

REDISTRICTING REDEFINED

A fresh
start
for fair
elections

Every 10 years, after the U.S. Census Bureau's population count, new boundaries are drawn in Michigan to determine its Congressional, Senate and House voting districts. These districts decide which areas and which groups of voters are represented by elected officials.

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

The Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) is responsible for redefining voting boundaries using the seven ranked criteria in Michigan's constitution. Through public engagement, the commission is compiling every comment, suggestion and drawing it receives and will use them to construct maps that more accurately reflect the will of the people in Michigan.

Why Redistricting?

Historically, politicians have drawn the voting boundaries, often accused of using gerrymandered maps to gain unfair political advantage. What is gerrymandering? Gerrymandering is manipulating electoral borders to skew voting outcomes for one political party over another.

Voters decided in 2018 to take their power back and help the MICRC redraw voting lines that better represent their interests and their communities.

Who Should Participate?

All citizen perspectives are wanted and needed to help the MICRC make the best decisions for Michigan voters who expect and deserve fair representation.

Communities of Interest (COI) are encouraged to weigh in on the process. These are groups who share specific characteristics unique to them and their voting area. COIs share cultural or historical characteristics, or economic interests.



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How to Participate

Michigan residents can provide valuable input to the redistricting process by letting the MICRC know the history, concerns and vision they have for their specific districts. Here's how:

- **#ShowUpSpeakUp** at a meeting or public hearing.
- Sign up and share your comments remotely at a meeting or public hearing at www.Michigan.gov/MICRC.
- Submit written statements or proposed maps online at www.Michigan.gov/MICRC.
- Mail written statements or proposed maps to: **MICRC, PO Box 30318, Lansing MI 48909.**

Learn More About Michigan Redistricting

- Request a presentation for your group or in your community at [MICRC - Outreach \(Michigan.gov\)](http://MICRC-Outreach.Michigan.gov)
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