for state legislative districts. More hearings will be scheduled once a map has been proposed by the Commission. The Ohio Redistricting Commission is responsible for drawing legislative maps and may also have a role in the drawing of congressional maps. It is composed of Senator Sykes, Speaker Cupp, House Minority Leader Emilia Sykes (D-Akron), Senate President Matt Huffman (R-Lima), Governor Mike DeWine, Auditor Keith Faber and Secretary of State Frank LaRose.

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POLITICS

'An insult to democracy': Ohio Republicans' redistricting plan panned soon after release

Jessie Balmert The Columbus Dispatch

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With less than a week to hammer out a final map for state House and Senate districts, Republican lawmakers presented a map that would allow the GOP to retain a veto-proof majority.

Republicans could hold 67 of 99 seats in the Ohio House and 25 of 33 seats in the Ohio Senate, according to an analysis by Dave's Redistricting App, a commonly used redistricting website that assigns partisan designations based on recent election results. Based on that website's analysis, 16.5% of House districts and 19.8% of Senate districts would be competitive — defined as a partisan lean between 45% and 55%.

Republicans currently hold 64 of the 99 seats in the Ohio House of Representatives and 25 of the 33 seats in the Ohio Senate.

Voter-approved changes to the Ohio Constitution added guardrails to how mapmakers draw districts for the Ohio House and Senate. The commission must try to draw a map that does not primarily favor a political party, is compact and corresponds to the statewide breakdown of Democratic and Republican votes.

Yet Republican leaders say they never analyzed the partisan balance of their proposed maps for House and Senate districts. Ohio Redistricting Commission Co-chair Vernon Sykes, a Democratic senator from Akron, said he doesn't believe them.

"I don't blame the speaker of the House or a president of the Senate for using the rules the best they can to craft the districts to help their cause," Sykes said. "To present a map before this commission and say they aren't aware of what it is and didn't consider it at all, I think is disingenuous."

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Over the past 10 years, the statewide total of votes has split, on average, with about 55% of votes for Republican candidates and 45% of votes to Democratic candidates. Former President Barack Obama's victory in 2012 was a good year for Democrats while 2014 was a great year for Republican candidates.

Senate President Matt Huffman, R-Lima, said drawing a map with that split would amount to gerrymandering.

"The definition of gerrymandering is designing districts to benefit a particular political party so if we simply say we must design this so that 55%, 55 seats in the Ohio House of Representatives are Republican, that's gerrymandering," Huffman said.

House Speaker Bob Cupp, R-Lima, said the portion of the Ohio Constitution looking at how maps line up with recent statewide results is an "aspirational goal."

"There's a difference of opinion as to whether that is aspirational goal or a required goal if you don't meet all the other criteria," said Cupp, a co-chair of the commission.

Looking at race

Republican mapmakers didn't consider racial or demographic data when putting their maps together, said Ray DiRossi, the Senate Republicans' finance director. He said GOP mapmakers were directed by legislative leaders not to consider racial or demographic data.

"It's illegal to use race in drawing districts," Huffman said later. "That's a violation of federal law."

House Minority Leader Emilia Sykes, D-Akron, questioned how the proposed map could comply with the Voting Rights Act without considering race.

"You can actually look at race as a criteria. It just cannot be the only criteria," said Deidra Reese with the Ohio Unity Coalition. Reese said not considering race made her feel invisible and unheard. "If you cannot use race to crack a district apart to diminish the ability of a community of color to be able to have influence, how can you not look at race?"

Ohioans who testified Thursday morning expressed frustration with both the GOP map and the secretive process that led to it. They called the mapmaking process a "sham," "an insult to democracy" and "more fascist than democratic."

Ohio Democratic Party Chairwoman Liz Walters blasted the GOP-made maps.

"These maps are not only unacceptable, they're offensive to Ohioans who voted overwhelmingly twice for fair representation," Walters said in a statement. "Ohioans are tired of politicians choosing their voters rather than the other way around."

What comes next?

Scroll down to see the proposed maps

The seven-member Ohio Redistricting Commission is on a tight timeline to approve a map for those who represent residents at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus. The commission accepted the GOP-made map as a working draft in a 5-2 vote along partisan lines.

More: Ohio is using a new process to draw state, congressional districts. Here's how it works

The commission must allow the public to comment on the map at hearings across the state. The commission plans to meet in the coming days:

4 p.m. Sunday at Washington Township Recreation Center, 895 Miamisburg Centerville Road, Dayton

4 p.m. Monday at Corporate College East, 4400 Richmond Road, Warrensville Heights
10 a.m. Tuesday at the Ohio Statehouse's Senate Finance Hearing Room (Room 313)
and remote testimony from Washington State Community College, 710 Colegate Drive, Marietta

To approve a 10-year map, the commission needs "yes" votes from four of the seven members, including both Democrats on the commission. If they can't reach a compromise, four members could approve a map that lasts for four years.

The commission missed its first deadline to present a map and is barreling toward its final deadline to approve a map: Sept. 15.

More: Ohio Redistricting Commission, set to miss first deadline, can't agree on who draws maps

Meanwhile, Ohio lawmakers have until Sept. 30 to approve a 10-year map for congressional districts. Voters approved changes to prevent gerrymandered districts like the so-called "snake on the lake," which stretches from Toledo to Cleveland.

Proposed House map

Proposed Senate map

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AFFIDAVIT OF BRIA BENNETT


Trumbull County

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State of Ohio

I, Bria Bennett, having been duly sworn and cautioned according to law, hereby state that I am over the age of eighteen years and am competent to testify to the facts set forth below based on my personal knowledge, and further state as follows:

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2. I am registered to vote and regularly request a Democratic ballot in partisan primary elections. I have consistently voted for Democratic General Assembly candidates.
3. I reside at 795 Lane West Rd. SW, Warren, OH 44481, which is in Ohio House District 65 and Ohio Senate District 32 in the 2021 Commission Plan.
4. My address is in Ohio House District 64 and Ohio Senate District 32 in the current Plan that was adopted in 2011.



Bria Bennett

Sworn to before me this 21st day of October, 2021.



Notary Public

My commission expires 12/26/2024



LESLIE J. ROBERTS
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires:
December 26, 2024

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I, Regina C. Adams, having been duly sworn and cautioned according to law, hereby state that I am over the age of eighteen years and am competent to testify to the facts set forth below based on my personal knowledge, and further state as follows:

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2. I am registered to vote and regularly request a Democratic ballot in partisan primary elections. I have consistently voted for Democratic General Assembly candidates.
3. I reside at 14360 Rockside Rd., Maple Heights, OH 44137, which is in Ohio House District 22 and Ohio Senate District 21 in the 2021 Commission Plan.
4. My address is in Ohio House District 12 and Ohio Senate District 25 in the current Plan that was adopted in 2011.

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STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PASCO

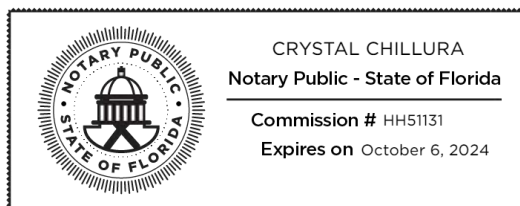
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Regina C Adams

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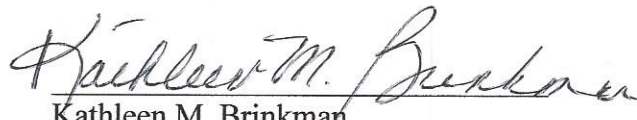
Hamilton County

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State of Ohio


I, Kathleen M. Brinkman, having been duly sworn and cautioned according to law, hereby state that I am over the age of eighteen years and am competent to testify to the facts set forth below based on my personal knowledge, and further state as follows:

1. I am a citizen of the United States and a qualified elector in the State of Ohio.
2. I am registered to vote and regularly request a Democratic ballot in partisan primary elections. I have consistently voted for Democratic General Assembly candidates.
3. I reside at 400 Pike St. Unit 809 Cincinnati, OH 45202, which is in Ohio House District 24 and Ohio Senate District 9 in the 2021 Commission Plan.
4. My address is in Ohio House District 32 and Ohio Senate District 9 in the current Plan that was adopted in 2011.


Kathleen M. Brinkman

Sworn to before me this 19th day of October, 2021.



Notary Public

CAROLYN A. TAGGART
Attorney at Law
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Has No Expiration
Date, Section 147.03 O.R.C.

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AFFIDAVIT OF MARTHA CLARK

Montgomery County

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State of Ohio

I, Martha Clark, having been duly sworn and cautioned according to law, hereby state that I am over the age of eighteen years and am competent to testify to the facts set forth below based on my personal knowledge, and further state as follows:

1. I am a citizen of the United States and a qualified elector in the State of Ohio.
2. I am registered to vote and regularly request a Democratic ballot in partisan primary elections. I have consistently voted for Democratic General Assembly candidates.
3. I reside at 4439 Filbrun Ln., Trotwood, OH 45426, which is in Ohio House District 39 and Ohio Senate District 5 in the 2021 Commission Plan.
4. My address is in Ohio House District 43 and Ohio Senate District 5 in the current Plan that was adopted in 2011.


Martha Clark

Sworn to before me this 19th day of October, 2021.


Notary Public



JACOB MUNN
Notary Public
State of Ohio
My Comm. Expires
November 14, 2024

My commission expires 11-14-2024

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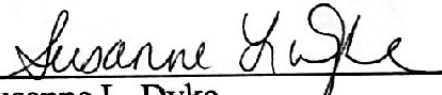
Cuyahoga County

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State of Ohio

I, Susanne L. Dyke, having been duly sworn and cautioned according to law, hereby state that I am over the age of eighteen years and am competent to testify to the facts set forth below based on my personal knowledge, and further state as follows:

1. I am a citizen of the United States and a qualified elector in the State of Ohio.
2. I am registered to vote and regularly request a Democratic ballot in partisan primary elections. I have consistently voted for Democratic General Assembly candidates.
3. I reside at 2558 Guilford Rd., Cleveland Heights, OH, which is in Ohio House District 21 and Ohio Senate District 21 in the 2021 Commission Plan.
4. My address is in Ohio House District 9 and Ohio Senate District 21 in the current Plan that was adopted in 2011.


Susanne L. Dyke

Sworn to before me this 20th day of October, 2021.


Notary Public

My commission expires September 2023
GARY A. BENJAMIN
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF OHIO
My Commission Expires September 2023

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I, Meryl Neiman, having been duly sworn and cautioned according to law, hereby state that I am over the age of eighteen years and am competent to testify to the facts set forth below based on my personal knowledge, and further state as follows:

1. I am a citizen of the United States and a qualified elector in the State of Ohio.
2. I am registered to vote and regularly request a Democratic ballot in partisan primary elections. I have consistently voted for Democratic General Assembly candidates.
3. I reside at 2115 Clifton Ave., Columbus, OH 43209, which is in Ohio House District 1 and Ohio Senate District 15 in the 2021 Commission Plan.
4. My address is in Ohio House District 18 and Ohio Senate District 15 in the current Plan that was adopted in 2011.

Meryl Jean Neiman

Meryl Neiman

Commonwealth of Virginia, County of Hanover

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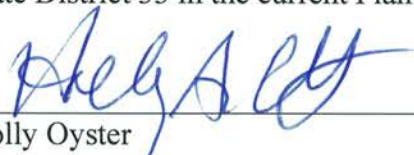
Mahoning County

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State of Ohio

I, Holly Oyster, having been duly sworn and cautioned according to law, hereby state that I am over the age of eighteen years and am competent to testify to the facts set forth below based on my personal knowledge, and further state as follows:

1. I am a citizen of the United States and a qualified elector in the State of Ohio.
2. I am registered to vote and regularly request a Democratic ballot in partisan primary elections. I have consistently voted for Democratic General Assembly candidates.
3. I reside at 21370 Harrisburg Westville Rd., Alliance, OH 44601, which is in Ohio House District 59 and Ohio Senate District 33 in the 2021 Commission Plan.
4. My address is in Ohio House District 59 and Ohio Senate District 33 in the current Plan that was adopted in 2011.


Holly Oyster

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Notary Public



STACEY SHANK
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My commission expires 12/3/24

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AFFIDAVIT OF CONSTANCE RUBIN

I, Constance Rubin, having been duly sworn and cautioned according to law, hereby state that I am over the age of eighteen years and am competent to testify to the facts set forth below based on my personal knowledge, and further state as follows:

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3. I reside at 3088 Whitewood St. NW, North Canton, OH 44720, which is in Ohio House District 48 and Ohio Senate District 29 in the 2021 Commission Plan.
4. My address is in Ohio House District 50 and Ohio Senate District 29 in the current Plan that was adopted in 2011.

Constance G Rubin

Constance G. Rubin 10/19/2021
Constance Rubin

Broward County, FL
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Constance G Rubin DRIVER LICENSE

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AFFIDAVIT OF EVERETT TOTTY

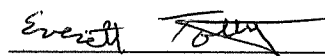
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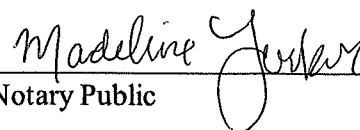
State of Ohio

I, Everett Totty, having been duly sworn and cautioned according to law, hereby state that I am over the age of eighteen years and am competent to testify to the facts set forth below based on my personal knowledge, and further state as follows:

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2. I am registered to vote and regularly request a Democratic ballot in partisan primary elections. I have consistently voted for Democratic General Assembly candidates.
3. I reside at 145 S. St. Clair St. Unit 28, Toledo, OH 43604, which is in Ohio House District 41 and Ohio Senate District 11 in the 2021 Commission Plan.
4. My address is in Ohio House District 44 and Ohio Senate District 11 in the current Plan that was adopted in 2011.


Everett Totty

Sworn to before me this 21 day of October, 2021.


Notary Public



MADELINE TUCKER
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Comm. Expires Dec. 14, 2025

My commission expires 12-14-25

Ohio Redistricting Commission - 8-6-2021

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Gov. Mike DeWine [00:00:00] As a member of the Ohio Redistricting Commission, pursuant to Article 11, Section 1 of the Ohio Constitution, I call this meeting to order. We will now proceed to the presentation of any member appointments to the Ohio Redistricting Commission and to order that any new appointments be entered into the record of proceedings. First, Robert Cupp is the appointee to the Commission by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Let the record reflect this appointment. Next, Emilia Sykes the appointee to this commission by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. Let the record reflect this appointment. Next, Matt Huffman is the appointee to the commission by the President of the Senate. Let the record reflect this appointment. Next, Vernon Sykes is the appointee to this Commission by the Minority Leader of the Senate and again, let the record reflect that. I will state for the record that in compliance with the Ohio Constitution, none of the appointees are current members of Congress. We will now proceed to the administration of the oath and I will administer the oath to everyone and then the Secretary of State will then swear me in. I will get a copy of the oath. Please stand. I, state your name, (I, [inaudible], do solemnly swear (do solemnly swear) to support the Constitution of the United States, (to support the Constitution of the United States) and the Constitution of the State of Ohio (and the Constitution of the state of Ohio), and to faithfully discharge (and to faithfully discharge) the duties of the office, (the duties of the office) as a member of the Ohio Redistricting Commission, (as a member of the Ohio Redistricting Commission) on which I serve (on which I serve) pursuant to Article 11, Section 1, (pursuant to Article 11, Section 1) of the Ohio Constitution (of the Ohio Constitution). This I shall do as I shall answer under God (this I shall do as I answer unto God) Thank you all very much.

Secretary of State Frank LaRose [00:02:30] At this point is my responsibility to administer the oath of office to the Governor. Governor, please raise your hand. I, Mike DeWine, (I, Mike DeWine) Do solemnly swear, (do solemnly swear) to support the Constitution of the United States (to support the Constitution of the United States) and the Constitution of the state of Ohio, (and the constitution of the state of Ohio) and to faithfully discharge the duties, (and to faithfully discharge the duties) of the office (of the office) as a member of the Ohio Redistricting Commission, (as a member of the Ohio Redistricting Commission) on which I serve, (on which I serve) pursuant to Article 11, Section 1 of the Ohio Constitution, (pursuant to Article 11, Section 1 of the Ohio Constitution). This I do, as I shall answer to God, (this I do, as I shall answer under God). Thank you very much.

Gov. Mike DeWine [00:03:20] And we ask now, Mr. Donahue, to please call the roll. President Huffman (here). Auditor Faber (yes). Leader Sykes (here). Governor DeWine (here). Secretary LaRose (here), Speaker Cupp (present). Senator Sykes (present).

Gov. Mike DeWine [00:03:46] We have a quorum present. I will be filing the certificate of compliance of the public meeting notice provision of Section 121.22 of the revised code. Now we move to the presentation of co-chairperson appointments to the Ohio Redistricting Commission and the order that any new appointments be entered in the record of proceedings. The co-chair appointments to this commission by the legislative leaders in the Senate and the House of Representatives, each of the two largest political parties represented in the General Assembly, as set forth in Article 11, Section 1, of the Ohio Constitution are Robert Cupp and Vernon Sykes. Let the record reflect these appointments. Now. I will turn over the meeting to the co-chairpersons. Thank you all very much.

Sen. Vernon Sykes [00:04:46] Thank you, Governor and Mr. Co-Chair and members of the Commission. I'd like to welcome everyone here today. Ohioans voted twice this last decade to reform our redistricting process. My goal is to cooperatively work with all of you and give the voters what they wanted. To end as much as we can, the gerrymandering that's been taking place in the state. And we hope that we can work together to achieve fair districts through a bipartisan process in a way that maximizes public participation. Together, I believe we can end partisan gerrymandering and draw districts that result in fair districts of which represents the citizens of this great state. Mr. Co-Chair, would you like to make a statement?

House Speaker Robert Cupp [00:05:43] Thank you, Co-Chair Sykes. First, I'd like to thank Governor DeWine for convening the Commission and getting us on the way to creating a fair and equitable legislative and congressional maps as we are constitutionally charged to do. And I look forward to working with co-chair Senator Sykes and all the members of the commission as we undertake this very important task. As you know, we have an extremely tight time frame in which to complete our task due to the Census Bureau's four month delay in releasing the data necessary to begin drawing the maps. Regardless, we are here and ready to begin these, these hearings on this important project. We also know how vital it is to have the people of the state of Ohio actively involved in the process. Accordingly, we have tentatively scheduled nine meetings around the state to obtain input from Ohioans. We want to hear from them and to include them in this critical process. We will be finalizing the details for these meetings in the very near future. With that, I say to my fellow commission members and to the people of Ohio, let's go to work.

Sen. Vernon Sykes [00:06:59] Are there other members that would like to make statements? Seeing none, is there any other business that we need to address? Hearing none, any objections to, to adjourn? The meeting is so adjourned.

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House Speaker Robert Cupp [00:00:00] Being time for, scheduled for, the meeting of the Ohio Redistricting Commission, I will call the Commission's meeting to order. First., we will have a roll call and will staff please call the roll.

Clerk [00:00:14] Co-chair Cupp (present), co-chair Sykes (present), Governor DeWine (here), Auditor Faber (here), President Huffman (here), Secretary LaRose (here), Leader Sykes (here).

House Speaker Robert Cupp [00:00:30] With a quorum present, we will meet as a full committee, next item of business is the minutes. In your folders are the minutes of the last meeting. Anybody need a little more time to look them over or is there a motion to accept the minutes.

Senate President Huffman [00:00:48] Motion to accept the minutes.

House Speaker Robert Cupp [00:00:48] Is there a second?

Sen. Vernon Sykes [00:00:52] Second.

House Speaker Robert Cupp [00:00:52] It's been moved and seconded. Are there any objections to the minutes that are laid before you? Seeing none, the minutes are approved, without objection. We'll will move on to adoption of the rules. At this time I would entertain a motion... at this time, I would entertain a motion to adopt the rules that have been circulated to the members' offices yesterday that are in the folders before you. Is there a motion to adopt?

Sen. Vernon Sykes [00:01:21] So moved.

House Speaker Robert Cupp [00:01:21] It's been moved, is there a second? (Second) It's been moved and seconded before we take a vote on it, I just wanted to sort of verbally list some of the highlights of the rules. If there are highlights to rules, um... rule nine contains the procedure for presenting a plan to the commission. Anyone can submit a plan for consideration to the commission. The plan should contain visual representation of the proposed boundaries, and the plan could be submitted through the website at www.redistricting.ohio.org or mailed to the Ohio Redistricting Commission, c/o the Clerk of the Ohio Senate, The Ohio Statehouse, Columbus, Ohio, 43215. And rule 10, the important points in rule 10 are that any meeting of the at any meeting of the commission, a sponsor of a complete General Assembly plan, may present the plan to the redistricting commission. The rule allows for a ten minute presentation by the sponsor, a five minute comment period from the public. A majority vote of the commission is required to allow the sponsor or public to exceed the time limits. Members of the commission are permitted to ask questions of the sponsor, and members of the commission may request expert testimony about the plan. Also, there's a provision for amendments to the plan, any member of the commission may offer amendments to the plan. The co-chairs may offer amendments on behalf of the sponsors who are not members of the commission, and the commission is not required to vote on every plan presented to it pursuant to the constitutional rules. Article 11 on selecting a plan as the Redistricting Commission's proposed General Assembly district plan, which of course is different from a plan that is submitted by an individual to the redistricting commission for consideration. The

Redistricting Commission will select one plan to present to the public as its proposed General Assembly District Plan for boundaries of the 99 House districts and 33 Senate districts. Any member of the commission may move to select a plan presented to the commission as the commission's one proposed General Assembly District Plan. And a simple majority vote of the commission is required to select the proposed General Assembly district plan. Rule 10 provides that there are three public hearings after the commission introduces its proposed plan. But before adoption of the plan, the commission will hold three public hearings on three separate days to seek public input into the plan. And members and co-chairs, on behalf of the sponsors, may move to amend the plan at any stage, and amend the plan at this stage as well. And then finally, adoption of the plan by the redistricting commission at the next meeting. Following the three hearings, redistricting commission may vote to adopt the proposed plan. To reiterate, the ten year map requires affirmative votes of four members, including at least two members of the commission who represent each of the two largest political parties in the General Assembly. The four-year map, if the commission is unable to achieve the requisite vote for a ten-year map, the commission may adopt a four-year map by a simple majority vote of the commission. So those are some of the highlights that contained in the rules before us. Are there any objections? We have a motion and second, any objections to adopting the rules? Seeing none, the rules of the commission will stand is adopted without objection.

House Speaker Robert Cupp [00:05:39] All right, we're now moving in on the agenda to other business. I think first we need a motion that the expenses incurred by the commission members and their designated staff for mileage and supplies in conjunction with the regional hearings held August 23 through 27, 2021, be reimbursed with the approval of both co-chairs. Is there a motion for that?

Sen. Vernon Sykes [00:06:06] I would so move.

House Speaker Robert Cupp [00:06:08] Is there a second? It's been moved and seconded, any objections? Without objection, the motion will pass. The co-chairs office will provide further information at the conclusion of the meeting for those who need reimbursement. All right. Is there further business to come before this meeting of the Ohio Redistricting Commission.

Sen. Vernon Sykes [00:06:35] Mr. Chair?

House Speaker Robert Cupp [00:06:36] Mr. Co-chair.

Sen. Vernon Sykes [00:06:37] Mr. Chair? I'd like to present a map from the members of the Ohio Senate Democratic Caucus. Will the staff please pass out the materials that are being submitted to the commissioners. Before you is a map that is our -- that in our estimation, not only meets our constitutional requirements, but follows the spirit of reform that Ohio voters have demanded of us. We heard loud and clear from the public last week during our road show that we need to meet our deadlines, have an open and transparent process, and share maps with the public. I asked Randall Routt, minority caucus policy adviser, to be here today to briefly summarize the map and how it was crafted. Before Randall gives a summary. I like the members of the commission and the public to know that this map has not been vetted or viewed by any outside groups organization. This is a starting point, and members of the Senate Democratic Caucus urge the members of the commission and the public to provide feedback and suggestions. I'm eager for the public assertions of maps to begin and look forward to other members of the commission

submitting maps or offering amendments to our map at this point. Mr. Routt, would you give your overview.

Randall Routt [00:08:19] Thank you, Senator. My name is Randal Routt. I'm a minority caucus policy advisor for the Senate Democratic Caucus. I know many of you from a number of years working in the Senate. Co-Chair Cupp, Co-Chair Sykes and members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission. Thank you for the opportunity to speak about the redistricting plan as presented to you today. I'd like to take some time to walk you through how this plan was generated in compliance with and in the spirit of constitutional reforms to the Ohio redistricting process. To to draw the House map, we first looked at the largest county in the state by population. Franklin County, as required by the Ohio Constitution. Franklin County has a population of one million, three hundred twenty three thousand, eight hundred and seven, which allowed us to create 11 districts within it. We drew the remainder of the county within one additional district. We then repeated the process for the other 21 counties in the state with more than one house ratio representation. In other words, for the other 21 counties in Ohio whose populations are large enough to contain more than one house district. We did so from the largest county to the smallest, resulting in the creation of the first 77 districts. Two additional districts encompassing entire counties, Richland and Wayne, were then created. Finally, the remaining 20 districts were created by combining whole counties, municipalities and townships. As you will see, our house map fully complies with all constitutional redistricting requirements. It does not illegally split a single contiguous municipality or township in any district in the state. It splits counties as little as possible and only allow for population requirements. Only 12 of 64 counties with one, less than one house ratio representation are split between two districts. Our map also makes zero illegal community splits. We use the same process for the Senate districts, each of which must encompass three House districts. We started the process with the -- with the 24 counties in the state comprised of at least one house district, which resulted in the creation of the first 28 senate districts. We then drew the remaining five districts by minimizing county splits. In our map, only seven of eighty counties with less than one Senate ratio representation are split between two districts. In regards to representational fairness, the Ohio Constitution, Article 11, Section 6 also requires that districts closely match the voter preferences for candidates as expressed in statewide partisan elections of the past decade, or as we heard from last week's testimony, representational fairness. In short, our General Assembly districts should roughly match the way Ohio voters have indicated their preferences over the past decade. We calculated this in two ways. First, we use data from the 2021 Ohio Common Unified Redistricting Database to determine the total Democratic and Republican voteshare. We then looked at the simple vote totals of each eligible election, each partisan statewide election from 2012 to 2020, which resulted in a ratio of 45.9% Democratic and 45 per -- 54.1% Republican voters split over 10 years. For the purpose of map drawing, this would mean that a map would most closely match the call of Ohio voters, would include 45 likely Democratic and 54 likely Republican seats in the House of Representatives and 15 likely Democratic and 18 likely Republican seats in the Senate. Our house -- our House map includes 44 likely Democratic districts and 55 likely Republican districts. Our Senate map includes 14 likely Democratic districts and 19 likely Republican districts. And the issue of compactness, as you heard repeatedly last week in testimony, the Ohio Constitution also requires the General Assembly district are compact and kept communities of interest within the same district. It's important to note that many subdivisions are irregularly shaped, simply not contiguous. The map before you minimizes these community splits to the greatest extent possible. Some of these districts we see, like in Cincinnati, they have this little tail going in Cincinnati, that's part of the city. So we try to keep the city together there. In summary, this map plans adhere to the spirit of reforms passed overwhelmingly

by the voters of Ohio. And with, as with federal law, including provisions concerning the protection of minority voting rights, is merely a starting proposal by the members of the Senate Democratic Caucus. No outside group or organization had reviewed the maps before, before you in advance of our submission to the commission and the public today. In addition to my testimony, I'm providing more detailed description of our plan and additional materials, I'd be happy to take any questions. And we also have our consultant, Chris Glassburn, with Project Govern, here to help answer any questions for you as well. Thank you very much for this opportunity.

House Speaker Robert Cupp [00:14:16] All right. Thank you. Thank you for your presentation. Are there questions from members of the commission for the witness? Seeing none, thank you.

Randall Routt [00:14:27] Thank you.

House Speaker Robert Cupp [00:14:31] Is there any member of the public that wishes to testify at this time on on this proposal? Alright, see, none that will stand as a first consideration of the proposed map. Is there any further --? Go ahead Senator Sykes. Leader Sykes?

House Minority Leader Emilia Sykes [00:15:04] Thank you, Mr. -- thank you, Mr Chair, to the chairs of the committee. Last week I asked the question when we were in the Lima stop about when we could expect a map from the commission so we could start having the public hearings. And under our responsibility in Article 11, Section 3, it says that the commission to put forth a map before the deadline in subsequent paragraphs. The deadline is tomorrow. My question to the co-chairs and perhaps to the remaining members of the committee is, again, what is the pleasure of this committee, this commission, in putting forth a commission map by which we can all talk about? Or the members of the public can communicate with us about? We heard hours upon hours of testimony of people asking and requesting for that transparency and the ability to comment on the maps. And so I would like us to discuss at some point or have an answer before we leave today as to when the commission will put forth a map that people and members of the public can comment on.

House Speaker Robert Cupp [00:16:15] Other members may have some other comments, but the, a map is, is being developed carefully with regard to the data and the constitutional requirements, it is unlikely to be available before September 1st. Had the census data arrived on time, we probably would have had a map weeks ago. But because this is a new process and one which requires a fairly careful compliance with new constitutional requirements, I do not see a map that that I am... aware of that would be coming before the commission before September 1. And that, I think, would also fall within the constitutional provision that there is a fallback, if a map isn't adopted by September 1, that there is a additional process to go through in order to develop a map. So I think in this case, being careful and deliberate is a virtue when we're doing something this significant, which will have an impact for hopefully at least a decade. (Follow up?) Leader Sykes.

House Minority Leader Emilia Sykes [00:17:44] Thank you, Mr. Chair, appreciate that response and I do hope we are thoughtful and consider and work towards it in your map. You did refer to maps being drawn currently, using the data, it being delayed. I can only speak for myself on this one. I have not been privy to any of those conversations. And so, again, my question that I mentioned from last week, which I am carrying over this week, who on this commission is participating in that? I am I am not aware of such activity and

have not been contacted about the data that you are looking at or considering in these maps that the commission, that I am a member of, is considering to put forth. So is this a, so I guess I'm restating the question from last week. Is this a commission map by the majority party? Is it just by the legislative leaders? Is it just the Republican legislative leaders? And what can I expect in terms of participating in that, if anything at all?

House Speaker Robert Cupp [00:18:43] Well, thank thank you for the question. But as you know, maps are proposed by any, anyone, any member of the public. In fact, there's a contest, I believe, to draw a map, and the deadline is somewhere after September 1st. So the commission itself is not drawing a map, but we would expect maps to be presented to us for the commission's consideration, such as the map was presented here today. (Follow up, Mr. Chair). You may proceed.

House Minority Leader Emilia Sykes [00:19:15] Thank you. So if I could read for you Article 11, Section C, paragraph 2, which says, "the commission shall release to the public a proposed General Assembly district plan for the boundaries of each of the 99 House of Representative districts and 33 Senate commission districts. The commission shall draft the proposed plan in the manner prescribed in this article." So I think that's pretty clear that it is the commission who is responsible for putting forth a plan to, and as it subsequently says, for it to be considered to have those three hearings that we just voted for in the rules, in rule 9. And again, I would just like to, for the third or fourth time, inquire as to when as a commission can we expect this, or if we don't have an answer to that at this very moment, perhaps we can set a date on our next commission meeting and figure this out.

House Speaker Robert Cupp [00:20:13] I do not know when other maps are going to be presented, offered to the commission for consideration, but we obviously have a time deadline ticking of September 15th with a lot of procedure before that, which I would expect to be, to be met. So I don't have any timeline here today, but certainly willing to work with the, with the co-chair and members of the commission to begin to set those timelines. Senator Sykes, co-chair Sykes.

Sen. Vernon Sykes [00:20:46] Mr. Co-Chair, in addition, one of the main reasons we put forward the map today is to indicate that maps can be presented and we are hopeful, you know, talk with you just, just now hopeful that we're going to be able to put a schedule together so that we will have adequate time, and the public will have adequate time. We would have several hearings, not maybe just three hearings, but will have several hearings so that we can meet our deadline and hopefully have a bipartisan plan.

House Speaker Robert Cupp [00:21:26] We did have a conversation, and that is certainly my goal, and I believe that I want to speak for other members of the commission, but I would think that's a goal that all members have. Chair recognizes Senator Huffman.

Speaker 4 [00:21:40] Thank you, Co-Chair Cupp. And I guess, my understanding, there's sort of a, a presentation which anyone can present. And the Senate, senate Democratic caucus showed that they were the quickest to execute on this. Unfortunately, however, I just learned about this effort a few minutes ago, and there's already been some analysis. Apparently there are some constitutional violations in this map. And my staff will get with Senator Sykes and talk about that. And Section 5 of the Constitution has to do with incumbent senators and who have a three, in this case, three and a half years remaining on their term and the protection that those senators have. And those would be, frankly, Senator Sykes and myself and all senators who are in an even-numbered year. And those apparently were not taken into account. And I'm not prepared to discuss that today

because I'd rather have our version of, of the Senate Democrats expert here today, to talk about that. I guess I'm a little, I'm not sure if the House Democrats are not going to present a map. If senator.. If Leader Sykes is not involved in that, or maybe that's a separate effort. But it was it was my expectation that ultimately there would be not only a Senate Democrat map and a Senate... Or excuse me, House Democrat map, or perhaps combined. But, you know, we could have four separate caucus legislative maps and then multiple maps presented by the public through whoever that would be. And that... And I think the purpose of the introduction language is, if the commission is... If the commission is going to adopt a map, there needs to be a hearing on that map rather than, in a separate time when it's introduced, unlike past procedure, because in the past, the former apportionment board would have a hearing and pass at all in the same hearing. And what we've done with the rules today, if folks don't realize, is the Constitution requires an introduction and one hearing. What we've done today is a... In addition to the introduction, three -- two additional hearings in different parts of the state, not required by the Constitution, but collectively, all seven members of this commission agreed to have two additional hearings. And the point here is that we're getting away from the way this was done in the past. It won't simply be meeting, vote, and it's over with. There will obviously be considerable hearings on this. And those hearings may change what the commission wants to do in one way or another. So I appreciate the effort by the Senate Democrats. And I'm... You know, I think this is the kind of discussion that Senator Sykes and I anticipated when we introduced this in 2014. And then with Senator Faber, I should add, as the president of the Senate at the time. And then that Senator Sykes, then-Representative Sykes and I, campaigned on in 2015. So I would expect, in addition to this map, there will be other maps, whether there's a House Democratic map separately or perhaps not. But, you know, we look forward to those other presentations and then ultimately for the one introduction that the Constitution calls for.

House Speaker Robert Cupp [00:25:24] Chair recognizes Auditor Faber.

Auditor of State Keith Faber [00:25:25] Thank you, I just I want to make sure I'm clear and I thought I was until the discussion just a second ago. Senator Sykes and the House... The Senate Democrats did not intend for us to vote on this map today because we haven't had the public hearings and we don't have the time to have the three public hearings prior to the the first date. It was just a starting point. The way I understood it was just a starting point for us to all take a look at and start seeing some concepts as we start working down this process. Was that the intent or were was this expected to be something that we could get done by by September 1st?

Sen. Vernon Sykes [00:26:04] Mr. Auditor? That is the intent.

Auditor of State Keith Faber [00:26:07] Thank you. Not to have it done by September 1st, just to start the discussion at a benchmark to start from.

Sen. Vernon Sykes [00:26:13] We are not trying to put any impediments in trying to meet the deadline of September 1st. The constitutional provision that the voters voted for. We still have that obligation. So we're not trying to skirt that. We're just trying to start the process of reviewing maps.

House Speaker Robert Cupp [00:26:35] Chair recognizes Representative Leader Sykes.

House Minority Leader Emilia Sykes [00:26:38] Thank you so much, Mr. Chair, and I agree this is a great discussion. I'm glad that we are having it. Again, I... the responsibility

of this commission is to put forth a map and it is laid out in very plain language in Article 11, Section 3. It is in the second paragraph, "the commission shall release to the public a proposed General Assembly plan for the boundaries for each of the 99 House of Representative districts and the 33 Senate districts. The commission shall draft the proposed plan in the manner prescribed in this article." I think it is very clear that it is the responsibility of the commission. It does not say that is the responsibility of the Senate Dems or the House Dems or the Senate Republicans or the House Republicans or the Secretary of State or the Governor or the Auditor of State. It is the commission. And so, again, I would like to ask the question, when will the commission release to the public a proposed General Assembly plan for the boundaries for each of the 99 House of Representative districts and the 33 Senate districts?

Senate President Huffman [00:27:49] Mr. Chair, and I know that question is addressed to the two chairs. But I mean, it's very possible that... I think Leader Sykes is... That's accurate reading directly from the Constitution. I think what the Constitution says is, the commission needs to introduce a map collectively and the public needs to have at least one hearing on the map. We've added two today in the rules, for additional activity. And what that means is, the commission, at least by a four-to-three vote, must agree that they're going to introduce a map. And we may never get to that point. Or we may never get to that point by September 15th. And there's a lot of reasons for that. But it may simply be that only two... One or two or three people agree with a particular map for introduction. Now, I think probably, eventually we'll get to something, especially if we have the kind of dialog that the Senate Democrats talked about today in their presentation that Chairman Sykes talked about. So, I'm optimistic that we can have a map that the commission will introduce in time to do what we asked today in the rules, which is three, and that that the constitutional requirements will allow us to have a ten-year map. But so far, I don't think anyone has presented a constitutional map. You know, we are... We, the Senate Republicans, are working hard to try to do that. And it's extraordinarily difficult. As we, as I said, half of the senators in the General Assembly are protected over the next three and a half years, and that needs to be taken into account. That's not part of what changed in 2014 by the 15 that's been in the Constitution since 1967 and has been a bugaboo for mapmakers ever since. So I'm, I'm convinced that there will be something that at least a majority of the commission will allow to be considered. I encourage all four caucuses to do that work and make a presentation for consideration. And any of the statewide office holders, also, if they have, if not a full map, the suggestions on on how those things should be.

House Speaker Robert Cupp [00:30:25] Chair recognizes Representative Leader Sykes.

House Minority Leader Emilia Sykes [00:30:28] Thank you, Mr. Chair. I think that President Huffman and I are explaining very clearly how lawyers manage to keep themselves employed by arguing two sides of an argument. (laughter) And I would say for the record, that I don't believe that it says we should only have one hearing, that we should maintain the three hearings, that no matter the point in which the commission maps, the maps that shall be produced by the commission, are being put forth. But again, I would like to ask the question, at what point will the commission offer these maps? And let me re-up a previous question. The maps that the co-chair previously, previously discussed as being worked on, looking at data. At what point will the remaining members of the commission have an opportunity to weigh in on those on those details as they're being considered?

House Speaker Robert Cupp [00:31:22] Obviously, when a map is presented, members of the commission have an opportunity to weigh in. Chair recognizes Secretary of State LaRose

Secretary of State Frank LaRose [00:31:32] Mr. Co-Chair, I appreciate the opportunity to speak, and I think that I want to make sure that we're not talking past each other in some ways. Because I think here as friends and colleagues, we want the same things. We're working through a process for the first time. What comes to mind to me is three words: situation, mission and execution. Now, this comes from... I went on a run a couple of days ago. That's when I do my best thinking. These are three words that come from my military background. Situation, mission and execution. So I was trying to think through this process in that sort of way that I was taught to think through mission planning. I want to talk through that just briefly. Situation. We did something remarkable as a state in 2015 and 2018, we created a new and hopefully balanced process for creating district lines for both congressional and state legislative districts. Many of us voted on that. Many of us worked very hard on that. I could tell you, I did personally. And many of you remember that I came into the legislature in 2011 coming from Summit County, really dead set on, we needed to change this process. Part of that situation is that it requires bipartisan compromise to reach that 10-year map. Compromise leading to consensus to reach that 10-year map. We know that 70 and then 75 percent of Ohioans voted to approve that process, essentially charging us with this important mission. Now, we were thrown a curveball. We were given an inexplicable delay by the U.S. Census Bureau that has put us in a very untenable situation. We know how complex this is. And that's why I, I really my hats off to the to the Senate Democrats for getting this process done so quickly, because it is hard. I think that sometimes it's oversimplified in the public eye of why don't you guys just sit down with your state roadmap and your pencils and get this done? Well, the work of drawing shape files in a GIS system that complies with all of these requirements is enormously complex. And if we had gotten the Census Bureau in the spring when we should have, yeah, we would have been well into this process of compromise and finding the consensus between the two sides to get that done. We saw a map today. And again, I thank the Senate Democrats for doing that. That's a starting point, as they said in their in their testimony, that's a starting point for negotiation. Candidly, it sounds like there are work being done by Republican legislative caucuses to present a map, they're just not done yet. And as soon as they are done, then that'll be presented for our consideration. And that's that's where the mission part comes in. I want to be clear. I want a ten-year map. I hope, I sincerely hope that's the desire of all my colleagues. And I, I've heard some speculation about, you know, well, one side or the other is just resigned to a four-year map. I certainly hope that's not the case. Because the mission that the people of Ohio gave for us was to was to create a ten-year map. We know that part of this situation is that three Republicans could vote no on the map, and it's still passed. But if any one Democrat votes no on the map, it's not a it's not a ten-year map. And so that means, you know, Leader Sykes and Senator Sykes, that that creates a unique scenario there where we need to work together if we're going to reach a ten-year map. So here's the execution part. The mission accomplishment part. We've seen one map today, hopefully soon. And I hope we don't, be unduly hasty about this, but soon we can see some other maps. And at that point, when both sides or parties or people, groups, whoever have put out their proposals, then we can start the compromise. And compromise is not a failure. It's how statesmen and women solve problems, and it's what leads to consensus. So that's when the compromising and the consensus building can begin. And we will get to that hopefully very soon so that then we can adopt a commission map and then have our three public hearings and then finalize that and create a ten-year map that complies with both the spirit and the letter of the Ohio Constitution. That's my sincere hope. And I got to tell you, all of

you, that I am willing and eager to work with any one of you to make that mission successful.

House Speaker Robert Cupp [00:35:28] Chair recognizes Representative Leader Sykes.

House Minority Leader Emilia Sykes [00:35:31] Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I appreciate all of the commentary and the lectures and the responsibility, I think we all understand our task at hand. But the reality is there is no map put forth by the commission, which is required by the Constitution, that the minority party members can vote yes or no on. And my question still remains, at what point and what is the process for us to do that? I think that deserves an answer and a clear answer. And if we can't get an answer today, then I propose we set forth another meeting of this commission to, to move forward and figure this out.

House Speaker Robert Cupp [00:36:12] Well, I would disagree a bit that you haven't received an answer, I think you've got an answer three or four times already and there will be another meeting of the commission, you know, fairly shortly to... to commence all that... process. And I would be working with the co-chair to set those set those future meeting dates. (pause).

House Speaker Robert Cupp [00:37:26] All right, is there... is there further business come before the commission today? Hearing none, is there...?

Sen. Vernon Sykes [00:37:35] I will be working with the co-chair to come up with the schedule as soon as possible.

House Speaker Robert Cupp [00:37:42] We will be working very diligently to have that schedule set and working with members of the commission to make sure they are available. All right, with that, is there any further business to come before the commission today? Hearing none, without objection. The meeting will be adjourned. Hearing no objection, the meeting is adjourned.

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State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:00:00] Ohio Redistricting Commission. Will the staff please call the roll.

Staff [00:00:06] Co-chair Speaker Cupp.

House Speaker Bob Cupp [00:00:08] Present.

Staff [00:00:10] Co-chair Senator Sykes.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:00:12] Present.

Staff [00:00:16] Governor DeWine.

Governor Mike DeWine [00:00:16] Here.

Staff [00:00:16] Auditor Faber.

Auditor Keith Faber [00:00:16] Present.

Staff [00:00:17] President Huffman.

Senate President Matt Huffman [00:00:18] Here.

Staff [00:00:19] Secretary LaRose.

Secretary of State Frank LaRose [00:00:20] Here.

Staff [00:00:22] Leader Sykes.

State Representative Emilia Sykes [00:00:22] Here.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:00:25] With the quorum present, we will meet as a full commission. At this time, the commission will hear public testimony from sponsors of submitted plans and from members of the public on those plans, in accordance with the commission rules in the - in Article 11 of the Ohio Constitution. Under the rules, the sponsor of a complete statewide General Assembly plan may present their plan to the redistricting commission for up to 10 minutes. We will not be taking testimony on incomplete plans or congressional maps. A member of the public may testify on a redistricting plan before the commission four up to five minutes. Should the commission itself vote to introduce a plan at the hearing or a subsequent hearing commission, the commission will hold three additional public hearings around the state on separate days on the introduced plan. We will now begin with our first witness here today. Please state and spell your name for the record.

Senate President Matt Huffman [00:01:32] I'm sorry, go ahead.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:01:32] And also, please indicate that if you're testifying as a sponsor of a plan or a member of the public on which you're talking about a particular plan.

Senate President Matt Huffman [00:01:42] Mr. Co-chair.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:01:43] Yes.

Senate President Matt Huffman [00:01:44] I would, pursuant to rule 10 of the commission, I would like to present to the commission a proposed General Assembly district plan for all 99 seats of the Ohio House of Representatives and all 33 seats of the Ohio Senate. And for the commission's benefit, I've asked Messrs. Ray DiRossi and Blake Springhetti to present the substance of the proposed plan. And they're here today to do that. And for the record, Mr. DiRossi serves as a caucus staff to the Senate Majority Caucus. Mr. Springhetti serves as the caucus staff for the House Majority Caucus.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:02:22] Thank you. At this time, we are ready for the presentation.

Ray DiRossi [00:03:23] Good morning.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:03:24] Good morning,

Ray DiRossi [00:03:26] I am Ray DiRossi. And as was mentioned, I'm the caucus staff for the Senate Majority Caucus and my colleague Blake Springhetti, caucus staff for the Ohio House Majority Caucus. Co-chairs and distinguished members of the redistricting commission, it's great to be with you today. Spelling of names: Ray R-A-Y, DiRossi D-I capital R-O-S-S-I, Blake Springhetti B-L-A-K-E, Springhetti S-P-R-I-N-G-H-E-T-T-I.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:03:56] Thank you.

Ray DiRossi [00:04:01] Is that, on the volume, is that-

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:04:03] Yes, that's good, we can hear you now.

Ray DiRossi [00:04:04] Better.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:04:04] Thanks a lot.

Ray DiRossi [00:04:05] Thank you. We are pleased to present for your consideration a proposed General Assembly districting plan for 2022 through 2032. This is the culmination of a drastically expedited process, significantly delayed by the lack of timely census data. The receipt of the census data, 134 days after the federally required April 1st delivery date made this process more challenging than usual. Having previously been through this process, I want to personally thank all of the citizens of the state who took time to testify at the regional hearings and all those who took time to submit thoughtful plans. Blake and I know the time and commitment it takes to produce a complete plan, and I know my counterpart in the Senate Democratic caucus, Randall Routt, would also acknowledge this. Ohio's population from the 2010 census was 11,536,504. Ohio's population under the 2020 census is 11,799,448. This represents an increase of 262,000/263,000, or about 2.28%. And while that percentage growth over 10 years might appear small, the growth or loss of population in our state's 88 counties is varied and certainly not evenly distributed across the state. Of the state's 33 current Senate districts, 13 are outside the allowable five percent population deviation. In the House, 46 districts are currently either overpopulated or underpopulated. This simple fact, of either being underpopulated or

overpopulated, will require modification simply because we do no longer comply with the population requirements of the Ohio Constitution. Population shifts are also demonstrated by the change in county populations, for example, under the 2010 census, the population of Cuyahoga County dropped by roughly 114,000 persons. Under the 2020 census, Cuyahoga's population only dropped by about 15,000 persons. Franklin County has continued its growth trend, as has Delaware and Warren counties. Also noteworthy is that Hamilton County grew by over 28,000 people this decade. Generally, the Appalachian region experienced population loss over the decade. An interesting fact for your consideration, if you start in the northeast corner of the state in Ashtabula County and listed each county along the eastern and southern border of the state that lost population, you would end up counting 15 counties in a row that lost population. And not until you reach Clermont County, one county shy of Hamilton County in Cincinnati, would you find a county with a positive growth rate, over the last 10 years. Blake and I want to share some observations with you about the geography of the state, while most of Ohio's 88 counties are relatively square or rectangular, the physical boundaries of Ohio cities, villages and townships are far from pristine. While some townships, mainly in the rural counties of the state, are still square-like, the boundaries of our cities and incorporated areas can take on very odd shapes. And we do have some examples to show and they are included in the packet that was provided to you. And so we'll have those on the screen and also in the packet. So the point I want to make here, and we'll go through these pretty quickly, is that the the geography and the irregular geography of political subdivisions or jurisdictions in the state can lead to districts that take on irregular shapes, especially if one of these jurisdictions with an odd shape is on the outer boundary of a district that is proposed. So the first example on this on the screen is in Stark County - we have three political subdivisions, three cities, Canton, Massillon and Canal Fulton. And you can see that they are far from regular shaped or square shaped like some of our townships and other cities that take on more general shapes. They also have, you could call them tails, but they're sewer, sewer systems and canal systems that are part of the political subdivisions themselves. And so when we're drawing districts, those boundaries have to be maintained or else you are splitting the jurisdiction, something that we are striving not to do. The next example is in Licking County. So what we have on the screen here is the collection of three cities put together. This is Granville, Heath and Newark. And we've just shown you the map of just the geography of the state. But now we're going to add the county subdivisions lines, the township lines and also the city lines. And you can see that that shape is actually the perfect outline of those three cities. So we do have one more example, but again, the point we're making here is that the geography of the state is challenging and the geography of the state takes on irregular shapes itself. Here in Franklin County, where the geography is the most challenging for anybody who has looked at a map. What we are showing in green are the political subdivisions that are not Columbus, Ohio. And there are a number of them, and you can see that they completely circumscribe or encircle, Columbus does, those jurisdictions. And then we have the city of Columbus, which is shown in pink, and you can see it protrudes north into Delaware County. It also protrudes east. And I don't believe it has penetrated the southern border yet, but due to annexation policies, that may not be far off. But you can see this geography presents us with significant challenges in drawing districts and trying to maintain the boundaries of political subdivisions and having them take on irregular shapes. This is a map of the townships of Franklin County, so now we've removed all of the cities and municipal corporations in Franklin County and now you're looking at the remnants of townships. And as you can see, a number of township, Franklin Township, Mifflin Township, Prairie Township, other townships are, somewhat appear shattered into a number of pieces. I think by last count, Franklin Township was in over twenty five pieces, noncontiguous distinct pieces. So this also presents significant challenges when drawing a

district down to the level of detail that the Constitution requires. Thank you, Blake, very helpful. County splits. So redistricting this year is occurring for the first time under the historic amendments to our state constitution approved by the voters in 2015. These amendments provide very prescriptive, detailed but neutral rules for drawing state House and Senate districts. The plan that we are presenting today fully complies with the requirements imposed by the state constitution. We want to highlight a few of those requirements for you. The Constitution requires us to start with the largest counties in the state and proceed to the smallest counties of the state, with population greater than 1.05% of one House district ratio of representation. The constitutional limits determine how counties can be divided depending on their population. I want to take a few minutes and discuss northeast Ohio and I will apologize in advance for the brief recap of history, but I feel this history is important for your consideration of plans before you. Northeast Ohio, this this area of the state has been very challenging to the apportionment boards of decades past. And the specific issue in northeast Ohio is the significantly high concentration of counties that contain enough population to be more than one house district. In fact, 10 counties that stretch from Lorain all the way to the Mahoning Valley create two rings of counties that have additional House district and Senate district requirements. These 10 counties surround Geauga and Ashtabula counties and pin them between Pennsylvania and Lake Erie. This collection of counties is also home to almost 33 percent of Ohio's residents. So we are not dealing with small populations in that quadrant of the state. This mathematical challenge has confronted apportionment boards of previous decades. The 1991 Apportionment Board had no geographic or mathematical solution that was possible to create House districts and Senate districts. There was no mathematical or geographic way to fully comply with the requirements of the Constitution. In 2001, this problem recurred, but a solution was found and implemented by splitting at least one township in northeast Ohio, I believe it was in Trumbull County. In the 2011 map, the current maps that we are operating under, this problem arose again. And like 1991, no constitutional solution was ever found or presented to the Apportionment Board. Which brings us to 2021, which brings us to today. With some additional constitutional requirements under the new constitutional provisions that were imposed on us for creation of House and Senate district, this makes northeast Ohio very difficult, but not impossible. There is a solution this decade. The solution that we are proposing following all of the rules of the Constitution is the pairing of Cuyahoga and Summit counties. Now, those words were pretty easy for me to say, but implementing those proved to be very difficult because combining the populations of Cuyahoga and Summit county, we ended up having to create 15 House districts. And all of those 15 House districts had to be roughly four percent heavy on their population targets. And anybody who is played around or worked on a map knows that coming up with a few districts that naturally, without splitting subdivisions, are that heavy, is difficult. Having 15 of them all together inside two counties is extremely difficult. In addition, the Constitution contains specific language addressing the splitting of counties. The current map, the 2011 House map, splits 39 counties, while the Senate map splits 19. So of those 39 and 19 splits, many are actually required because of various Ohio constitutional provisions, because various Ohio counties contain too much population to avoid being split. The same is true for counties being whole Senate districts. In fact, of the thirty nine current House splits, twenty one are required by the Constitution. On the Senate side, of the 19 split counties that I mentioned, eight are required by the Constitution. It's an important point for the commission to understand that half of the county divisions in the current maps are required by the Constitution. A similar dynamic occurs in the current decade with similar amounts of required splits. We are happy to report that the plan being proposed today significantly reduces the number of split counties. In the proposed House map, we have reduced the number of divided counties from 35- 39 to 35. Well, spoiler alert, I let the number out too early. It is very important to note that 22 of these 35 splits are

required by Article 11, Section 3(C)(1). The county splits not required by that section only number 13 compared to 18 such divisions in the previous House map. Thus, our proposed House map should contain a total of 5 less divided counties than the number divided in the current map. However, because Wood County grew and is now too large to be a single district as it was in the last decade, the net reduction is only 4. Similar reductions can be found in the proposed Senate map that we are displaying. The 2011 Senate map split 19 counties. The Senate map proposed today only splits 13, or 6 less than the 2011 Senate map, a significant reduction. Together the proposal before you reduces this county splits into two plans, the House and the Senate map, respectively, by 10. Splitting cities, villages and townships. The reforms adopted in the Constitution also address what constitutes a split of a city, a village or a township. The Constitution now clarifies that cities, villages or townships are considered split only when a contiguous portion is divided into separate districts. Additionally, a city is not considered split where portions of the city are located in different counties and are placed in different districts. I live in Dublin, Ohio, and Dublin, Ohio is in three different counties. And so that's very applicable there. And I think there are numerous examples of that all over the state of Ohio. Based upon these constitutional clarifications and looking at the 2011 house map, backwards or retrospectively, there are 14 cities or townships in this state that were split. Now, six of them should be obvious to all of us, Columbus, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Toledo, Dayton and Akron. These six cities were, and continue to be, too large to be contained in a single district and therefore must be split according to the Constitution. In addition to those six cities, a total of eight other cities or townships were divided in the 2011 house map. Those included Cuyahoga Falls in Summit County, Massillon and Plain Township in Stark County, North Ridgeville in Lorain, Austintown Township in the Mahoning Valley in Mahoning County, Middletown in Butler, and Mentor in Lake County, and also Brunswick in Medina. We are happy to report that none of these eight governmental units are split in the map that we are proposing. They are all whole and all of the splits have been washed away. In fact, aside from the largest six counties that I mentioned previously, our plan only splits one city and one township. And let me tell you why that is. As I previously mentioned, to implement our Northeast Ohio solution, the remainder of Cuyahoga County, the remainder of Summit County must be paired with the remainder of Geauga County. And if anybody here is familiar with that geography that I just described, all three of those counties meet at one noncontiguous or point contiguous point. The city of Solon was selected to be split in House District 23 to accomplish this constitutional footprint to make the districts contiguous. The only other split jurisdiction in the entire proposal, again noting the big six cities that I previously previously mentioned, is Jackson Township in Stark County. And that is done to ensure that the three House districts are contiguous and meet the population requirements of the Constitution. And again, if you recall, we showed a graphic of some of the challenging geography in Stark County. We had endeavored not to split any jurisdiction, but we felt that it was necessary to conform to the Constitution and follow those guidelines. I want to thank the co-chairs for your time. I know I probably went a little long, but Blake and I are happy to answer any questions that you might have. And thank you for your consideration.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:19:42] Thank you, Mr. DiRossi. I'd like to just notify the commission that we did allow him to go over the commission plan and so we did not interrupt the presentation. One question that I have is you mentioned the historic amendments of the Constitution that put in different new requirements. I'd like to know, and you didn't mention this in your presentation, how you satisfy the new requirement in Section 6(B) of the Constitution that deals with the statewide proportion of districts whose voters based on statewide and federal partisan general election results during the last 10 years favor each political party shall correspond closely to the statewide preferences of the voters of Ohio. That is really significant, of course a new provision that you might know

about, as well. It relates to the issue of fairness because within the guidelines you can satisfy compactness, you can satisfy contiguous districts or not splitting districts, and still gerrymander a district to favor a political party. [Applause] So the issue here is whether or not you comply with all of the provisions of the Constitution. This one is special. It has in a special section, compactness is not identified or how it is not enumerated, how you calculate that. But this concept of representational fairness is. And so I'm just wondering how you address that issue.

Ray DiRossi [00:21:35] Co-Chairs and distinguished members. I mean, our our maps, our proposal that we have before you, fully complies with the constitutional requirements. We are conducting an analysis of the election data contemplated by the Constitution. That analysis is ongoing, is not complete as of today, and it is ongoing.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:21:57] Incomplete analysis. OK, fair, fair. Any other questions? Yes, Leader Sykes.

State Representative Emilia Sykes [00:22:05] Thank you. To the co-chairs and to Mr. Springhetti and Mr. DiRossi, thank you for the work that you put together, so you could present to us to today. Excuse me. My question is specific to how this current map complies with any provisions of the Voting Rights Act and what provisions of the Voting Rights Act did you consider in constructing this map that you presented or these maps that you presented today?

Ray DiRossi [00:22:33] Co-chairs, Leader Sykes, thank you for the question. We did not use demographic data or racial data in the production of our maps.

State Representative Emilia Sykes [00:22:44] Follow up?

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:22:44] Yes, please.

State Representative Emilia Sykes [00:22:45] Thank you for answering the question. So are there any provisions of the Voting Rights Act in which you considered while you drew the or why you drew these maps before us today?

Ray DiRossi [00:22:59] I guess I would, co-chairs, I guess I would stand on my previous statement, we did not use racial data or demographic data for the maps, but we feel that the map complies with all the provisions of the Ohio Constitution.

State Representative Emilia Sykes [00:23:14] Follow up?

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:23:14] Yeah.

State Representative Emilia Sykes [00:23:14] Thank you, I appreciate your answer and I certainly appreciate the brevity of it. Can you explain why you didn't consider any parts of the Voting Rights Act in your consideration of these maps before us today?

Ray DiRossi [00:23:28] Well, I said we didn't consider racial data or demographic data in our maps, but we were directed not to use that data by the legislative leaders and so we did not use it.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:23:42] Yeah, go ahead.

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House Speaker Bob Cupp [00:00:00] The meeting of the Ohio Redistricting Commission will now come to order. First item of business is the roll call. So I ask the staff to please call the roll.

Staff [00:00:14] Co-Chair Speaker Cupp.

House Speaker Bob Cupp [00:00:14] Present.

Staff [00:00:14] Co-Chair Senator Sykes.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:00:18] Present.

Staff [00:00:18] Governor DeWine.

Governor Mike DeWine [00:00:18] Here.

Staff [00:00:21] Auditor Faber.

Auditor of State Keith Faber [00:00:22] Here.

Staff [00:00:23] President Huffman.

Senate President Matt Huffman [00:00:24] Here.

Staff [00:00:25] Secretary LaRose.

Secretary of State Frank LaRose [00:00:26] Here.

Staff [00:00:26] Leader Sykes.

State Representative Emilia Sykes [00:00:26] Here.

House Speaker Bob Cupp [00:00:30] Quorum is present and we will meet as a full commission. The order of business for this afternoon's meeting will be as follows. We didn't adopt the minutes from the August 31st meeting this morning, so we'll do that first. Then we would entertain a motion, set a schedule for the upcoming hearings and meetings of the redistricting commission and then consideration of selecting a map for the commission to introduce to start the hearing process. And then public testimony, as was in the notice, will be limited to statewide General Assembly proposed maps, either the sponsor or member of the public wishing to testify to a map. At this time, in the interest of providing advance notice, and I will say that Senator Sykes and I have been discussing this for at least a week or more. So we have been working on this about setting in advance schedule so everyone knows when the upcoming hearings will be. I would move that the commission adopt a schedule for public hearings for the commission's introduced map as follows: Sunday, September 12th, at 4:00 p.m. in Dayton, Monday, September 13th at 4:00 p.m. in Cleveland, Tuesday, September 14th at 10:00 a.m. here in Columbus.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:02:01] I second the motion.

House Speaker Bob Cupp [00:20:35] Thank you. I am encouraged by the optimism that I hear in this, on this commission today. So I would just echo that the introduction of a map is not the end of the process, it's the action necessary to commence the next set of hearings, which we have already set. And that does create the opportunity for bipartisan discussions. And certainly the the House majority staff is available the next three days and throughout the hearings. And Blake Springhetti is the staff person that has been working on this, which we've previously acknowledged and stated, and again, many, many times of sleepless nights. And I would also add that the software and the equipment was all set up way in advance, not way in advance, but in advance of knowing, of getting the census data so it would be ready when it came. So there was really no delay, but rather, on the contrary, an opportunity to move this along as fast as possible, understanding the truncated process. So I would also say that having these hearings provides a greater opportunity for the public to understand. I mean, some are, you know, very interested in the map. Others are very interested in the concept. And we hope that many members of the public will actually tune in, log on and look at the maps and see the contrast and understand what the discussion is that is going on. So public education is also a part of this process. I would also add that in these hearings to come, experts are welcome to come and testify. We've heard, you know, the need for some of that. This is an opportunity for experts to come and to provide their expertise, whichever side of the equation they're on. Maybe they'll all be on the on the same path, which would, that would really help things a lot. And so this is a great opportunity. So no further discussion? I have the staff call the roll.

Staff [00:22:59] Co-Chair Cupp.

House Speaker Bob Cupp [00:23:00] Yes.

Staff [00:23:01] Co-Chair Senator Sykes.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:23:02] No.

Staff [00:23:04] Governor DeWine.

Governor Mike DeWine [00:23:05] Yes.

Staff [00:23:06] Auditor Faber.

Auditor of State Keith Faber [00:23:07] Yes.

Staff [00:23:08] President Huffman.

Senate President Matt Huffman [00:23:09] Yes.

Staff [00:23:10] Secretary LaRose.

Secretary of State Frank LaRose [00:23:11] Yes.

Staff [00:23:13] Leader Sykes.

State Representative Emilia Sykes [00:23:13] No.

House Speaker Bob Cupp [00:23:18] The vote is five to two, the motion passes, the commission has now introduced its map, which is publicly available. In addition to the hearings, I also, we have agreed that the next meeting of the Ohio Redistricting Commission will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, September 15th, 2021, and it will be, go back to the House, it will be in room 313, the known as the House Finance Room. All right, at this time, then, we're moving into the witness testimony. Again, this testimony, as provided in the notice, is limited to comment on statewide General Assembly proposed maps. And if there is a map that someone which is yet to propose, you would have 10 minutes, more or less, to do that. If you just wish to comment on one of the proposed full statewide maps, the rules provide for five minutes to do that. If you testify, we'd ask you to state your name, and if you are testifying to a complete statewide map and whether you are a plan sponsor or a general witness. So do we have any witnesses slips? All right, first witness is a Gerald, let me find your name up here, Gerald Barna? Right. He has provided witness or written testimony. Our next witness are Ariunaa Bayanjargac. I'm not saying that right, so we're going to have you come and spell your name and and pronounce it for us. And I would ask, are are you testifying to a complete statewide?

Bayanjargac [00:25:50] I'm sorry?

House Speaker Bob Cupp [00:25:51] Are you testifying to a complete statewide map?

Bayanjargac [00:25:53] Yes. Hello, Commissioners. My name is Ariunaa Bayanjargac. I'm an MD PhD candidate at the Ohio State University, studying biology of pediatric cancer. I moved to America when I was 18 years old with three hundred dollars in my pocket. Even then, I was able to recognize the potential and the promise of the United States of America, where an immigrant can aspire to participate in democracy. I watched American democracy from the sidelines for more than 10 years, until I became a U.S. citizen. The importance of exercising our votes as citizen had been strongly emphasized while I was preparing for the civics test and when I became the US citizen. I knew I was joining an imperfect country, but I also knew I was joining a country that aspires for a more perfect union. When I cast my first vote at the ballot, I saw many of these imperfections at the ballot box, of our American political system. The issues I care personally and professionally, is not, has not, been the topic of any discussion or policy. Instead, Ohio politicians pander to the coal industry corporations and powerful few. Despite the disappointment I felt with my options at the ballot box and beyond, I still firmly believe the way to participate in American democracy is through voting, through fair and transparent elections. As our elected officials, you have a duty to ensure we Ohioans are fairly represented at the state and at the federal level because we spoke up. We want fair maps and fair representations that reflect who we are and what our values are. The current process, which we hold hearing today, is not neither fair nor transparent process that Ohioans wanted. Here are some examples: waiting until the last minute to assemble the commission and blaming the timeline is not a fair or transparent process. Giving the public less than twenty four hours to prepare testimony is limiting who can voice their voice. Proposing a map late in the process and blaming the census data when more than 20 organizations were able to draw maps from easily accessible data to lawmakers. GOP prepared map doesn't meet the VRA requirement. They looting down the BIPOC community's political power and also does not ensure fair representation of partisanship in Ohio. This blatant effort to limit and dilute people's political power is anti-American. The beauty and promise of America, that depends on the fact that my vote counts just as your vote. As our elected official, now is your time to stand up and fulfill the promise of America by ensuring Ohioans have fair maps and representation through a transparent process. And thank you for your time.

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Co-Chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:00:00] I like to call this meeting of the Ohio Redistricting Commission to order, uh, and before we start, we'd like to begin our official business. We'd like to thank the Cuyahoga Community College, Tri-C, for hosting us today and introduce William Gary, executive vice president for Workforce Community and Economic Development, for a short welcome.

William Gary [00:00:25] And will be short. Thank you. Let me first of all, governor and members of the legislature and the commission and invite a guest. Let me welcome all of you on behalf of our president, Dr Alex Johnson, who could not be with us today due to a mild illness. But it's our pleasure to have you. And this meeting here at this institution, as most of you know, Tri-C as the oldest and the largest community college in the state. This facility was founded in nineteen, I'm sorry, 2003 and represents one of the premier aspects of the college's workforce development community and economic development division. We're very, very pleased to have all of you here. This facility provides training for over a thousand businesses, individuals and government entities. And we are so pleased that you saw fit to have this event here today. So I want to acknowledge also my colleague, Clarabelle Sotho, who worked with the commission to bring this event here today. So, again, thank you for coming. We hope that this meeting will achieve the outcomes that we desire. And if there's anything that we can do to assist you in this process, by all means, please call on my colleagues. Thank you and have a great meeting.

Co-Chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:01:52] Thank you. Appreciate your hospitality. As the people arrive, who would like to testify, if you could please fill out a witness slip, we'd appreciate it and provide it to the staff at this time would the staff please call the roll.

Staff [00:02:13] Sorry.

Co-Chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:02:13] Call the roll

Staff [00:02:16] Co-chair Senator Sykes,.

Co-Chair Senator Vernon Sykes [00:02:16] Present

Staff [00:02:18] Co-chair, Speaker Cupp.

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in total control of Ohio's government by the Republican Party for the better part of the last three decades. It's regrettable. It's shameful, it's an embarrassment, and it's a slap in the face of all Ohioans. Thank you.

Co-Chair Senator Vernon Sykes [00:38:19] Thank you very much,

Staff [00:38:23] Elizabeth Gersten Hober followed by Chris Glassburn.

Co-Chair Senator Vernon Sykes [00:38:38] All the. Mr. Co-chair and members of the commission, ladies and gentlemen, and on September the 9th, the commission submitted a map for consideration, and since then our staffs, all of our staffs have been working together over the weekend, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and and some of today on and out of those deliberations, the Leader Sykes and I are presenting an amendment to the commission's map. This is to amend, starting with the commission's map to amend it. To encompass some of the considerations and discussions taking place. This is done also for transparency's sake. Instead of waiting to the end and producing a map, we've produced the map already, one that we thought would be considered. But also we want to submit a map now to let you know for what's being considered at this particular time and the position that we're taking at this particular time. And Chris Glassburn is going to present the map, the amendment offered by Leader Sykes and myself.

Chris Glassburn [00:40:04] Thank you Co-Chair Sykes and Co-Chair Cupp and members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission for the opportunity to speak to you about changes that co-chair Sykes just referenced. My name is Chris Glassburn. I own a company called Project Govern and I serve as the consultant and map drawer for the Ohio Senate Democratic Caucus. What we're showing you today is a proposed amendment to the commission plan. The numbering scheme is not designed for the process outlined in the Constitution. It is designed to be an amendment to demonstrate new lines. The amendment first used the commission map as its base. If changes were not made and the map remains, as the commission map outlined. We use the same approach as the commission map, I'll move to northeast Ohio here. Side by side. These are Ohio House districts. We use the same approach as the commission map did to address the drawing of House and Senate districts in northeast Ohio. That is to say, we resolved the pairing issue of two House districts in Trumbull County. Those two districts now will be in the same Senate district as the commission proposed. However, in doing so, we now have been able to restore the city of Solon to be wholly in one district, unlike the commission map, which had split it. I'll go more detail into each of these regions as I go along. But I want to emphasize the overall changes first. Throughout the map, we have enhanced constitutional compliance by reducing splits of cities, counties and a township throughout the state, specifically on the township we eliminated the commission single split of a township in Stark County. So there are now no township splits in the entire state. We Decrease the number of competitive seats, and our map is now closer to the proportionality required by Article 11, Section 6 of the Ohio Constitution, and is closer now that the commission map to that ratio. This amendment should be interpreted as further evidence that Leader Sykes, co-chair Sykes and our respective Democratic caucuses are serious about enacting a ten year map. The map, initially presented by the Senate Democrats two weeks ago, was rated as having 44 likely Democratic House seats and 14 Democratic Senate seats. Our amendment today would result in 42 likely Democratic House seats and 13 Democratic Senate seats. As with our first proposal, the districts were drawn in compliance with the Voting Rights Act to ensure minority communities can select their candidate of choice. I would also like to make one note about the feedback we've received from outside individuals and groups to the commission. We have taken those

Secretary of State Frank LaRose [01:08:13] Thank you, Co-Chair. And Mr. Glassburn, I want to echo what my colleague Auditor Faber said that I appreciate the chance to learn from you and from your expertise, because I think one of the things that your testimony has made clear to everyone is truly how complex this process is. Right. And I really appreciate that you all have made what I consider a good faith proposal here, one that leaves some, some room to do some work together. I sincerely appreciate the passion that we've heard in testimony all over the state and that we've heard today. And I share that passion. That passion comes from a place of genuinely caring about trying to make this process work better, and I got to say, I was a redistricting reform warrior from the very beginning when I started in the state Senate in 2011, telling people about Elbridge Gerry from 1812 and all of this. And we worked together, many of us, to get this proposal in front of the voters that they overwhelmingly supported. So I share that passion. But what I don't share is some of the pessimism that we've heard, because what I've seen is that our teams are working collegially and trying to work in good faith. And so I just wanted to say I appreciate that. All right.

Co-Chair Senator Vernon Sykes [01:09:35] Please, please, please, we have to respect each other. Please. Are there any additional questions? Seeing none, thank you very much for your presentation.

Chris Glassburn [01:09:46] Thank you very much.

Co-Chair Senator Vernon Sykes [01:09:53] Yes.

audience member [01:09:57] (inaudible)

Chris Glassburn [01:10:17] So to the co-chairs.

Co-Chair Senator Vernon Sykes [01:10:18] Let me let me state this to this be the last one we can we have to move on. We've got a few hours left. Would you please answer this one? And this would be the last one, OK?

Chris Glassburn [01:10:30] Absolutely. And again, thank you to the co-chairs and the commission for the opportunity to speak. As I stated in my testimony, yes, the Voting Rights Act, as well as proportionality that is called for proportionality in Section 6 and the adherence to federal law elsewhere in the Ohio Constitution. Voting Rights Act is federal law. And so, yes, that was a factor. Our consideration, though, was in, again, the preservation of minority voters having the opportunity to choose their candidate of choice. If you look at the statistics and look at these communities, I think those communities would in fact be pleased with this map. I believe our House and Senate caucuses value very much the minority communities that are served in those districts, as well as I believe the other party seeks to do so as well.

Co-Chair Senator Vernon Sykes [01:11:28] Thank you very much.

Chris Glassburn [01:11:29] Thank you.

Co-Chair Senator Vernon Sykes [01:11:29] Thank you. Appreciate it.

Staff [01:11:32] The next witness.

audience member [01:11:38] Vote on amendments. Vote on amendments.

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Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:00:00] Call to order this meeting of the Ohio Redistricting Commission. I ask the staff to please call the roll.

Clerk [00:00:08] Co-chair, Speaker Cupp (present), co-chair Senator Sykes (present), Governor DeWine (here), Auditor Faber (here), President Huffman (here), Secretary LaRose (here) Leader Sykes (here).

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:00:22] We have a quorum and we'll proceed as a full commission. I think let's... We have some minutes that we maybe have not approved yet. There's minutes from the meetings of August the 31st, September 9th at 10 a.m. and September 9th at 2:00 p.m. They are before you. Is there a motion to accept the minutes as presented?

Senate President Matt Huffman [00:00:46] So moved.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:00:46] Is there any objection? Seeing and hearing none, the minutes of the previous meetings stand as accepted. Senator Huffman, for a motion.

Senate President Matt Huffman [00:01:01] Thank you Mr. Co-chair Cupp. At this time, I move that the commission stand in recess.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:01:08] Until...?

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:01:09] Pardon me?

Senate President Matt Huffman [00:01:10] Until 3:00 p.m., I believe.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:01:14] It's so moved. The commission will be in recess until 3:00 p.m.

House Minority Leader Emilia Sykes [00:01:20] Mr. Co-chair?

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:01:22] Leader Sykes.

House Minority Leader Emilia Sykes [00:01:23] Thank you. Thank you. Mr. Chair, if we could just... Obviously we have people who are anxious to understand what is happening next. So for the benefit of those who are here and perhaps watching, could we have a bit of a discussion of what the recess will entail and for what purpose are we recessing?

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:01:42] We will be recessing so that we can continue some consultations that are going on, some work that is being done on the map for the finalization that needs to be done, as well as any changes that might be considered in the interim. Is there any objection to the motion to recess? Hearing none, the commission is recess till three o'clock.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:02:17] Pursuant to the recess, the meeting of the Ohio Redistricting Commission will come back to order. A little leftover business from this morning. And at this time, I would entertain a motion to accept any remaining written

Senate President Matt Huffman [00:10:40] Yes.

Clerk [00:10:42] Secretary LaRose.

Secretary of State Frank LaRose [00:10:43] Yes.

Clerk [00:10:43] Leader Sykes.

House Minority Leader Emilia Sykes [00:10:43] No

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:10:50] Five votes to two, if I was right. The motion to amend has been adopted. Is there further motions?

Senate President Matt Huffman [00:11:00] Mr. Chairman?

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:11:02] Chair recognizes Senator Huffman.

Senate President Matt Huffman [00:11:03] Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Pursuant to Article 11 of the Ohio Constitution, I move for the commission to adopt the introduced proposed General Assembly district plan as amended as the final General Assembly district plan.

House Minority Leader Emilia Sykes [00:11:16] Objection.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:11:16] Is there a second to the motion? I'll second the motion. There's been an objection. Discussion? Any discussion? Chair recognizes Leader Sykes.

House Minority Leader Emilia Sykes [00:11:30] Thank you, Mr. Co-Chair and members of the committee. And I know it is late and we are on a time crunch, but if you could indulge me a bit so I can share my thoughts about this plan, this map and why I will be voting no this evening.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:11:57] Commissioner may proceed.

House Minority Leader Emilia Sykes [00:11:59] Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair. People ask me pretty regularly, why do I wear white all of the time. And and if you indulge, it'll all make sense and all come together. I often wear white, especially in moments of importance. To honor the women of the suffrage movement who fought so hard for the right to vote. Women who, through no fault of their own except to be born as a female did not receive equal access to speaking up and about the government, to the government on behalf of themselves and their families. As the only woman on this commission, I take my responsibility incredibly, incredibly seriously. And beyond just what this vote may mean for a 10 year map I bring with me those women who suffered for generations for the right to speak up so that someone like me could have the audacity to stand up and speak out on a commission that is made of six men and one woman. I recognize that the men in the majority, in the majority party on this commission have never had ancestors or the experience of having to fight for their access to basic human rights that others enjoyed just simply because they were born. And to have before us today a map that summarily and arrogantly eliminates the ability for women like me, the women of the past, to engage in a process and have their votes heard is not only offensive, it is plain wrong. I think of the women of the suffrage movement. And we just celebrated a hundred years of white

women having the right to vote and people like Mary Church Terrell or Ida B. Wells and Sojourner Truth, who fought so that women like me, who look like me, could have the nerve to say the things that I say in rooms just like this when people tell me I don't belong here. I call it offensive and plain wrong to move forward this map after we heard hundreds of people come before us. Hours of testimony in cities across this great state. And to put forth something that so arrogantly flies in the face of what people, our voters, asked us to do not once but twice, through a citizen-led initiative that forced the hand of the legislature to ensure that people had the right to vote to... And not only that, they have that right that they feel that it is counted and they can make a difference in their government. I have often talked about my faith and I continue to have the faith of a mustard seed. And that faith does not live within men and including the men on this commission. And I'm reminded, and I was continuously reminded through the many hearings that I sat through a Proverbs 29:2 that says, "when the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice. But when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn." The people of Ohio have been mourning. They have been in mourning. And it is because they have not been able to access their government and the way in which they deserve. We may no longer be in the 1920s where women or some women or even just 1963 when black people didn't have their full enfranchisement, but every day I am faced with the opportunity, and really the privilege, to push back and to stand up and be proud of where I am and not to ever disrespect the people who got me here. There is in no way that I can, in good conscience vote for this map, and I urge every single member of this commission to join me in voting no. This is not simply a matter of Republican versus Democrat, male versus women, Younger versus older, millennial, boomers. This is about the human right to access and participate in our government. The Democrats on this commission made it very clear that the maps that we saw yesterday were a nonstarter, that we would not be supporting them. And any suggestion that we should be voting for them or that they are closer is a patently false statement. And to make the suggestion that perhaps we should vote for this because it may get us closer is just wrong. I am not going to be fooled and neither will the people of this state. They have invested too much time and energy in this process, and they deserve better than what this map is. It is very clear that in drawing this map, because it was stated that no one considered the Voting Rights Act. An act that allowed me, someone like me, to even be able to be in this position. To allow someone like Co-Chair Sykes to be a co-chair of a constitutionally mandated commission. But I know the people who have never had to fight for their rights cannot appreciate what it means when people who have not had rights, beg for them. Things that they should have already had. These people who came and spent hours of testimony did not deserve to beg us to do right. It is just wrong. This map, we can talk about constitutionality, but I think all of us, especially those who have graduated from law school, know we don't have the ability to determine anything to be constitutional or not. That will be left up to the courts. But I do know one thing that is very clear. That there is a section in the Constitution that requires us to draw maps that follow the proportional results of elections over the last 10 years, and this map falls short of that. And we can argue all day about the legislative intent, but I don't have to do that because I can talk to my co-chair who was a part of writing this, and he will share with you that the proportionality or representational fairness is what he meant and that is why it's in the Constitution. Period. And you can ask him yourself if anyone else has any questions. And so as I conclude, I just want to say, and make another appeal to my colleagues on this commission. This is a vote that should be an easy no. It's an easy vote for me. I will not lose not a second of sleep over voting no on this, because at some point when the government refuses to listen to the people who elected us and direct us, there are consequences. And I am always going to stand on the side of the people who brought me here, whether it's those suffragettes, those civil rights fighters, the people of House District 34, the birthplace of champions. They got me here. And I am proud to vote no on their

behalf, because I know they deserve better than this, and I would hope every member on this commission feels the same way about their constituencies, whether it is a district or it is this state. And you join me in voting no. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:22:03] Further discussion? Chair recognizes co-chair Sykes.

Co-chair Senator Vernon Sykes [00:22:09] Co-Chair and members of the commission and people of The State of Ohio. I have very, very heavy heart tonight. I have been advocating for fair districts since the 80s, when I first came on as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives. And I've worked really hard to formulate the provisions of the Constitution that the citizens adopted. And I'm so disappointed at this particular time that we're at this juncture. That now it's almost 12:00 on September the 15th in 2021, and we come to this juncture, I was hopeful, hopeful that the people in place at that particular time when we were contemplating this would have the will to promote fairness. I was hopeful that we could take an adjustment, make an adjustment in the apportionment board, expand it, make sure we have minority representation on it, adequate. Was hopeful that they would have the courage and the insight to promote fairness. And we put guardrails in it. One of the very distinctive factors of the constitutional provision in 2015 was we added a provision that dealt with fairness. Before we were just looking at technical compliance. Issues like compactness or the number of splits. But it's been proven with the map that's been presented for you today. That you can comply with the technical compliance, but still gerrymander districts as much as you like. And so it was the wisdom of the constitutional provision to put in place a different concept of representational fairness, and that concept was considered to be somewhat vague at the time, and so we wanted to make sure it was understood. So instead of putting the words representational fairness in, we actually define the concept, described it so it would be clearly understood what the intentions were. And this was the guardrail, because in Section 6(A) it says you can't favor or disfavor a party. And then in (B), it describes how we make sure that that doesn't take place. Because we're going to look at the voting preferences expressed by the people and the vote, in elections over a 10 year period. And we take all of the partisan elections, we're not going to be selective, we're going to take all of them. We do it over a 10 year span so we don't have problems with outliers, so it's kind of an average. We asked scholars to come forward to analyze it, to read the Constitution and then say, how would you interpret this? And they came one at a time. And every one of them came up with the, basically, the same quotient. Basically the same percentages, proportions. And that's considered to be fairness. And I can't stand up here and support anything but fairness. You know, I'm just astounded by the arrogance of the super majority having such a callous disregard for the people of this state. You know, I went I went to every one of the hearings. I presided over most of them. And I listened to every testimony. The people came and they pleaded with us. Some of them scolded us and others cried. Because they wanted us, they were trying to appeal, make an appeal, to our sense of good judgment. And they waited in hearings that were four, five and six hours long to present their written testimony. And as they spoke and they went over the time limit, they kept speaking. And as I tried to even gavel them down, they kept speaking. I asked them not to applaud and they kept clapping anyway. They have spoken, we, hundreds of them from all over the state. 15 regional hearings in 15 different locations, and they all, they all, want fairness. And when we campaigned, Senator Huffman, we campaigned, we campaigned on the slogan for the, our campaign committee statewide, we raised money and campaigned. Fair districts was the name of the committee. Fair districts. Not technically complying districts, but fair districts. And I can't, as bad as I would...I would love for us to have a 10 year plan. A fair plan. There's no way that I would slap the people in the face that promote fair districts. And put them in a

smooth... Put them in the misfortune that we've been suffering for decades, for another 10 years. And I ask this committee, please listen to the constituents this time.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:30:04] Further discussion on the motion? Chair recognizes Secretary LaRose.

Secretary of State Frank LaRose [00:30:11] Thank you, co-chair. Though our votes are different, I share the deep disappointment that co-chair Sykes just expressed. I'm no stranger to trying valiantly for a worthwhile cause. But I don't like to fail. I'm no stranger to striving hard and spending myself for a mission that matters. My mission has been clear. Bipartisan compromise that yields a 10 year map. I believed all along that it was possible. I even told a couple of you that our state motto is, With God, all things are possible. That was my guiding north arrow over the last couple weeks. With God, all things are possible. We've fallen short. Not enough members of this commission wanted to come along with that effort. I'm casting my yes vote with great unease. I fear, I fear we're going to be back in this room very soon. This map has many shortcomings, but they pale in comparison to the shortcomings of this process. It didn't have to be this way. It didn't have to be this way. Some of us worked in good faith, in a bipartisan way, to try to get a compromise. There are members of this committee who I do not believe worked in good faith to try to reach that compromise, but here we are. When we are back here, whenever that is, I know for sure, I believe October 1st we'll be back to back here with a new mission, drawing congressional districts for the state of Ohio. And when we are, this process will be different. It is not going to work this way next time. I'm casting a yes vote today. But I wish it didn't have to be this way,

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:32:17] Further discussion on the motion? Governor DeWine.

Governor Mike DeWine [00:32:22] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am deeply disappointed at where we are tonight. I'm very, very sorry that we are where we are. I know, I know, this committee could have produced a more clearly constitutional bill. That's not the bill that we have in front of us. I have felt throughout this process that there was a compromise to be had. That the bill could be improved, become much more clearly constitutional, that we could produce a bill that all seven members, a map that all seven members, of this committee could vote for and that we would have a 10 year map. I was wrong. I felt even today, as late as early this evening, that there was still a deal to be had. And the parties could get together. And I thought if that could not occur tonight, that it could occur tomorrow or the next day, and that it was possible. The parties are not that far apart. I won't go into the details, but they're not. They think they are, but they're not. Tonight, it has become clear to me that there is not going to be a compromise. There can't be a coming together. I talked to the Republican legislative leaders. I talked to the Democrat legislative leaders separately. And it's clear in talking to both sides that there's not going to be an agreement. And that we could go tomorrow or the next day or the next day, and it simply was not going to occur. I have respect, deep respect, for all members of this committee, but I'm saddened by the fact that it was clear in talking to them that there was not going to be any real ability and so that tomorrow we would be exactly where we are today and the next day and the next day. So along with the secretary of state, I will vote to send this matter forward. But it will not be the end of it. We know that this matter will be in court. I'm not judging the bill one way or another. That's up for, up to a court to do. What I do, what I am sure in my heart is that this committee could have come up with a bill that was much more clearly, clearly, constitutional. I'm sorry we did not do that.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:36:10] Further discussion? Chair recognizes Auditor Faber.

Auditor of State Keith Faber [00:36:14] Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and a question to the sponsors, do we have a statement pursuant to 8(C)(2) to prepared to explain the proportionality issues?

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:36:26] Mr. Chairman?

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:36:27] Go ahead.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:36:27] Yeah, yeah, yeah. In fact, there is. That's not appropriate to present that until after the vote is taken, which I could present it now, but it's only presented in the case of a four year map, which I think we're going to have, but formally we have to have the vote first.

Auditor of State Keith Faber [00:36:45] Mr. Chairman, the reason I ask is, is that I think that that discussion may help at least, certainly, have a discussion as to at least, some folks' belief as to whether this map complies, or how it complies with Section 6. And so I don't know if that's helpful or we can wait to have that discussion. But I'm just... I'm at your discretion.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:37:13] I'm not sure if it's to my discretion or the co-chairs discretion, but would you like me to distribute the statement now, Auditor Faber? Is that what you're asking?

Auditor of State Keith Faber [00:37:22] I guess my short answer is yes, you know, it's not required until after that, but it certainly would help the proportionality explanation.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:37:38] At the request of Auditor Faber, if we could distribute the statement, that conditionally would be offered. Anybody need a minute here or?

Auditor of State Keith Faber [00:38:30] While we're doing that, Mr. Chair?

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:38:33] Do you need to you need a minute? OK.

Auditor of State Keith Faber [00:38:36] No I have a question... Or a statement.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:38:38] Chair recognizes Auditor Faber.

Auditor of State Keith Faber [00:38:40] Thank you. This has been an interesting process. To say it has gone like I anticipated is probably not just an overstatement, but but frankly, a great disappointment. This process has been an example of, from a management perspective, of what needs to be improved going forward for future redistricting commissions. And candidly, I anticipate offering some suggestions on rule changes and things to better involve the non-legislative members in the process earlier and to give resources equally so we can have the ability to draw other maps. Having said that, I think it's important that everybody understand some truisms that we heard some of the witnesses testify to in the redistricting process. First, that Ohioans tend to live around people that think and vote like them. And that's why the compactness provisions in the Constitution are very important. And the no splitting provisions are very important because

we heard a lot of people testify that they didn't want to necessarily be drawn into districts that put them in places that didn't think like them, or to be represented by somebody who doesn't share their values. Now, we're in a representative form of government, and that always means that you're always going to have somebody representing you that you don't agree with in some ways. Heck, most of us who are legislators will say we don't always agree with ourselves. So it's tough to have 100 percent agreement. So we don't expect perfect alignment, but that's why we elect people, and why majorities in the district get the say. The problem with looking at other factors, when you have such an organization in Ohio, as we do with urban and suburban and rural areas, means that it's very difficult to draw districts that have some divine competitiveness ratio. One of the versions of the maps and I'm going to talk about the maps before I get to the process, one of the versions of the maps submitted by one of the legislative caucuses at one point almost had no competitive districts. And so most all of the races would have been determined in primaries, we heard over and over and over just how many people had concerns with that as to its potential to lead to extremism. So I did a quick count on this map based on information that we got a little earlier off of... and because we don't have access to the high tech programs, we were stuck using Dave's Redistricting, which seems to be an OK tool. But the reality is, is I counted the competitive districts. And we've had different debates about what competitive means between all the participants here. And so I use two different metrics. The one Dave's uses is 10 points, 45 to 55. I think a better, tighter competitive number is 48-52. It's real tough for somebody to win a 55, or to lose a 55 district. And it's real tough for somebody to win a 45 district. But candidates matter. We have examples. Frankly, I think one of the members on this panel won a district that wasn't much above 45 and everybody said you could win. I remember being one of those people who said he could. He did. And I'm proud of him as my colleague. So you can win those districts, candidates, matters, campaigns matters and those issues matters. So in this map that's presented, if I've got the right set of numbers, we've got 23 districts that are competitive. 12 of which happened to fall in the Democrat side, an 11 fall on the Republican side. If you're striving for a competitive map, that's pretty darn good with the number of tight districts that you have to draw that are going to be the sure things in the Republican strong areas and the Democrats strong areas of the state. So that means, depending on what happens, elections and candidates and issues and districts, you've got 23 districts in this map that could flop one way or another. That's not bad. Going through the rest of the map, there are things in it that I don't like. My colleagues have heard me repeatedly talk about why I think you need to keep communities that have a long track record of being represented together, together. My home community isn't such a community in this map, it's not tied to the state senator, including the now speaker, I think you represented this district some 20 plus years ago, with the counties that it's with. The moral of the story is, we all don't get everything we want, despite our efforts. So when you draw a map, sometimes you have to allocate disappointment. I will tell you, there's some disappointment, in my view, as the way some of the counties are split in northwest Ohio. That's just the way the cookie crumbles, some would say. But the reality is, compared to some of the other maps we've had a choice to go with, this map isn't that bad. It's not that good either. There are things in this map that given a perfect world, I would change. We tried to make some of those suggested changes, but that brings me now to the process. I spent a lot of time trying to figure out how to get to a seven person, 10 year map. We did that in good faith. After 24, 25 years as a mediator, I always said, you never stop negotiating until it's clear you're done. I still believe today, that if we had more time, putting the parties in a room in a way they could candidly talk without fear of lawsuits and without fear of showing their hand, we'd have got a better map. But I do agree that as of where we sit today, in the time frame and everything else that we see, this is as good as it's going to get today. I don't like that. I'm disappointed profoundly that we do not have a 10 year map, that we do not have a

seven-person vote. I can tell you that the Governor and Secretary LaRose and I spent hours trying to find compromise. I wish we'd found it. With that, because I believe votes are binary things, I don't have another choice to vote yes or no on. I don't have the ability, because of the resource allocation, to make amendments here or there that would have made a difference without causing more problems one way or another and potentially violating the Constitution. Because there is this provision that you can't unnecessarily split cities or townships and we don't even have good census blocks in Dave's Redistricting to do that. And I have to give a shout out to the Democrat staffers that helped educate me on some of that. Frankly, I wasn't aware of that. And their time and their work with us in good faith. I think at times, I think they worked good with us, was helpful to me and helpful to me to understand this. With that, I'm going to vote yes on this map. I'm going to vote yes with some apprehension and I'm going to vote yes in reliance on the representation that I've gotten from various legal counsel that these provisions fully meet with the constitutional parameters and the people who have had the ability to make those assessments, that this map meets all those standards because we have not had the ability to look at those things. Having said that, what I do get to see from Dave's, it does appear to do that. I just would encourage us to look at the process. To continue to talk to each other and find opportunities for compromise and if we have to go about this again, whether it's in four years or four weeks. I urge us to remember that when we negotiate, we shouldn't be negotiating from positions, we should be negotiating on shared interests, and if we do that, I think we'll have a better product. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:46:47] The question is, shall the motion be agreed to, the staff will call the roll.

Clerk [00:46:52] Co-chair, Senator Sykes.

Co-chair Senator Vernon Sykes [00:46:53] No.

Clerk [00:46:54] Co-chair. Speaker Cupp.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:46:55] Yes.

Clerk [00:46:56] Governor DeWine.

Governor Mike DeWine [00:47:00] Yes.

Clerk [00:47:00] Auditor Faber.

Auditor of State Keith Faber [00:47:00] Yes.

Clerk [00:47:02] President Huffman.

Senate President Matt Huffman [00:47:02] Yes.

Clerk [00:47:02] Secretary LaRose.

Secretary of State Frank LaRose [00:47:04] Yes.

Clerk [00:47:04] Leader Sykes

House Minority Leader Emilia Sykes [00:47:12] No.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:47:12] Five votes in favor, two votes opposed. According to the constitutional provision, the map has not been adopted as a seven year plan, but has been adopted as a four year plan. Chair recognizes Senator Huffman.

Senate President Matt Huffman [00:47:28] Thank you, Mr. Co-chairman. Pursuant to Article 11 of the Ohio Constitution, I move for the commission to adopt the statement that has been distributed to the members of the commission, that was the statement that was distributed by, at the request of Auditor Faber.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:47:47] I'll second the motion. It's been seconded. And the chair recognizes Secretary LaRose.

Secretary of State Frank LaRose [00:47:57] Having just been presented with this and none of us like to vote on something that we just got, but I understand the time crunch that we're under here, I'm going to ask for some explanations on some things. This Section 8(C)(2) statement explains the rationale that the people that drew this map used to reach what they considered the proportionality requirements. That's my understanding. It seems like they're sort of using two different factors. One is the raw number of races won of statewide, state and federal, and then the other is the number of votes and sort of mixing those two standards together instead of picking one. President Huffman, could you explain the rationale, since I assume it was your staff that drafted up this statement?

Senate President Matt Huffman [00:48:46] Yeah, I first thing I would say is, I don't I don't think that there's a requirement in the Constitution that there be one standard chosen over another. There is no formula in the Constitution, percentages of votes or percentages of of races won, etc. This is simply a statement, again, pursuant to the Constitution in only, and only to be submitted in where there is a four year map. And I think it might be helpful just to read, if I could, that portion of the Constitution. All right. So that's... Final General Assembly district plan adopted under, and this is the four year provision, 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 members' opinion concerning the statement included with the plan. So Leader Sykes or Senator Sykes could do that, as those who voted no, if there's a separate plan. So this this is really nothing more than that. It's a statement of things that were considered and tried to include all of the relevant information that which, of course, includes many of the things that have been discussed here, including the percentages of votes. So we tried to, in this, in this case, to try to make it clear, just use basic factual information that I think's available to the public and everyone else.

Secretary of State Frank LaRose [00:50:59] Another question.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:51:01] Follow up?

Secretary of State Frank LaRose [00:51:02] Mr. President, I would guess that. This rationale was reached and guided the map making process, it would have to. I, for one, have been asking for the rationale for days. Is there a reason why that wasn't shared with us until now?

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 54% and the statewide proportion of voters favoring statewide Democratic candidates is 46%. Thus, the statewide proportion of voters favoring statewide Republican candidates is between 54% and 81% and the statewide proportion of voters favoring statewide Democratic candidates is between 19% and 46%. 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 85 districts (64.4%) favoring Republican candidates and 47 districts (35.6%) 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.

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.



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.

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.

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Case No. 2021-1198

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RESPONDENT GOVERNOR DEWINE'S RESPONSES TO
RELATORS' FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES.

Pursuant to Rules 26, 33, and 34 of the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure, Respondent Governor DeWine, in his official capacity as a Member of the Ohio Redistricting Commission, responds to Relators' interrogatories.

DEFINITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

A. The following terms shall have the meanings indicated below:

- (1) The terms "Respondents," "you," and "your" shall mean: House Speaker Bob Cupp, Governor Mike DeWine, Secretary of State Frank LaRose, Auditor Keith Faber, and Senate President Matt Huffman individually, as a member of the Ohio Redistricting Commission, and in your capacities as House Speaker, Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor, and Senate President, respectively, as well as your present and former agents, assigns, employees, partners, successors, predecessors, associates, personnel, attorneys, and other persons or entities acting or purporting to act on your behalf.
- (2) The term "Commission" shall mean the Ohio Redistricting Commission.



OBJECTION: Interrogatory #2 is overly broad, unduly burdensome, vague, duplicative, not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and not proportional to the needs of the case. Further, Interrogatory #2 seeks information not in the Governor's possession, custody, or control. Interrogatory #2 seeks confidential, privileged information that was made during the deliberative process and/or is protected by the attorney client privilege and/or executive privilege

ANSWER: Without waiving the above referenced objections, the Governor has openly and consistently communicated with innumerable individuals including constituents, voters, and advocacy groups throughout the process for the creation of general assembly district maps. The Governor cannot possibly identify every individual that he has communicated with about the 9/9 or 9/16 plan. The Governor communicated with all members of the Commission, the First Lady, the Lt. Governor, members of the Governor's staff including but not limited to members of his legal staff. The Governor also has communicated with Mr. DiRossi and Mr. Glassburn via testimony and one personal meeting each at the request of their employers. By way of further answer, information related to communications by the Ohio Redistricting Commission are in the possession of the Ohio Redistricting Commission.

INTERROGATORY #3 Identify all data and information about potential or actual Ohio General Assembly districts to which the map drawer(s) had access during the process of drawing the Commission's proposed or adopted maps, including but not limited to data or information showing partisan performance, incumbent addresses, and racial demographics.

ANSWER: The Governor was not involved in the process of drawing the Commission's proposed or adopted maps.



INTERROGATORY #4 Identify all measures through which the map drawer(s) filtered data while drawing the Commission's proposed or adopted maps, including but not limited to partisan performance indices, voting age population by race, and incumbent addresses.

ANSWER: The Governor possesses no information responsive to Interrogatory #4. By way of further answer, the Governor was not involved in the process of drawing the Commission's proposed or adopted maps.

INTERROGATORY #5 Identify and describe all dates, times, places, and attendees of any meeting at which state legislative redistricting was discussed with the knowledge of at least one Commission member.

OBJECTION: Interrogatory #5 is overly broad, vague, not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and not proportional to the needs of the case. In particular, the use of the term "meeting" in Interrogatory #5 is vague without further definition. Interrogatory #5 seeks confidential, privileged information that was made during the deliberative process and/or is protected by the attorney client privilege and/or executive privilege. Further, Interrogatory #5 seeks information not in the Governor's possession, custody, or control. Finally, the Governor objects to the extent that an answer requires the Governor to speculate as to the knowledge of other Commission members.



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RESPONDENT AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER'S RESPONSES TO RELATORS'
FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION.

Pursuant to Rules 26, 33, and 34 of the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure, Respondent Auditor of State Keith Faber responds to Relators' interrogatories and requests for production.

DEFINITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

A. The following terms shall have the meanings indicated below:

- (1) The terms "Respondents," "you," and "your" shall mean: House Speaker Bob Cupp, Governor Mike DeWine, Secretary of State Frank LaRose, Auditor Keith Faber, and Senate President Matt Huffman individually, as a member of the Ohio Redistricting Commission, and in your capacities as House Speaker, Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor, and Senate President, respectively, as well as your present and former agents, assigns, employees, partners, successors, predecessors, associates, personnel, attorneys, and other persons or entities acting or purporting to act on your behalf.
- (2) The term "Commission" shall mean the Ohio Redistricting Commission.
- (3) The term "9/9 plan" shall mean the General Assembly maps presented by Senate President Matt Huffman to the Ohio Redistricting Commission on September 9, 2021, or any drafts thereof.
- (4) The term "9/16 plan" shall mean the General Assembly maps proposed by Senate President Matt Huffman to the Ohio Redistricting Commission on September 15, 2021, and approved on September 16, 2021, or any drafts thereof.
- (5) The term "map drawer" shall mean anyone who assisted in the creation of the 9/9 or



INTERROGATORIES

INTERROGATORY #1 Identify and describe any persons who received compensation for services rendered in the creation of any Ohio General Assembly map that the Commission considered and/or adopted.

OBJECTION: Interrogatory #1 does not describe with reasonable particularity the meaning of “for services rendered.” Further, Interrogatory #1 is vague and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Finally, Interrogatory #1 seeks information not in the Auditor of State’s possession, custody, or control.

ANSWER: Without waiving the above referenced objections, the Auditor of State did not provide any compensation to non-Auditor of State employees “for services rendered in the creation of any Ohio General Assembly map that the Commission considered and/or adopted.” By way of further answer, the Auditor of State was not involved in the creation of any Ohio General Assembly map that the Commission considered and/or adopted.

INTERROGATORY #2 Identify all individuals with whom you and/or the Commission communicated about the 9/9 or 9/16 plan.

OBJECTION: Interrogatory #2 is overly broad, unduly burdensome, vague, duplicative, not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and not proportional to the needs of the case. Further, Interrogatory #2 seeks information not in the Auditor of State’s possession, custody, or control.



ANSWER: Without waiving the above referenced objections, the Auditor of State has openly and consistently communicated with innumerable individuals including constituents, voters, and advocacy groups throughout the process for the creation of general assembly district maps. The Auditor of State cannot possibly identify every individual that he has communicated with about the 9/9 or 9/16 plan. By way of further answer, information related to communications by the Ohio Redistricting Commission are in the possession of the Ohio Redistricting Commission.

INTERROGATORY #3 Identify all data and information about potential or actual Ohio General Assembly districts to which the map drawer(s) had access during the process of drawing the Commission's proposed or adopted maps, including but not limited to data or information showing partisan performance, incumbent addresses, and racial demographics.

ANSWER: The Auditor of State possesses no information responsive to Interrogatory #3. By way of further answer, the Auditor of State was not involved in the process of drawing the Commission's proposed or adopted maps.

INTERROGATORY #4 Identify all measures through which the map drawer(s) filtered data while drawing the Commission's proposed or adopted maps, including but not limited to partisan performance indices, voting age population by race, and incumbent addresses.

ANSWER: The Auditor of State possesses no information responsive to Interrogatory #4. By way of further answer, the Auditor of State was not involved in the process of drawing the Commission's proposed or adopted maps.



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RESPONDENT SECRETARY OF STATE FRANK LAROSE'S RESPONSES TO
RELATORS' FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES

Pursuant to Rules 26, 33, and 34 of the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure, Respondent Secretary of State Frank LaRose, in his official capacity as a Member of the Ohio Redistricting Commission responds to Relators' interrogatories:

DEFINITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

A. The following terms shall have the meanings indicated below:

- (1) The terms "Respondents," "you," and "your" shall mean: House Speaker Bob Cupp, Governor Mike DeWine, Secretary of State Frank LaRose, Auditor Keith Faber, and Senate President Matt Huffman individually, as a member of the Ohio Redistricting Commission, and in your capacities as House Speaker, Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor, and Senate President, respectively, as well as your present and former agents, assigns, employees, partners, successors, predecessors, associates, personnel, attorneys, and other persons or entities acting or purporting to act on your behalf.
- (2) The term "Commission" shall mean the Ohio Redistricting Commission.
- (3) The term "9/9 plan" shall mean the General Assembly maps presented by Senate President Matt Huffman to the Ohio Redistricting Commission on September 9, 2021, or any drafts thereof.
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INTERROGATORIES

INTERROGATORY #1 Identify and describe any persons who received compensation for services rendered in the creation of any Ohio General Assembly map that the Commission considered and/or adopted.

OBJECTION: Interrogatory #1 does not describe with reasonable particularity the meaning of “for services rendered.” Further, Interrogatory #1 is vague and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Finally, Interrogatory #1 seeks information not in the Secretary of State’s possession, custody, or control.

ANSWER: Without waiving the above referenced objections, the Secretary of State did not provide any compensation to non-Secretary of State employees “for services rendered in the creation of any Ohio General Assembly map that the Commission considered and/or adopted.” The Secretary of State does not possess any information responsive to Interrogatory No. 1. By way of further answer, the Secretary of State was not involved in the creation of any Ohio General Assembly map that the Commission considered and/or adopted.

INTERROGATORY #2 Identify all individuals with whom you and/or the Commission communicated about the 9/9 or 9/16 plan.

OBJECTION: Interrogatory #2 is overly broad, unduly burdensome, vague, duplicative, not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and not proportional to the needs of the case. Further, Interrogatory #2 seeks information not in the Secretary of State’s possession, custody, or control.



ANSWER: Without waiving the above referenced objections, the Secretary of State communicated with the other Commission members and certain members of his own staff throughout the process in the week leading up to September 15, 2021, that led to the Commission's adoption on the night of September 15, 2021 of the Commission-approved general assembly district plan. The Secretary of State cannot possibly identify every individual that he has communicated with about the 9/9 or 9/16 plan. By way of further answer, information related to communications by the Ohio Redistricting Commission are in the possession of the Ohio Redistricting Commission.

INTERROGATORY #3 Identify all data and information about potential or actual Ohio General Assembly districts to which the map drawer(s) had access during the process of drawing the Commission's proposed or adopted maps, including but not limited to data or information showing partisan performance, incumbent addresses, and racial demographics.

ANSWER: The Secretary of State possesses no information responsive to Interrogatory #3. By way of further answer, the Secretary of State was not involved in the process of drawing the Commission's proposed or adopted maps.

INTERROGATORY #4 Identify all measures through which the map drawer(s) filtered data while drawing the Commission's proposed or adopted maps, including but not limited to partisan performance indices, voting age population by race, and incumbent addresses.

ANSWER: The Secretary of State possesses no information responsive to Interrogatory #4. By way of further answer, the Secretary of State was not involved in the process of drawing the Commission's proposed or adopted maps.



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RESPONDENT HUFFMAN’S OBJECTIONS AND RESPONSES
TO RELATORS’ FIRST SET OF DISCOVERY
TO RESPONDENT SENATE PRESIDENT MATTHEW HUFFMAN

Respondent Senate President Matthew Huffman (“Senate President Huffman”), by and through undersigned counsel serves his objections and responses to Relators’ First Set of Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents as follows:

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

Senate President Huffman makes the following answers, responses, and objections to Relators’ First Set of Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents (“Discovery”). Each of the following responses is made subject to any and all objections as to competence, relevance, or other grounds that would require exclusion of such statement if made by a witness present and testifying in court. Any and all such objections and grounds are expressly reserved.

The responses are based on Senate President Huffman’s present knowledge, information, and belief, as derived from: (a) the knowledge and information of present employees or agents of Senate President Huffman gained in their capacity as such, and (b) a review of the documents and materials maintained by Senate President Huffman that would be likely to contain the information called for by the Interrogatory or Request. These responses are subject to amendment and supplementation as Senate President Huffman acquires additional information. Senate President Huffman states that his

INTERROGATORY #7

Identify and describe the timeline by which you drafted the Section 8(C)(2) statement, including (without limitation), when the first draft of the statement was started and when a draft of the statement was circulated to other members on the Commission. If you did not participate in drafting the Section 8(C)(2) statement, please identify the date and time at which you first reviewed the statement.

ANSWER: Senate President Huffman objects to this Interrogatory to the extent it seeks information covered by the attorney-client, work product, or legislative privileges. Subject to and without waiving this objection Senate President Huffman refers Relators to documents produced contemporaneously with these responses. Senate President Huffman further states that the Chief Legal Counsel for the Ohio Senate shared a draft of the statement with Commission members LaRose, DeWine, Faber, and Cupp on September 15, 2021.

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pursuant to Article XI.

**RESPONDENT GOVERNOR DEWINE'S RESPONSES
TO RELATORS' FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES**

Respondent Ohio Governor DeWine, in his official capacity as a Member of the Ohio
Redistricting Commission, hereby responds to the interrogatories below.

DEFINITIONS

1. Notwithstanding any definition set forth below, each word, term, or phrase used in
these Interrogatories is intended to have the broadest meaning permitted under the Ohio Rules of
Civil Procedure.

2. Words or terms not specifically defined herein have the meaning commonly
understood, and no definition is intended as exclusive.

3. Words or terms used herein, and all Definitions and Instructions pertinent thereto,
have the same intent and meaning regardless of whether the word(s) or term(s) are depicted in
lowercase or uppercase letters.

4. The term "relating to" means referring to, related to, relating to, regarding,
consisting of, pertaining to, reflecting, evidencing, describing, constituting, or being in any way

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shown, or commented on the Proposed Plan or on maps, data, or plans that You used to draft the Proposed Plan, incorporated into the Proposed Plan, or adopted as part or all of the Proposed Plan.

OBJECTIONS: Interrogatory No. 3 is overly broad, unduly burdensome, vague, duplicative, not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and not proportional to the needs of the case.

ANSWER: Without waiving the above referenced objections, the Proposed Plan became public prior to being amended into the adopted plan. The Proposed Plan was subject to multiple public hearings and many people commented and analyzed it including but not limited to media outlets and witnesses at the hearings. By way of further answer, the Governor had no involvement in the “drafting” of the Proposed Plan. The Governor was shown part of the Proposed Plan after it was completed as a courtesy prior to its introduction, and he understands that all members of the Commission Republican and Democrat were given that same courtesy.

INTERROGATORY NO. 4 Identify and Describe all instructions provided to individuals who drafted or created, or were in any way involved in the drafting or creation of, the state legislative maps enacted under the Enacted Plan, including but not limited to the map drawers and their staff.

OBJECTIONS: Interrogatory No. 4 does not describe with reasonable particularity the meaning of “in any way involved in the drafting or creation of ... the Enacted Plan” and therefore, it is overbroad, vague and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

ANSWER: Without waiving the above referenced objections, the Governor does not possess information responsive to Interrogatory No. 4. By way of further answer, the Governor had no involvement in the drafting or creation of the state legislative maps enacted under the Enacted Plan.

INTERROGATORY NO. 5 State whether You determined if the Proposed Plan or Enacted Plan complies with Article I, Section 2 of the Ohio Constitution and, if You determined that the Proposed Plan or Enacted Plan complies with Article I, Section 2 of the Ohio Constitution, then



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**RESPONDENT OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE FRANK LAROSE'S
RESPONSES TO RELATORS' FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES**

Pursuant to Rule 26 and 33 of the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure, Respondent Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose, in his official capacity as Member of the Ohio Redistricting Commission, hereby responds to each of the interrogatories below.

DEFINITIONS

1. Notwithstanding any definition set forth below, each word, term, or phrase used in these Interrogatories is intended to have the broadest meaning permitted under the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure.
2. Words or terms not specifically defined herein have the meaning commonly understood, and no definition is intended as exclusive.
3. Words or terms used herein, and all Definitions and Instructions pertinent thereto, have the same intent and meaning regardless of whether the word(s) or term(s) are depicted in lowercase or uppercase letters.

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shown, or commented on the Proposed Plan or on maps, data, or plans that You used to draft the Proposed Plan, incorporated into the Proposed Plan, or adopted as part or all of the Proposed Plan.

ANSWER: The Ohio Redistricting Commission possesses the information requested in Interrogatory No. 3. Other than persons who evaluated, reviewed, analyzed, were shown, or commented on the Proposed Plan during the Commission's hearings, who can be identified through the Commission's website, the Secretary of State does not possess information responsive to Interrogatory No. 3. By way of further answer, the Secretary of State had no involvement in the drafting of the Proposed Plan.

INTERROGATORY NO. 4 Identify and Describe all instructions provided to individuals who drafted or created, or were in any way involved in the drafting or creation of, the state legislative maps enacted under the Enacted Plan, including but not limited to the map drawers and their staff.

OBJECTIONS: Interrogatory No. 4 does not describe with reasonable particularity the meaning of "in any way involved in the drafting or creation of ... the Enacted Plan" and therefore, it is overbroad, vague and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

ANSWER: Without waiving the above referenced objections, other than Mr. Ray DiRossi's public presentation to the Commission of the Senate and House Republican district plan, which as amended on September 15, 2021 became the Enacted Plan, the Secretary of State does not possess information responsive to Interrogatory No. 4. By way of further answer, the Secretary of State had no involvement in the drafting or creation of the state legislative maps enacted under the Enacted Plan.

INTERROGATORY NO. 5 State whether You determined if the Proposed Plan or Enacted Plan



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**RESPONDENT FABER'S RESPONSES TO RELATORS'
FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES**

Respondent Ohio Auditor of State Keith Faber, in his official capacity as Member of the
Ohio Redistricting Commission, hereby responds to the interrogatories below.

DEFINITIONS

1. Notwithstanding any definition set forth below, each word, term, or phrase used
in these Interrogatories is intended to have the broadest meaning permitted under the Ohio Rules
of Civil Procedure.

2. Words or terms not specifically defined herein have the meaning commonly
understood, and no definition is intended as exclusive.

3. Words or terms used herein, and all Definitions and Instructions pertinent thereto,
have the same intent and meaning regardless of whether the word(s) or term(s) are depicted in
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4. The term "relating to" means referring to, related to, relating to, regarding,
consisting of, pertaining to, reflecting, evidencing, describing, constituting, or being in any way

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INTERROGATORY NO. 4 Identify and Describe all instructions provided to individuals who drafted or created, or were in any way involved in the drafting or creation of, the state legislative maps enacted under the Enacted Plan, including but not limited to the map drawers and their staff.

OBJECTIONS: Interrogatory No. 4 does not describe with reasonable particularity the meaning of “in any way involved in the drafting or creation of ... the Enacted Plan” and therefore, it is overbroad, vague and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

ANSWER: Without waiving the above referenced objections, the Auditor of State does not possess information responsive to Interrogatory No. 4. By way of further answer, the Auditor of State had no involvement in the drafting or creation of the state legislative maps enacted under the Enacted Plan.

INTERROGATORY NO. 5 State whether You determined if the Proposed Plan or Enacted Plan complies with Article I, Section 2 of the Ohio Constitution and, if You determined that the Proposed Plan or Enacted Plan complies with Article I, Section 2 of the Ohio Constitution, then Identify and Describe Your reasons for making that determination.

OBJECTION: The Auditor of State objects to the extent that Interrogatory No. 5 seeks confidential, privileged information that was made during the deliberative process and/or is protected by the attorney client privilege. Interrogatory No. 5 also seeks a legal conclusion which will not lead to discoverable information.

ANSWER: Without waiving the above referenced privileges, the Auditor stands by his statement at the September 15, 2021 Commission meeting which can be found at Minute 38:40 of the Commission’s transcript of the September 15, 2021 meeting.



DiRossi, Ray

From: Megan Stephens <Megan.Stephens@Hilton.com>
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 4:33 PM
To: DiRossi, Ray
Subject: DoubleTree Suites Columbus Downtown - Extended office / reservation space

Good Afternoon Ray,

Thank you for stopping in today to the DoubleTree Columbus. Very nice meeting you both. I hope to have the opportunity to work with you the next several months.

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From: DiRossi, Ray
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 8:55 AM
To: Morefield, Clinton
Subject: RE: Your Amazon.com order of "6" x HP 712 29ml Cyan DesignJet... and 14 more items.

thanks

From: Morefield, Clinton <Clinton.Morefield@ohiosenate.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 16, 2021 7:07 PM
To: DiRossi, Ray <Ray.DiRossi@ohiosenate.gov>
Subject: FW: Your Amazon.com order of "6" x HP 712 29ml Cyan DesignJet... and 14 more items.

From: Amazon.com <auto-confirm@amazon.com>
Sent: Friday, July 16, 2021 7:06 PM
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Order Confirmation

PO# cm0716211

This order is placed on behalf of State of Ohio.

Purchase Summary

today, July 16

Est. Delivery: Friday, July 23

TOTAL \$1,796.72

Clint Morefield
COLUMBUS, OH
United States

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Order 1 of 5 | Order #114-7784496-0743416



HP 712 29ml Cyan DesignJet Original Ink Cartridge for
T650, T630, T230, T210 & Studio Plotter Printers

\$777.12

\$129.52 | Qty : 6 | Sold by [Adorama](#)

Condition: New

Order 2 of 5 | Order #114-5535592-2883453



Logitech Desktop MK120-TAA Keyboard/Mouse Combo
(920-004218)

\$98.00

\$49.00 | Qty : 2 | Sold by [Prime Ship Service](#)

Condition: New

Order 3 of 5 | Order #114-8867306-8320209



USB Extension Cable 10FT Type A Male to Female USB
3.0 Extension Cord AINOPE High Data Transfer
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Flash Drive, Hard Drive, Printer

\$34.36

\$8.59 | Qty : 4 | Sold by [NiceTop](#)

Condition: New

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HP Q6575A Designjet Large Format Instant Dry Gloss
Photo Paper, 36-Inch x 100 ft, White

\$759.24

\$126.54 | Qty : 6 | Sold by [HiTouch Business Services](#)

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From: DiRossi, Ray
Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 9:47 AM
To: 'Megan Stephens'
Subject: RE: DoubleTree Suites Columbus Downtown - Extended office / reservation space

thanks for the quick information and proposal
let's stay in touch
Ray

From: Megan Stephens <Megan.Stephens@Hilton.com>
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 4:33 PM
To: DiRossi, Ray <Ray.DiRossi@ohiosenate.gov>
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From: D'amico , Christina <Christina.D'amico@marriott.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 1:29 PM
To: DiRossi, Ray
Cc: Speaks, Sherry
Subject: Renaissance Columbus Downtown

Good Afternoon, Ray

This is Christina D'Amico, the Sales Manager at the Renaissance Columbus Downtown.
I wanted to touch base and give you some pricing.

We are able to offer you two guest rooms at the government per diem rate of \$122.00 (per room per night) for the duration of your stay.

It terms of the conference space, I was told that is something we cannot accommodate as there are no specific dates in mind.
If you do have specific dates, the room rental would be between \$300.00 and \$400.00 per day.

If you would like us to reserve the two guest rooms starting August 1st, please let me know.

Thank you, Ray!

Sincerely,
Christina

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From: DiRossi, Ray
Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 1:40 PM
To: 'Mulch, Lindsay (F)'
Subject: RE: Courtyard Columbus Downtown

Lindsay –

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From: Mulch, Lindsay (F) <Lindsay.Mulch2@marriott.com>

Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 11:25 AM

To: DiRossi, Ray <Ray.DiRossi@ohiosenate.gov>

Subject: Courtyard Columbus Downtown

Good Morning Ray!

Thank you for stopping in yesterday, and it was great talking with you. For August-December of 2021 we can offer the **\$122** government per diem as the rate for the Local negotiated rate our tax rate is 17.50% and are not included in the \$122 rate. You would need to utilize 40-50 room nights during the August-December time frame, and we can certainly keep a check on file to route your room and tax charges to. Let me know if you would like to move forward and I can put together a Local Negotiated Rate Agreement for you (this will allow you to book when needed at the rate and will route charges for you). Please let me know if you have any further questions. Have a great rest of your week!

Thanks,

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Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 1:51 PM
To: 'D'amico , Christina'
Cc: Speaks, Sherry
Subject: RE: Renaissance Columbus Downtown

Christina
Thanks for the email

Let me clarify to make sure I understand
because as you will see below
I think you are suggesting rather large numbers which I can't make work with state resources

Anyway -- FYI -- the dates for the conference / meeting space would be the same
August 1st through December 6th

That's 123 days

so it sounds like your suggesting
if just renting 2 rooms for overnight sleep
it would be $\$122 * \text{taxes @ } 17.5\% * 123 \text{ nights} * 2 = \$ 35,264.1$

if we wanted the conference room for our office -- and also rooms for overnight sleeping
it would be $\$350$ (number between $\$300$ and $\$400$) * taxes @ 17.5% * 123 nights = $\$50,583.75$

Let me know if I have a error in this methodology

Those are very large #s

Thanks
Ray

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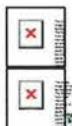
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From: DiRossi, Ray
Sent: Friday, July 23, 2021 9:15 AM
To: 'Kezia Ross'
Subject: RE: Residence Inn Downtown hotel and workspace

Kezia

Thanks for the time the other day to show us the facilities
looks like we are heading down a separate path with office space in a state building
not finalized yet but I'm pretty sure that's where we will end up
I'll be in touch if that changes

Thank you

From: Kezia Ross <Kezia.Ross@concordhotels.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2021 3:50 PM
To: DiRossi, Ray <Ray.DiRossi@ohiosenate.gov>
Subject: Residence Inn Downtown hotel and workspace

Hi Ray –

I hope all is well.

Checking in to see if you have made your decision on where to do your three month project. I think you guys would be most comfortable here at our property and have the best service experience as well, so hopefully we can continue the conversation.

Looking forward to hearing back from you!

Kindly,

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From: Kezia Ross <Kezia.Ross@concordhotels.com>
Sent: Friday, July 23, 2021 10:16 AM
To: DiRossi, Ray
Subject: RE: Residence Inn Downtown hotel and workspace

Good to know, thank you. My commentary still stands. :) Reach out if you are unhappy and want to try something else. If not, no worries – I truly appreciate the opportunity to have had a tour with you and your colleague as a potential option for your long term project.

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I don't think it's going to be the Sheraton

From: Kezia Ross <Kezia.Ross@concordhotels.com>
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Subject: RE: Residence Inn Downtown hotel and workspace

Sheraton, got it. ;-)

If you don't like it, or want something that has breakfast included and kitchens, reach out. We'd love to have you guys stay with us.

Take care,

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likely but probably closer to the state office building where the work will be done
I'll be in touch if the location changes
Thanks

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Subject: RE: Residence Inn Downtown hotel and workspace

Hi Ray –

Thanks for the update!

Do you still need sleeping rooms? Happy to assist with rate there as well. Let me know.

Kindly,

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Sent: Friday, July 23, 2021 3:10 PM
To: 'Mulch, Lindsay (F)'
Subject: RE: Courtyard Columbus Downtown
Attachments: 2021_Corporate_Ohio Senate Majority Caucus.pdf

Lindsay

please change Ohio Senate Majority Caucus to the info below as they will be the State of Ohio entity making the payment and then resend a copy to me

Thanks

Ray

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Sent: Friday, July 23, 2021 10:44 AM
To: DiRossi, Ray <Ray.DiRossi@ohiosenate.gov>
Subject: Re: Courtyard Columbus Downtown

Attached is the updated document, please let me know if you need me to adjust anything.

Thanks,

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Subject: Re: Courtyard Columbus Downtown

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Look forward to receiving it
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Perfect! I will work on the proposal/agreement and send it over to you by the end of this week to look over.

Check-out is 12pm each day

if we check in at 1AM on Saturday AM and don't leave till Noon on Sunday
would that be one "stay" or 2?

That would only be 1 day charge.

Thanks,

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Thank you for stopping in yesterday, and it was great talking with you. For August-December of 2021 we can offer the **\$122** government per diem as the rate for the Local negotiated rate our tax rate is 17.50% and are not included in the \$122 rate. You would need to utilize 40-50 room nights during the August-December time frame, and we can certainly keep a check on file to route your room and tax charges to. Let me know if you would like to move forward and I can put together a Local Negotiated Rate Agreement for you (this will allow you to book when needed at the rate and will route charges for you). Please let me know if you have any further questions. Have a great rest of your week!

Thanks,

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The following represents an agreement between Courtyard Columbus Downtown and **Ohio Senate Majority Caucus**.

ORGANIZATION: Ohio Senate Majority Caucus **CONTACT:**

Name: Ray DiRossi
Address: Statehouse, Suite 205
City, State, Zip: Columbus, OH 43215
Country: United States
Phone Number: 614.466.4947
E-mail Address: ray.dirossi@ohiosenate.gov
Website: <https://www.ohiosenate.gov>

CORPORATE GUEST ROOM RATES

Courtyard Columbus Downtown are pleased to extend the following Special Rates to **Ohio Senate Majority Caucus** travelers:

Season Start Date	Season End Date	Room Type	Rate
08/2/2021	12/7/2021	King	\$122.00
08/2/2021	12/7/2021	Double	Taxes not included

Guest room check-in time is 3:00pm and check-out time is 12:00pm. There will be a late charge for departures after 12:00pm.

These rates are **LAST ROOM AVAILABILITY** and are net non-commissionable. These rates do not include applicable state and local taxes.

COMMITMENT:

The Courtyard Columbus Downtown commits to honor these rates and **Ohio Senate Majority Caucus** agrees to communicate with its frequent travelers, naming Courtyard Columbus Downtown as one of its preferred hotels in Columbus, OH.

As part of our agreement with **Ohio Senate Majority Caucus**, we will provide the following:

- If Ohio Senate Majority Caucus does not utilize 40 stays during the time frame listed in this agreement there is no refund of the original pre-payment of \$5,734 check.
- If Ohio Senate Majority Caucus. Utilizes more than 40 room nights a room is still guaranteed during the timeframe listed above at a rate of \$122 plus applicable taxes.

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- If Ohio Senate Majority Caucus has separate rooms staying overnight it would be charged against the 40 stays as 2 separate stays.

BILLING PROCEDURES:

Room and Tax will be routed to the master account- A check will be provided to pre-pay for 40 nights at the state govt. per diem ($\$122 * 1.1750 = \143.35) totaling \$5,734 with taxes included.

On-Site Parking:

Hotel rates do not include parking charges. Current charges (at time of signing) are **\$28.00 for overnight parking** through a third-party vendor and are subject to change. Arrangements for over-sized vehicles must be arranged in advance.

Individual Room Cancellation:

In the event individual room reservations are cancelled later than the standard Courtyard Cancellation Policy at the time of booking, the individual agrees to pay the Hotel a cancellation fee equal to the first night's room and tax.

Impossibility:

The performance of this Agreement is subject to any circumstance beyond the control of either party making it illegal or impossible to provide or use the Hotel facilities, including acts of God, war, disaster, strikes, civil disorder, or curtailment of transportation facilities. The Agreement may be terminated only for any one of the above reasons by written notice from either Hotel or Ohio Senate Majority Caucus to the other within ten (10) days of learning of the basis for termination. The following events and/or conditions (which are not intended to be an all-inclusive list) shall not be considered a basis for termination of this Agreement and shall not relieve either party of its obligations under this Agreement: (i) economic downturn or conditions; (ii) either party's financial inability to perform for any reason (including, for example, a lack of funding); or (iii) a change of ownership or management of either the Hotel or Ohio Senate Majority Caucus.

Compliance with Law:

This Agreement is subject to all applicable federal, state and local laws, including health and safety codes, alcoholic beverage control laws, disability laws and the like. Hotel and Ohio Senate Majority Caucus agree to cooperate with each other to ensure compliance with such laws.

Litigation Expenses:

The parties agree that, in the event litigation relating to this Agreement is filed by either party, the non-prevailing party in such litigation will pay the prevailing party's costs resulting from the litigation, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

Governing Law:

This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the state where the Hotel is located.

Changes, Additions and other Modifications:

Any changes, additions, addendums, stipulations or deletions, including but not limited to corrective marks and lining out (referred to as "Modifications"), by either party will not be considered agreed to by or binding on the other party and will not be incorporated in this Agreement unless such Modifications have been initialed or otherwise approved in writing by both parties.

Marriott Bonvoy:

Any Ohio Senate Majority Caucus traveler may become a member of our Marriott Bonvoy Rewards program at no cost and with no minimum stay. The Marriott Bonvoy Rewards Program is a frequent guest program designed to provide awards and benefits for individuals that stay at any Marriott Hotel.

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Samples of benefits that the member receives are: airline miles, points to be used towards free nights at any Marriott Hotel, vacation packages, express check-in and check-out. Membership application forms may be obtained through Marriottrewards.com.

The following billing arrangements apply: Room and Tax to Master Account

To accept this agreement, please sign and return the enclosed copy. Upon receipt of the executed agreement, we will enter your special corporate rate into our system. Please keep a copy of this agreement for your records. In the event a fully signed original of this Agreement is not received by **July 31, 2021**; Courtyard Columbus Downtown reserves the right to renegotiate these terms.

ACCEPTED AND AGREED:

Ohio Senate Majority Caucus

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

COURTYARD COLUMBUS DOWNTOWN

Signature: _____

Printed Name: Liz Buxton

Title: General Manager

Date: _____

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DiRossi, Ray

From: Ray DiRossi <raydirossi@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 23, 2021 9:23 PM
To: Traci Grivno
Subject: Re: Furniture Rental Need for Ohio Senate

Traci

Thanks for the follow up
the wheels turning a little slower then i would like but we are looking at staying in a state office building
(unfurnished) and trying to see what if any general office furniture would be available to us

So still working through it and hope next week I will know a lot more details

Thanks

Ray

On Fri, Jul 23, 2021 at 4:00 PM Traci Grivno <Traci.Grivno@cort.com> wrote:

Hi Ray,

I just wanted to follow up regarding the furniture rental quote I provided earlier this week and to see if you've
made any decision regarding whether to go with furniture or unfurnished space.

Thanks!

Traci Grivno

Sr. Manager, Client Services

CORT, A Berkshire Hathaway Company

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From: Ray DiRossi <raydirossi@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 9:03 AM

To: Traci Grivno <Traci.Grivno@cort.com>
Subject: Re: Furniture Rental Need for Ohio Senate

Attention! This email originated outside of CORT from a non-CORT employee

Thanks

looks straightforward

I hope to get answers quick

1 question - is the \$250 fee for "Delivery, Installation and Pickup Fee"

is it \$250 for all of those? or \$250 for each?

i assume \$250 for all 3 but just wanted to verify

Ray

On Mon, Jul 19, 2021 at 9:20 AM Traci Grivno <Traci.Grivno@cort.com> wrote:

Hi Ray,

Not a problem; I understood what you meant.

Please see the attached. I did make one adjustment on the sofa due to current inventory. Inventory is subject to availability.

If you would like pricing for desks (versus the folding tables) and conf table (versus the 2 dining tables), please let me know.

Thanks!

Traci Grivno

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From: Ray DiRossi <raydirossi@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 8:12 AM
To: Traci Grivno <Traci.Grivno@cort.com>
Subject: Re: Furniture Rental Need for Ohio Senate

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Traci

Just saw this typo in my email

"I have a return at 1030AM Monday"

should have been

I have a meeting at 1030AM Monday"

Ray

On Fri, Jul 16, 2021 at 4:16 PM Ray DiRossi <raydirossi@gmail.com> wrote:

Thanks Traci

All makes sense

I have a return at 1030AM Monday

Would like to finalize

We are looking at 2 different options. One furnished and one not

So this info proposal is very helpful and right on time

Thanks

Ray

On Fri, Jul 16, 2021 at 3:24 PM Traci Grivno <Traci.Grivno@cort.com> wrote:

Hi Ray,

Thank you for the additional information below.

We can certainly set this up to bill to the Legislative Service Commission. As it is a state agency, it would still be eligible for the Sourcewell pricing.

Regarding the lease term, we could set this up as a 3 month rental. Once the initial term, it would automatically continue on a month to month basis. Lease would end upon pickup of furniture; you would just need to schedule when ready , with a minimum of 15 days' notice.

Let me take a look at available inventory in our Columbus facility. I'll put together a proposal based upon what they have that best meets the list below at the Sourcewell rates. I will have this to you no later than Monday at 10 AM.

Thank you,

Traci

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From: Ray DiRossi <raydirossi@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 16, 2021 2:03 PM
To: Traci Grivno <Traci.Grivno@cort.com>
Subject: Re: Furniture Rental Need for Ohio Senate

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Thanks Traci

It is a state function

so we could bill to Ohio Senate if we have to but

if I can bill to the Legislative Service Commission (also a state agency)

thats where the money would come from ultimately

I need short term rental

Perfect world for me - see below

Delivery on or before August 1st 2021 and I need everything through November 8th for sure

but possible through December 6th - won't know until late October if I need the time in November

Im open to ideas but would be interested to know the cost of renting and having these items delivered and picked up and a total out the door price

my notations PM = per month

and PM X3 would mean I need 3 of the items

happy to see other suggestions but i have some state office space that is barren right now and just need to make it functional for short term use

see below

Ray

Kitchen

Refrigerator	Item: #P1604140	\$103.50 PM
Microwave	Item: #P1604214	\$16.50 PM

Office

1 sofa	Item: #P1006547	\$45.50 PM X2
Dorian End Table X4	Item: #P2014060	\$18 PM per
Office work chairs	Item: #P7034411	\$29 PM per X3
Folding table	Item: #P6604507	\$???? PM X3
Dorian Rectangular Table / Conference Table	Item: #P4025290	\$30.50 PM X2
Prince Side Chair / Seating chairs	Item: #P4035385	\$10 per X6
TV	Item: #P1504872	\$37.50 PM
TV stand	Item: #P2104659	\$22.00 PM
Floor Lamp	Item: #P1124497	\$11.00 PM X3

On Fri, Jul 16, 2021 at 2:50 PM Traci Grivno <Traci.Grivno@cort.com> wrote:

Hi Ray,

I understand you have an upcoming furniture rental need for the Ohio Senate. If you would provide some specifics of what you are looking to rent and for how long, I can assist with providing some product options and pricing.

CORT does hold a Sourcewell contract, and the State of Ohio is a Sourcewell member, so if this will bill to the Ohio Senate, we could utilize the discounted Sourcewell pricing.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Thank you,

Traci



Traci Grivno

Sr. Manager, Client Services

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DiRossi, Ray

From: DiRossi, Ray
Sent: Monday, July 26, 2021 9:16 AM
To: 'Mulch, Lindsay (F)'
Subject: RE: Courtyard Columbus Downtown

thanks!

From: Mulch, Lindsay (F) <Lindsay.Mulch2@marriott.com>
Sent: Monday, July 26, 2021 8:32 AM
To: DiRossi, Ray <Ray.DiRossi@ohiosenate.gov>
Subject: Re: Courtyard Columbus Downtown

Absolutely! Attached is the updated agreement. Please let me know if you need anything further.

Thanks,

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From: DiRossi, Ray <Ray.DiRossi@ohiosenate.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 23, 2021 3:58 PM
To: Mulch, Lindsay (F) <Lindsay.Mulch2@marriott.com>
Subject: RE: Courtyard Columbus Downtown

Thanks Lindsay
through the document where is says
"Ohio Senate Majority Caucus"

can you change that to

Ohio Legislative Service Commission

From: Mulch, Lindsay (F) <Lindsay.Mulch2@marriott.com>
Sent: Friday, July 23, 2021 3:22 PM
To: DiRossi, Ray <Ray.DiRossi@ohiosenate.gov>
Subject: Re: Courtyard Columbus Downtown

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From: DiRossi, Ray <Ray.DiRossi@ohiosenate.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 23, 2021 3:10 PM
To: Mulch, Lindsay (F) <Lindsay.Mulch2@marriott.com>
Subject: RE: Courtyard Columbus Downtown

Lindsay
please change Ohio Senate Majority Caucus to the info below as they will be the State of Ohio entity making the payment
and then resend a copy to me
Thanks
Ray

Ohio Legislative Service Commission
Legislative Task Force on Redistricting, Reapportionment & Demographic Research
c/o Kristin Rhee, Fiscal Officer
77 S. High Street, 9th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215
614.466.3278
Kristin.Rhee@lsc.ohio.gov

From: Mulch, Lindsay (F) <Lindsay.Mulch2@marriott.com>
Sent: Friday, July 23, 2021 10:44 AM
To: DiRossi, Ray <Ray.DiRossi@ohiosenate.gov>
Subject: Re: Courtyard Columbus Downtown

Attached is the updated document, please let me know if you need me to adjust anything.

Thanks,

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From: Mulch, Lindsay (F) <Lindsay.Mulch2@marriott.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2021 1:41 PM
To: DiRossi, Ray <Ray.DiRossi@ohiosenate.gov>
Subject: Re: Courtyard Columbus Downtown

Hi Ray!

Attached is the proposal/agreement, please let me know if you have any questions on any of the sections or would like anything added. Have a great rest of your week.

Thanks,

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From: DiRossi, Ray <Ray.DiRossi@ohiosenate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2021 9:44 AM
To: Mulch, Lindsay (F) <Lindsay.Mulch2@marriott.com>
Subject: RE: Courtyard Columbus Downtown

Thanks
Look forward to receiving it
Ray

From: Mulch, Lindsay (F) <Lindsay.Mulch2@marriott.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2021 9:29 AM
To: DiRossi, Ray <Ray.DiRossi@ohiosenate.gov>
Subject: Re: Courtyard Columbus Downtown

Perfect! I will work on the proposal/agreement and send it over to you by the end of this week to look over.

Check-out is 12pm each day

if we check in at 1AM on Saturday AM and don't leave till Noon on Sunday
would that be one "stay" or 2?
That would only be 1 day charge.

Thanks,

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From: DiRossi, Ray <Ray.DiRossi@ohiosenate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 1:40 PM
To: Mulch, Lindsay (F) <Lindsay.Mulch2@marriott.com>
Subject: RE: Courtyard Columbus Downtown

Lindsay –

Thanks for the email

OK -- not finalized but I can take another step forward

Can you send me an invoice / proposal along the lines of what we discussed?

We will be using this space for sleeping only as we will be working in a traditional office building nearby

I would like to pre-pay for 40 nights at the state govt. per diem of \$122 * 1.1750 = \$143.35

Things to include in the invoice / proposal

Time frame: Starts Monday August 2nd and goes through Tuesday December 7th

If we don't utilize 40 stays – there is no refund

If we utilize 40 stays – a room is still guaranteed during that timeframe but for an additional charge of \$122 plus applicable taxes

If we are both staying overnight but want 2 separate rooms – that can be accommodated but it would be charged against the 40 stays as 2 separate stays

For my information – what time is check out each day?

want to make sure we are on the same page if checkout is 10AM

if we check in at 1AM on Saturday AM and don't leave till Noon on Sunday

would that be one "stay" or 2?

Ray DiRossi

Director of Finance and Budget

Ohio Senate Majority Caucus

Statehouse, Suite 205

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ray.dirosi@ohiosenate.gov

From: Mulch, Lindsay (F) <Lindsay.Mulch2@marriott.com>

Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 11:25 AM

To: DiRossi, Ray <Ray.DiRossi@ohiosenate.gov>

Subject: Courtyard Columbus Downtown

Good Morning Ray!

Thank you for stopping in yesterday, and it was great talking with you. For August-December of 2021 we can offer the \$122 government per diem as the rate for the Local negotiated rate our tax rate is 17.50% and are not included in the \$122 rate. You would need to utilize 40-50 room nights during the August-December time frame, and we can certainly keep a check on file to route your room and tax charges to. Let me know if you would like to move forward and I can put together a Local Negotiated Rate Agreement for you (this will allow you to book when needed at the rate and will route charges for you). Please let me know if you have any further questions. Have a great rest of your week!

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DiRossi, Ray

From: Ray DiRossi <raydirossi@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2021 9:55 AM
To: DiRossi, Ray
Subject: Fwd: Your Order From the Caliper Online Store

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From: <DoNotReply@caliper.com>
Date: Thu, Jul 29, 2021 at 1:15 PM
Subject: Your Order From the Caliper Online Store
To: <raydirossi@gmail.com>

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Thanks for your order, Ray DiRossi!

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DiRossi, Ray

From: Ray DiRossi <raydirossi@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2021 9:55 AM
To: DiRossi, Ray
Subject: Fwd: Your Order From the Caliper Online Store

----- Forwarded message -----

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Date: Thu, Jul 29, 2021 at 1:14 PM
Subject: Your Order From the Caliper Online Store
To: <raydirossi@gmail.com>

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DiRossi, Ray

From: Wendy.Zhan@lsc.ohio.gov
Sent: Sunday, August 1, 2021 4:21 PM
To: DiRossi, Ray
Subject: RE: MOU

Ray, I think I just need a letter like the one you attached to the Marriott contract. Since I'm not the actual user, I need a letter from Sen. McColley that will authorize the contract/expenditure and direct me to sign the MOU. I'm sure Frank and Paul will take care of the actual MOU.

Wendy

From: DiRossi, Ray <Ray.DiRossi@ohiosenate.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2021 3:40 PM
To: Wendy Zhan <Wendy.Zhan@lsc.ohio.gov>
Subject: FW: MOU

Wendy

This is a 1st DRAFT of the facility MOU between BWC and DAS and LSC

I now Frank has some edits and The draft was sent to Paul also for review

Wanted you to see so you could look at it also and see what edits needed to be made before being entered into

Ray

DiRossi, Ray

From: Strigari, Frank
Sent: Friday, August 6, 2021 8:25 AM
To: Barron, John
Cc: DiRossi, Ray
Subject: Re: (Case CC321543) MORE: Ohio Senate Price and Requirements Inquiry

You probably already know and have discussed, but Clint was also supposed to be talking to Kurt McDowell to have LIS try to do this.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 6, 2021, at 8:22 AM, Barron, John <John.Barron@ohiosenate.gov> wrote:

From: "Rowe, Mike" <Mike.Rowe@ohiosenate.gov>
Date: Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 1:23 PM
To: "Barron, John" <John.Barron@ohiosenate.gov>, "Morefield, Clinton" <Clinton.Morefield@ohiosenate.gov>
Subject: FW: (Case CC321543) MORE: Ohio Senate Price and Requirements Inquiry

Hi John and Clint,

Here's info and a quote for public submission software. It's a simplified version of Maptitude and would use the same data. We've been told that Kentucky is using it. You can see how the software functions by going to this test site:

<https://inzolia.caliper.com/texas/Default.aspx>.

Mike Rowe

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

From: Tracy Horgan [mailto:sales@caliper.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 04, 2021 4:42 PM
To: Routt, Randall
Subject: Re: (Case CC321543) MORE: Ohio Senate Price and Requirements Inquiry

Hi, Randall,

Thank you for your message. I was awaiting our pricing team's response on the pricing.

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Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Tracy Horgan

Director, Redistricting Services | Caliper Corporation

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Routt, Randall" <Randall.Routt@ohiosenate.gov>
Reply-To: "Routt, Randall" <Randall.Routt@ohiosenate.gov>
Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2021 15:49:04 +0000
To: "Tracy Horgan" <sales@caliper.com>
Subject: RE: (Case CC321543) MORE: Ohio Senate Price and Requirements Inquiry

>Tracy,
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>Let me know when you can provide me with the cost of your public software package for Ohio.
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>Thanks,
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>Randall
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>From: Tracy Horgan [<mailto:sales@caliper.com>]
>Sent: Tuesday, August 03, 2021 4:42 PM
>To: Routt, Randall
>Subject: Re: (Case CC321543) MORE: Ohio Senate Price and Requirements Inquiry
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>
>Hi, Randall,
>
>Thank you for contacting us. I understand you would like pricing for Maptitude for Online Redistricting. Which version are you interested in, the internal (Legislators only) version, or external (Public)?
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>Best regards,
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>Tracy Horgan
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>Director, Redistricting Services | Caliper Corporation
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DiRossi, Ray

From: Courtyard By Marriott Reservations <reservations@res-marriott.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 14, 2021 1:26 PM
To: DiRossi, Ray
Subject: Reservation Confirmation #87170969 for Courtyard Columbus Downtown

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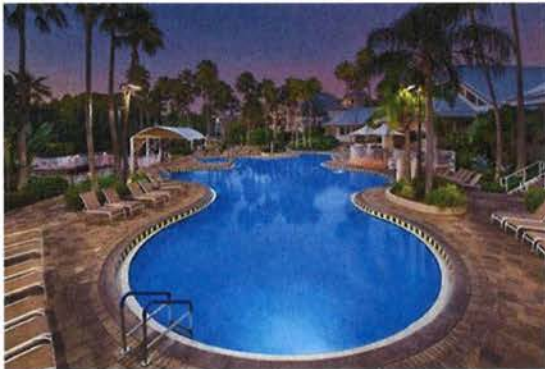
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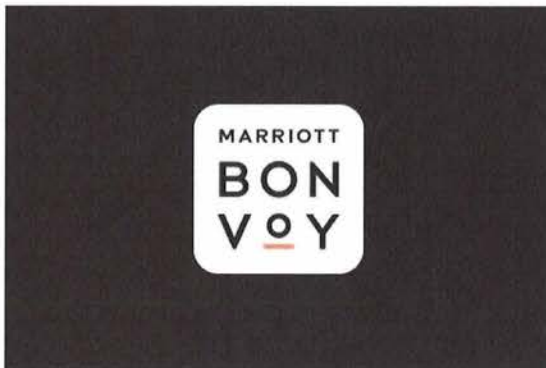
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Estimated Government Taxes & Fees	21.35 USD
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Totals

Total for Stay (all rooms)	143.35 USD
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DiRossi, Ray

From: Balmert, Jessie <jbalmert@gannett.com>
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 9:27 AM
To: DiRossi, Ray
Subject: Technical redistricting questions

Basically, here are the items I wanted to double check:

Here's my understanding of how the constitutional changes will work with our new numbers:

1. Columbus is the only municipality that exceeds a congressional district's population. (The constitution allows for including the population of cities wholly contained like Bexley for Columbus or Norwood in Cincinnati but I don't think that would bump Cleveland or Cincinnati up)
2. Cleveland and Cincinnati can't be split as the most populous cities in counties that exceed a congressional ratio. I believe Toledo, Akron and Dayton (though between 100K and the ratio) could still be divided because their counties aren't populous enough.
3. I'm not sure if this language means these counties can have multiple districts or districts can include multiple of these counties, but those over 400K include: Franklin County, Cuyahoga County, Hamilton County, Summit County, Montgomery County, Lucas County
(No two congressional districts shall share portions of the territory of more than one county, except for a county whose population exceeds four hundred thousand.)
4. Here's my estimate of Ohio House districts. Would Franklin County get 10 or 11 districts based on this language?
"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."

Franklin County, Ohio	10.6
Cuyahoga County, Ohio	10.1
Hamilton County, Ohio	6.6
Summit County, Ohio	4.3
Montgomery County, Ohio	4.3
Lucas County, Ohio	3.4
Butler County, Ohio	3.1
Stark County, Ohio	3.0
Lorain County, Ohio	2.5
Warren County, Ohio	1.9
Lake County, Ohio	1.9
Mahoning County, Ohio	1.8
Delaware County, Ohio	1.7
Clermont County, Ohio	1.7
Trumbull County, Ohio	1.6
Medina County, Ohio	1.5
Licking County, Ohio	1.4
Greene County, Ohio	1.3
Portage County, Ohio	1.3
Fairfield County, Ohio	1.3
Clark County, Ohio	1.1
Wood County, Ohio	1.1

5. Two counties, Richland and Wayne, appear to meet this threshold: 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.
6. This is my estimate for Senate districts:

Franklin County, Ohio	3.7
Cuyahoga County, Ohio	3.5
Hamilton County, Ohio	2.3
Summit County, Ohio	1.5
Montgomery County, Ohio	1.5
Lucas County, Ohio	1.2
Butler County, Ohio	1.1
Stark County, Ohio	1.0

Thanks!
Jessie

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DiRossi, Ray

From: Mulch, Lindsay (F) <Lindsay.Mulch2@marriott.com>
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 10:04 AM
To: DiRossi, Ray
Subject: Re: Redistricting Task Force contract

Hi Ray!

unfortunately, I did not have the rate code approved yet from Marriott to have it ready in the system my apologies. But I did check and both rooms were routed to the check and good to go. The front desk had not been briefed on the specifics just yet so my apologies if there was any confusion during check in. Marriott is saying 5-7 business days for the rate load, but if you are able to utilize the government rate until then please do and we will route the charges as needed.

Thanks,

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From: DiRossi, Ray <Ray.DiRossi@ohiosenate.gov>
Sent: Saturday, August 14, 2021 1:36 PM
To: Mulch, Lindsay (F) <Lindsay.Mulch2@marriott.com>
Subject: RE: Redistricting Task Force contract

Lindsay
FYI

I just made 2 reservation just now for 2 out of town guests that are coming int town and need 2 rooms Sunday night Good chance to make sure the system you set up works and everything gets billed against the prepaid account as we discussed

Reservation #87170969

Reservation #87174869

thanks
Ray

From: Mulch, Lindsay (F) [Lindsay.Mulch2@marriott.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 10:59 AM
To: DiRossi, Ray
Subject: Re: Redistricting Task Force contract

Hi Ray!

We're just waiting for confirmation from Marriott that the rate is loaded and ready to use. Hopefully I receive it by tomorrow and I will send all of the instructions on booking.

Thanks,

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From: DiRossi, Ray <Ray.DiRossi@ohiosenate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 9:19 AM
To: Mulch, Lindsay (F) <Lindsay.Mulch2@marriott.com>; Kristin.Rhee@lsc.ohio.gov <Kristin.Rhee@lsc.ohio.gov>; Wendy.Zhan@lsc.ohio.gov <Wendy.Zhan@lsc.ohio.gov>
Subject: RE: Redistricting Task Force contract

thanks for confirmation

From: Mulch, Lindsay (F) <Lindsay.Mulch2@marriott.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 9:14 AM
To: Kristin.Rhee@lsc.ohio.gov; DiRossi, Ray <Ray.DiRossi@ohiosenate.gov>; Wendy.Zhan@lsc.ohio.gov
Subject: Re: Redistricting Task Force contract

Good Morning!

We received the check late yesterday, so we will process it now and get everything setup in the system. 😊

Thanks,

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From: Kristin.Rhee@lsc.ohio.gov <Kristin.Rhee@lsc.ohio.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 9:40 AM
To: Mulch, Lindsay (F) <Lindsay.Mulch2@marriott.com>; Ray.DiRossi@ohiosenate.gov <Ray.DiRossi@ohiosenate.gov>;
Wendy.Zhan@lsc.ohio.gov <Wendy.Zhan@lsc.ohio.gov>
Subject: RE: Redistricting Task Force contract

Okay, that's great, Lindsay. Thank you so much!

KRISTIN RHEE, Fiscal Officer
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Kristin.Rhee@lsc.ohio.gov

From: Mulch, Lindsay (F) <Lindsay.Mulch2@marriott.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 9:08 AM
To: Kristin Rhee <Kristin.Rhee@lsc.ohio.gov>; Ray DiRossi <Ray.DiRossi@ohiosenate.gov>; Wendy Zhan
<Wendy.Zhan@lsc.ohio.gov>
Subject: Re: Redistricting Task Force contract

That is perfectly fine. Thank you! I will confirm with you once I have received it.

Thanks,

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From: Kristin.Rhee@lsc.ohio.gov <Kristin.Rhee@lsc.ohio.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 9:01 AM
To: Ray.DiRossi@ohiosenate.gov <Ray.DiRossi@ohiosenate.gov>; Mulch, Lindsay (F) <Lindsay.Mulch2@marriott.com>;
Wendy.Zhan@lsc.ohio.gov <Wendy.Zhan@lsc.ohio.gov>
Subject: RE: Redistricting Task Force contract

Well, darn, I never thought of that. Unfortunately, once it's entered a certain way into OAKS, I can't change how it's distributed. I'm sorry, because that is a very good idea.
I hope it's okay that it gets to you, Lindsay, at the end of this week or early next?
-Kristin

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Kristin.Rhee@lsc.ohio.gov

From: DiRossi, Ray <Ray.DiRossi@ohiosenate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 6:19 PM
To: Kristin Rhee <Kristin.Rhee@lsc.ohio.gov>; 'Mulch, Lindsay (F)' <Lindsay.Mulch2@marriott.com>; Wendy Zhan <Wendy.Zhan@lsc.ohio.gov>
Subject: RE: Redistricting Task Force contract

I don't want to disrupt anything
but if its easier
I can pick up the check and hand deliver it
Ray

From: Kristin.Rhee@lsc.ohio.gov <Kristin.Rhee@lsc.ohio.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 4:14 PM
To: 'Mulch, Lindsay (F)' <Lindsay.Mulch2@marriott.com>; Wendy.Zhan@lsc.ohio.gov
Cc: DiRossi, Ray <Ray.DiRossi@ohiosenate.gov>
Subject: RE: Redistricting Task Force contract

Hello - The state accounting system just refreshed and the check will be mailed out from the Treasurer's Office on 8/5/21. Please let me know if you don't receive it.
Thank you!
-Kristin

KRISTIN RHEE, Fiscal Officer

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From: Mulch, Lindsay (F) <Lindsay.Mulch2@marriott.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 10:47 AM
To: Wendy Zhan <Wendy.Zhan@lsc.ohio.gov>
Cc: Ray DiRossi <Ray.DiRossi@ohiosenate.gov>; Kristin Rhee <Kristin.Rhee@lsc.ohio.gov>
Subject: Re: Redistricting Task Force contract

Thank you for the update!

Thanks,

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From: Wendy.Zhan@lsc.ohio.gov <Wendy.Zhan@lsc.ohio.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 10:44 AM
To: Mulch, Lindsay (F) <Lindsay.Mulch2@marriott.com>
Cc: Ray.DiRossi@ohiosenate.gov <Ray.DiRossi@ohiosenate.gov>; Kristin.Rhee@lsc.ohio.gov <Kristin.Rhee@lsc.ohio.gov>
Subject: RE: Redistricting Task Force contract

Good morning, Lindsay! We processed the invoice yesterday. The payment is moving through the system now.

Kristin, would you please let Lindsay know when the check was issued by the Treasurer's office?

Thanks,
Wendy

From: Mulch, Lindsay (F) <Lindsay.Mulch2@marriott.com>
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2021 10:57 AM
To: Wendy Zhan <Wendy.Zhan@lsc.ohio.gov>

Cc: Ray DiRossi <Ray.DiRossi@ohiosenate.gov>; Kristin Rhee <Kristin.Rhee@lsc.ohio.gov>
Subject: Re: Redistricting Task Force contract

Good Morning!

Attached is the invoice for the rooms you requested. Please let me know once payment has been sent out so I can be on the lookout for it. Have a great weekend!

Thanks,

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From: Wendy.Zhan@lsc.ohio.gov <Wendy.Zhan@lsc.ohio.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2021 9:46 AM
To: Mulch, Lindsay (F) <Lindsay.Mulch2@marriott.com>
Cc: Ray.DiRossi@ohiosenate.gov <Ray.DiRossi@ohiosenate.gov>; Kristin.Rhee@lsc.ohio.gov <Kristin.Rhee@lsc.ohio.gov>
Subject: Redistricting Task Force contract

Lindsay, attached please find the signed the contract. Per our phone conversation, once we receive the invoice we'll process the payment. Thanks.

Wendy Zhan
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DiRossi, Ray

From: Courtyard by Marriott <noreply@marriott.com>
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 12:33 PM
To: DiRossi, Ray
Subject: Your Sunday, Aug 15, 2021 - Monday, Aug 16, 2021 Stay at CY COLUMBUS DOWNTOWN
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16Aug21	Starbucks Revenue	2.00	
16Aug21	Sales Tax	0.15	
16Aug21	Visa		2.15

Card #: VXXXXXXXXXXXX8699/XXXX
Amount: 2.15 Auth: 074922
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DiRossi, Ray

From: Courtyard by Marriott <noreply@marriott.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 1:39 AM
To: DiRossi, Ray
Subject: Your Monday, Aug 16, 2021 - Tuesday, Aug 17, 2021 Stay at CY COLUMBUS DOWNTOWN
Attachments: DIROSSI_57186.pdf



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R. Dirossi

Room: 315
Room Type: QNQN
Number of Guests: 1
Rate: \$122.00

Clerk:

Arrive: 16Aug21

Time: 12:12AM

Depart: 17Aug21

Time: 12:00PM

Folio Number: 57186

DATE	DESCRIPTION	CHARGES	CREDITS
16Aug21	Room Charge Groups	122.00	
16Aug21	Sales Tax	9.15	
16Aug21	City Bed Tax	12.20	
17Aug21	Master Card		143.35

Card #: MCXXXXXXXXXXXX5239/XXXX
Amount: 143.35 Auth: 06163P
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DiRossi, Ray

From: Courtyard Columbus Downtown <marriott@express.medallia.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 8:15 AM
To: DiRossi, Ray
Subject: Tell us about your stay at the Courtyard Columbus Downtown

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Dear TOM FARR:

Thank you for your recent stay. Your feedback is especially important to us during these uncertain times. Please take a moment to tell us about your experience.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR STAY

Courtyard Columbus Downtown
August 15, 2021 - August 16, 2021

How likely are you to recommend the Courtyard Columbus Downtown to a friend or business associate?

**Not at all
Likely**

**Extremely
Likely**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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We appreciate your opinion and look forward to welcoming you again soon.

Sincerely,

Liz Buxton
General Manager
Courtyard Columbus Downtown

By completing this survey, you may be contacted by the hotel to help improve the quality of service provided.

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DiRossi, Ray

From: Courtyard by Marriott <noreply@marriott.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 12:26 AM
To: DiRossi, Ray
Subject: Your Wednesday, Aug 18, 2021 - Wednesday, Aug 18, 2021 Stay at CY COLUMBUS DOWNTOWN
Attachments: DIROSSI_57275.pdf



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Ray Dirossi		Room: 302		
30 West Spring St		Room Type: GENR		
Columbus OH 43215		Number of Guests: 1		
Olsc		Rate: \$122.00	Clerk: PRO	
Arrive: 18Aug21	Time: 12:12AM	Depart: 18Aug21	Time: 12:25AM	Folio Number: 57275

DATE	DESCRIPTION	CHARGES	CREDITS
		BALANCE:	0.00

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William Green Building

31 West Spring Street Office Space – Kevin Giangola 614.466.0141
Looking at space on 3rd floor or 5th floor. Parking could be provided

Wish List

2 parking space and badges/credentials for building and floor access
2 office keys / appropriate building / parking garage credentials
1 Refrigerator and 1 Microwave in kitchenette area
1 sofa and 1 love seat
2-3 end tables to put laser printers on, laptops on
3 nicer office chairs
3 6-feet folding tables
1 small conference table that can seat 6
6 Chairs for conference table
1 smart TV and a 1 TV stand
2-3 desk lamps, or table lamps or floor maps
2 rolling whiteboard and accessories 36 x60?
A hassick

Misc.

1 or 2 rolling whiteboard and accessories 36 x60?
Laser printer – House or Senate?
Coffee maker – Blake?
Two cooling units or Dyson fans for computers and users
Trash cans for food and waste
Trash bags, paper plates, knives forks, disposable coffee mugs
Covering for the front door if needed

Courtyard Marriott

35 West Spring Street
Guarantee of 40-room stays
Check-out is 12pm each day
state govt. per diem of \$122 * 1.1750 = \$143.35
40 stays = \$5,734
Time frame: Starts Monday August 2nd and goes through Tuesday December 7th
If we don't utilize 40 stays – there is no refund
If we utilize 40 stays – a room is still guaranteed during that timeframe but for an additional charge of \$122 plus applicable taxes
If we are both staying overnight but want 2 separate rooms – that can be accommodated but it would be charged against the 40 stays as 2 separate stays

Renaissance conference space

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Sherry and Kristin will send proposal

614.233.7517

August 1st through December 6th (123 days)

if just renting 2 rooms for overnight sleep

it would be $\$122 * \text{taxes @ } 17.5\% * 123 \text{ nights} * 2 = \$ 35,264.1$

if we wanted the conference room for our office – and also rooms for overnight sleeping

it would be $\$350$ (number between $\$300$ and $\$400$) * taxes @ 17.5% * 123 nights = $\$50,583.75$

Sheratin 614.365.4503 / Stacy.schaal@marriott.com

Overnight stay at hotel arrangement contact Stacy Schaal

Bourbun House conference space

Kezia Ross – Director of Sales

36 East Gay Street 914.456.2002

\$279 per night per room

State Street office space

- Proposal is 6-month contract / \$3,892.17 per month
- Availability August 1st As is – not furnished or renovated
- After-hours HVAC rate is \$112 per hour for AC
Normal Hours 8-6PM M-F and 8-1 on Saturday
- Possession Monday July 26th through at least November 8th, maybe December 6th
- Spectrum (WIFI) / Router, modems, cables TV subscription

Regus office facility on 3rd Avenue (PNC/Galleria)

Jason Arbogast 614.254.0818 jason.arbogast@iwgpic.com

\$945 per month – willing to take 10% off

Communal kitchen and meeting space

Highpoint on Columbus Commons

1 bedroom - \$2,900/m

Application fee \$50, Deposit \$500

740 sqft but that includes all rooms – workspace very small <200 sqft

Need all utilities gas electric trash water/sewer, cable etc

Parking extra unfurnished

Double Tree conference space

August 1 – October 31, 2021 (roughly)

1 Double Suite - \$99+ tax per night (normally \$189+ nightly rate)

After 30 days, your guest room is tax exempt due to state occupancy laws

Accommodations on same floor as meeting space

Capitol Room - \$4,500 / 3 months then \$500 per month

Room rental subject to 23% service charge

Cort Furniture delivery service

Traci Grivno, CORT (state term discount)

571.748.6394

traci.grivno@cort.com

Roughly \$600 per month

"1 month" security deposit

\$250 delivery and pick up fee

Kitchen

Refrigerator	Item: #P1604140	\$103.50 PM
Microwave	Item: #P1604214	\$16.50 PM

Office

1 sofa / pleather	Item: #P1006547	\$45.50 PM X2
Dorian End Table / laser printer	Item: #P2014060	\$18 PM per X4
Office work chairs	Item: #P7034411	\$29 PM per X3
Folding table	Item: #P6604507	\$???? per X3
Dorian Rectangular Conference Table	Item: #P4025290	\$30.50 PM X2
Prince Side Chair / Seating chairs	Item: #P4035385	\$10 per X6
Smart TV	Item: #P1504872	\$37.50 PM
TV stand	Item: #P2104659	\$22.00 PM
Floor Lamp	Item: #P1124497	\$11.00 PM X3

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To: Rowe, Mike[Mike.Rowe@ohiosenate.gov]
Cc: Boas, George[George.Boas@ohiosenate.gov]; Burke-Onda, Regan[Regan.Burke-Onda@ohiosenate.gov]
From: Barron, John
Sent: Fri 9/3/2021 6:44:48 PM
Subject: Re: Invitation to discuss our map

Hi, Mike. Thanks for the invite.

The President would be happy to sit down with Senator Sykes. He does have a very busy schedule next week. Would Friday the 10th work?

John

From: "Rowe, Mike" <Mike.Rowe@ohiosenate.gov>
Date: Friday, September 3, 2021 at 1:55 PM
To: "Barron, John" <John.Barron@ohiosenate.gov>
Cc: "Boas, George" <George.Boas@ohiosenate.gov>
Subject: Invitation to discuss our map

Hello John,

Senator Vernon Sykes, co-chair of the Ohio Redistricting Commission, would like to extend a personal invitation to President Huffman 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 President Huffman to see a detailed view of our map, ask questions and provide input. We have given a similar presentation to Auditor Faber. Also, Senator Sykes would be willing to discuss your map ideas. Please let me know if President Huffman is interested and we can proceed with scheduling a meeting.

Mike Rowe

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

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