

Bruce A. Timmons

Okemos MI 48864

June 30, 2021

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission.
P.O. Box 30318,
Lansing MI 48909.

Members of the MICRC:

I am not an expert on redistricting but have followed this issue since 1963-64 when I wrote an undergraduate thesis on Legislative Redistricting in Michigan which began as a defense of the 80-20 formula in the newly adopted Michigan Constitution of 1963 and concluded with an endorsement of one-person, one-vote. I was among the literal handful of public attendees at meetings of the Legislative Apportionment Commission. During a 45-year career in various legal and policy positions with the Michigan Legislature (1967-2021), I intersected in some way with that issue every ten years, except after the 2010 census.

With Regard to Congressional Redistricting

The first task of the Commission will be to determine if Michigan can still have two majority-minority (Black) districts in keeping with the dictates of the federal voting rights act – and if so, and presuming that can be done, how those two districts will be drawn. The racial composition of Detroit and surrounding territory will have to be known. (*If 2 Black districts are not possible, the Commission's task becomes much simpler as Detroit will need approximately another 100,000 residents to form one majority-minority district.*)

When the voting rights act first applied, Detroit had enough population to form two majority-minority districts predominantly of Detroit residents. I will begin with 1970 after the first census under the Voting Rights Act and up to the current districts as the population of each district continues to grow in size of population.

In 1970 Michigan had a population of 8,875,083. Each of **19** districts had a population of 467,540 to 467,542. Detroit's population was 1,514,063. Two full congressional districts were in Detroit (1st/Conyers and 13th/Diggs/Crockett) and substantially a third (14th/Nedzi/Hertel) with portions of Macomb Co. The 16th/Dingell) had a small piece of Detroit.

In 1980 Michigan had a population of 9,255,553. Each of **18** districts would have had a population of 514,197-514,198. Detroit's population was 1,203,368. Two full congressional districts were in Detroit (1st /Conyers) and 13th /Crockett/Collins). A portion of Detroit was included with a larger portion of Macomb Co in the 14th /Hertel).

In 1990 Michigan had a population of 9,310,462. Each of **16** districts had an average population of 581,904. With Detroit having a population of 1,027,974, two whole districts would not fit inside the city. The 14th (Conyers), with a population of 580,956 included smaller communities to the east of Detroit, Highland Park, and a few blocks of Dearborn Hts. The 15th (Collins/Kilpatrick), also with a population of 580,956, included 3 of the Pointes, Hamtramck, Ecorse, and River Rouge.

But in 2000, Michigan had a population of 9,938,444 and Detroit's population had fallen to 951,270, as it continued to lose further political clout. Each of **15** districts had 662,562-662,563 residents. See **MCL 3.54(e)(i)**: All but one district had 662,563 people and the exception (10th district) had 662,562. The city was only 'entitled' to about 1-1/2 districts, so the 13th and 14th extended beyond Detroit's borders to comply with the voting rights act and to include the additional population needed. The 13th (Kilpatrick/Clarke) added all of the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods, River Rouge, Wyandotte, and Lincoln Park. The 14th (Conyers) added Hamtramck, Highland Park, much of Dearborn, and down-river communities of Gibraltar, Grosse Ile, Melvindale, Riverview, Southgate, and Trenton. Both districts were fully inside Wayne County.

In 2010 Michigan had a population of 9,877,597. Each of **14** districts had 705,542-705,543 inhabitants. Detroit's population was 713,777 (reflecting a loss of 25% in a decade), barely qualifying for a single district, but for the voting rights act that required the city to be split between the 13th and 14th districts. The 13th (Conyers/Tlaib) extended farther west to include more communities such as Redford Twp, Garden City, Inkster, Romulus, Wayne, and Westland. The 14th (Peters/Lawrence) still included all of the Grosse Pointes, the enclosed enclaves of Highland Park and Hamtramck, then crossed 8-Mile Road for the first time and extended into Oakland County like a snake up into Oakland County through Oak Park, Southfield, Farmington Hills, and West Bloomfield to reach and include Pontiac. The picture of this district was a poster-child that advocates circulating the VNP petitions were using to show how gerrymandered Michigan's redistricting plans were – but its shape was not due to gerrymandering but rather where Blacks lived to fulfill the Voting Rights Act requirement of two majority-minority districts.

Note that a majority-minority district only ensures the opportunity to elect a Black candidate. It does not guarantee election of a Black Representative, as the 2012 to 2020 elections prove.

In 2020 Michigan has a population of 9,966,555 but only **13** districts. The average district must now have 775,726 or 775.727 residents – 40% more people than the 1970 district average.

With the loss of a congressional district under the 2020 census, your task will be much harder because the total population of Detroit (estimated to be about 680,000) does not have enough people to form one district.

Your problem is not the criteria but where people choose to live.

Without having access to necessary demographic data that the Commission will eventually have, I would surmise that in order to produce two majority-minority (Black) districts it is unlikely that demographics west and southwest of Detroit will provide a sufficient number of Black residents to achieve that objective. Rather, one (call it, "south Detroit") district may have to include the bulk of Detroit in order to form a Black district. The second (call it, "north Detroit") district will need to include a lesser share of Detroit residents and again wind its way up through Oak Park, Southfield, Farmington, and West Bloomfield to include Pontiac – just as the present 14th does. For 2022, that district may need to extend even farther north of Pontiac to include Flint – resulting in a district shape not unlike the form of the current 14th that spurred the VNP petition drive. In fact, it is possible that the "north Detroit" district will have a more contorted shape than the current 14th in order to comply with the federal Voting Rights Act.

With Regard to Criteria for State House and Senate Districts:

While the so-called criteria set by the Michigan Supreme Court for the plans it adopted and ordered into effect for the 1980's and 1990's allowed a departure of plus or minus 8.2%, when the Legislature adopted redistricting criteria in 1996 for state senate and house districts, it lowered the acceptable deviation from the absolute average to **plus or minus 5%**. See Sec. 1(d), 1996 PA 463, **MCL 4.261**:

(d) Senate and house of representatives districts shall have a population not exceeding 105% and not less than 95% of the ideal district size for the senate or the house of representatives unless and until the United States supreme court establishes a different range of allowable population divergence for state legislative districts.

That standard applied to the plans the Legislature enacted in 2001 for state senate and house districts from which legislators were elected in 2002 through 2010. See also **MCL 4.2005(a)** as part of the bill/act enacting state senate and house redistricting plans in 2001. (Despite widespread claims that the districts favored Republicans, it is incontrovertible that Democrats won a majority of House seats in 2006 and 2008 to control the House during both the 2007-08 and 2009-10 Sessions of the Legislature.)

I presume that same standard applied to the plans enacted by the Legislature in 2011.

It is a curious omission from the VNP criteria that there is no limit on the acceptable deviation from the population average for either Senate or House, other than an oblique reference to compliance with the US Constitution and federal voting rights act. I presume the Commission plans will not deviate more than plus or minus 5% for senate or house districts – just as the Legislature's standard under MCL 4.261. I would certainly urge great caution to any consideration of a wider deviation that would certainly be challenged in court and would subject the commission's final plans to public and editorial criticism for violating the one-vote, one-person principle.

Creating districts using governmental boundary lines (county, township, and city) to the maximum extent possible – as statutory criteria required for 2001 and 2011 redistricting for congressional, state senate, and state house seats – or respecting governmental boundary lines under the VNP criteria, Art IV, Sec.6, subsection **13(f)** – is an objective criterion and often may provide an identity akin to a "community of interest". Whether it is neutral or biased is a matter of opinion.

The use of "communities of interest" is subjective – in the proverbial "eye of the beholder" – that provides no historical context in Michigan and, to the extent used as the basis for districting in 2021, will open the MICRC to criticism no matter how the final districts "look" or where those lines are drawn to include or exclude voters. Please use this subjective criterion carefully – public acceptance of the final plans may depend upon how this criterion is used.

Thank you for giving these comments your consideration.

Respectfully,

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Bruce A. Timmons

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June 29, 2021

Michigan Independent Redistricting Commission
Lansing, MI

Dear Commission Members:

The Michigan Independent Redistricting Commission must consider many criteria when drawing new Congressional and state legislative lines, including ensuring that districts "shall reflect the state's diverse population and communities of interest." There are many ways to define "communities of interest." Among those that the Commission could be encouraged to consider are inner suburban cities and townships which share many characteristics in common, including:

- Aging physical infrastructure, including roads and sewer systems
- Older single-family housing, apartment buildings and (in some cases) schools
- City governments burdened by high legacy costs for retired employees
- Lack of greenspace for economic development and redevelopment
- Denser populations; more neighborhoods and fewer subdivisions
- Residents who are more likely to rely on public transportation/mass transit
- Increasingly diverse populations, which these communities tend to celebrate/embrace/see as an opportunity

Communities with these and other similar characteristics tend to be located in the southern parts of Macomb and Oakland counties. As a past president of the Michigan Suburbs Alliance, I am acutely aware of the common challenges that these communities face. While every city/township is unique and has its own identity, a city like Eastpointe in southern Macomb County has more in common with Hazel Park in southern Oakland County than it does with a community like Romeo in northern Macomb. For instance, Hazel Park and Eastpointe actually share an interlocal funding agreement for fire protection, although the cities are not contiguous and are located in different counties. Please consider these characteristics when drawing district boundaries in Michigan. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Edward Klobucher
City Manager
City of Hazel Park

June 25, 2021

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission
P.O. Box 30318
Lansing, MI 48909

RE: Communities of Interest

Dear Commissioners,

Clinton County is a vital part of the Lansing Region. As such, the county forms a longstanding community of interest with Ingham and Eaton Counties and should share the same congressional district—as we did until after the 2010 census. We clearly meet the criteria as a community of interest (common economic, cultural, or other bonds; contiguous on map; public policy issues of common interest) with Ingham County, and Eaton County. There is also a case to be made that Shiawassee County should be included in our community of interest since that county was added to Ingham, Clinton, and Eaton Counties in 2018 to round out the Lansing-East Lansing Metropolitan Statistical Area.

A partial listing of the ways in which Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties in particular meet the standard as a community of interest includes:

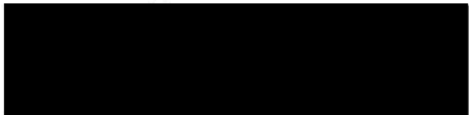
- Clinton County is defined by the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce as part of the Lansing Region.
- A significant number of Clinton County residents vote in cities or townships in Ingham and Eaton Counties.
- Some school-age children and youth who reside in Clinton County reside in school districts in Ingham and Eaton Counties.
- Clinton County Commissioners serve on many boards and commissions serving the Lansing Region. A quick look at our county website shows that commissioners are assigned to serve on:
 - Capital Region Airport Authority (CRAA)
 - Capitol Council of Governments (CAPCOG)
 - Lansing Economic Partnership (LEAP)
 - Lansing Economic Partnership (LEAP) Ag Advisory Committee
 - Capital Area Michigan Works (CAMW)
 - Capital Area Michigan Works (CAMW) Teach, Talent, Thrive (T3)
 - Capital Area Community Services (CACs)
 - Tri-County Aging Consortium
 - Capital Area Regional Transportation Study Technical Committee (CARTS)
 - Capitol Council of Governments (CAPCOG)
 - Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC)
 - Community Mental Health (CMH)

- Other entities which Clinton County participates in or receives services from as members of the Lansing Region include:
 - Capital Region Community Foundation
 - Capital Area United Way
 - Capital Area Housing Partnership
 - Capital Area Humane Society
 - Disability Network Capital Area
 - Greater Lansing Food Bank
 - Meals on Wheels/Tri-County Office on Aging
 - McClaren Greater Lansing
 - Sparrow Hospital Greater Lansing Area
 - Power of We Consortium
- Many people who live in Clinton County work, worship, shop, and enjoy recreation and entertainment opportunities in Lansing/East Lansing, creating strong and longstanding cultural ties.

Please note that the reasons for asserting that Clinton County forms a community of interest with other counties in the Lansing Region do not promote a particular political party, candidate, or jurisdiction.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide input for your consideration as you begin your vital work of nonpartisan redistricting.

Sincerely,



Melany Mack
DeWitt, Michigan



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Juanita Curry
Commissioner (MICRC)
PO BOX 30318
Lansing, MI 48909

June 18th, 2021

RE: The 48111 Tri-Community of Belleville, Sumpter and Van Buren

Commissioner Curry:

Please accept this letter as a follow-up to our formal request for support to consolidate the City of Belleville, Sumpter Township, and the Charter Township of Van Buren for the purposes of voter redistricting.

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Supervisor Kevin McNamara
Van Buren Township

Enclosures



VAN BUREN
CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Resolution 21-14

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WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Van Buren collaborates with our neighboring communities of the City of Belleville and Sumpter Township with shared Public Services and Public Safety Dispatch, shared community events, shared land boundaries, a shared School System, the shared Belleville Area Museum and shared Belleville Lake.

NOW, **therefore be it resolved** the Charter Township of Van Buren hereby request that the MICRC consider keeping the City of Belleville, Sumpter Township and Van Buren Township together as the redistricting plans are drawn and adopted by the State of Michigan.

BE IT, **further resolved** this resolution is made a part of the minutes of the Charter Township of Van Buren's regular meeting on June 1, 2021.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN THIS
THE 1st DAY OF JUNE 2021.

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:

ATTEST:

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Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

Handwritten signature of Leon Wright in black ink.

Leon Wright, Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER

RESOLUTION 2021-09

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WHEREAS, Sumpter Township not only collaborates with our neighboring communities, but shares land boundaries with the City of Belleville, numerous School Districts, Belleville Lake and the Downtown District with Van Buren Township.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution is made a part of the minutes of Sumpter Township for May 25, 2021.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Motion by Trustee Oddy, Supported by Trustee LaPorte;

Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Trustees; Rush, Oddy, Morgan, LaPorte

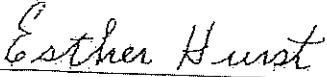
Nays: None.

Excused: Clerk E. Hurst and Treasurer J. Clark

Resolution adopted.

CERTIFICATION

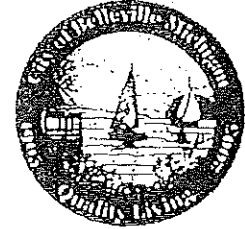
I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Township of Sumpter at its regular meeting held on May 25, 2021 at the Township Hall, Sumpter Township, Belleville, Michigan 48111.



Esther Hurst, Township Clerk

City of Belleville

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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN THIS THE 17th DAY OF MAY 2021.

AYES: Bates, Conley, Fielder, Marcotte and Voigt

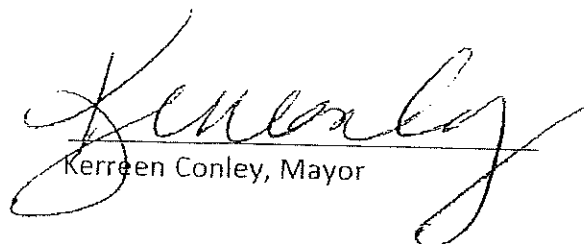
NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ATTEST:



Verna Chapman, City Clerk



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Cynthia Orton
Commissioner (MICRC)
PO BOX 30318
Lansing, MI 48909

June 18th, 2021

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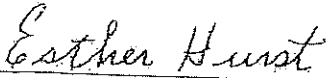
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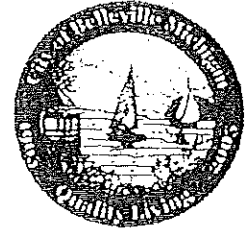
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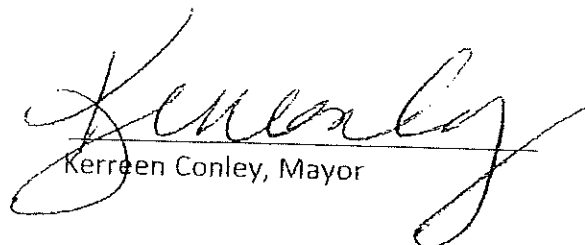
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ATTEST:

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Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

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TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER

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Nays: None.

Excused: Clerk E. Hurst and Treasurer J. Clark

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CERTIFICATION

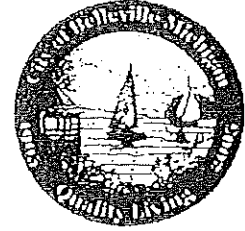
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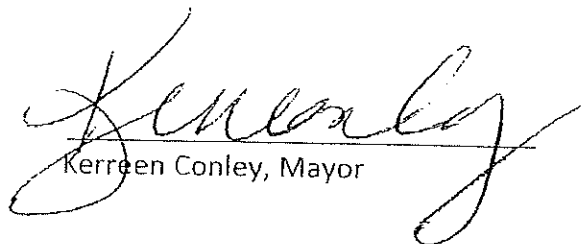
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Rhonda Lange
Commissioner (MICRC)
PO BOX 30318
Lansing, MI 48909

June 18th, 2021

RE: The 48111 Tri-Community of Belleville, Sumpter and Van Buren

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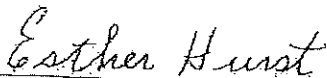
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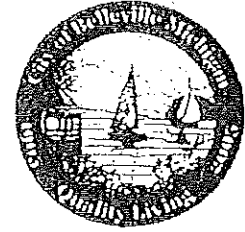
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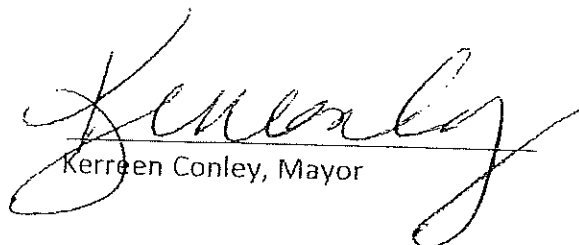
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Steven Lett
Commissioner (MICRC)
PO BOX 30318
Lansing, MI 48909

June 18th, 2021

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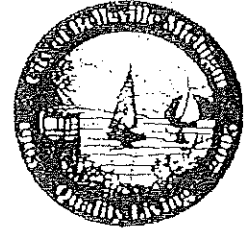
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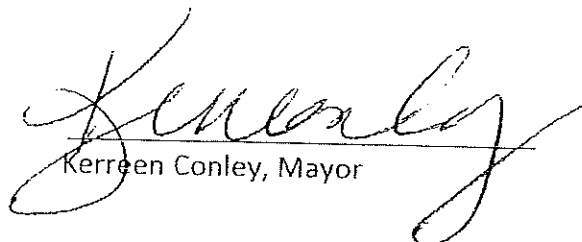
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Janice Vallette
Commissioner (MICRC)
PO BOX 30318
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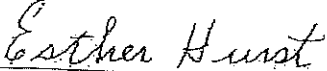
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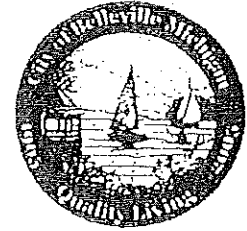
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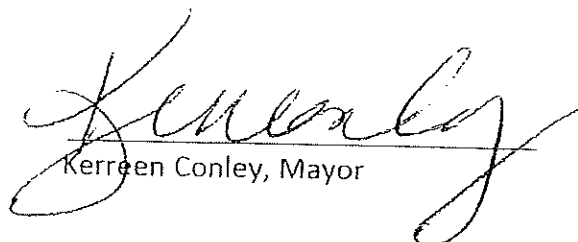
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Rebecca Szetela
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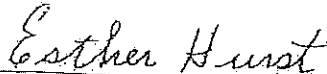
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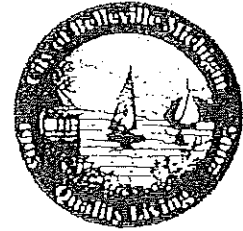
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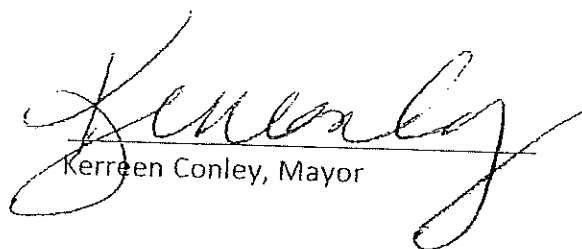
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ATTEST:



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Dustin Witjes
Commissioner (MICRC)
PO BOX 30318
Lansing, MI 48909

June 18th, 2021

RE: The 48111 Tri-Community of Belleville, Sumpter and Van Buren

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NAYS:

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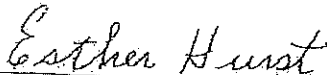
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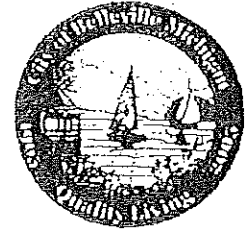
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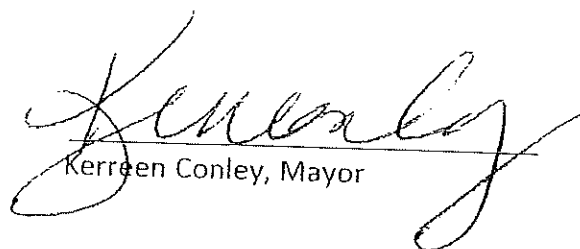
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Erin Wagner
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PO BOX 30318
Lansing, MI 48909

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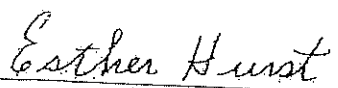
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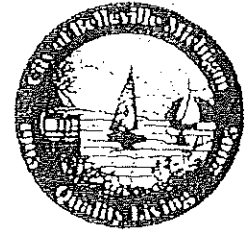
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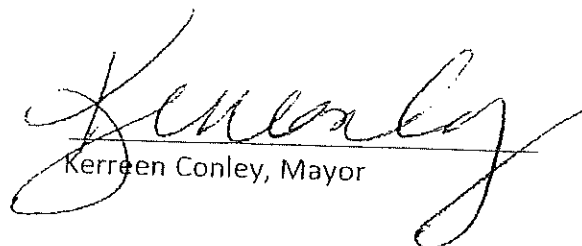
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Richard Weiss
Commissioner (MICRC)
PO BOX 30318
Lansing, MI 48909

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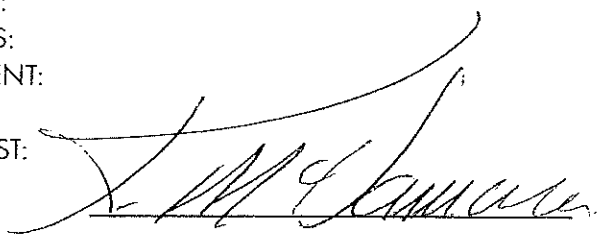
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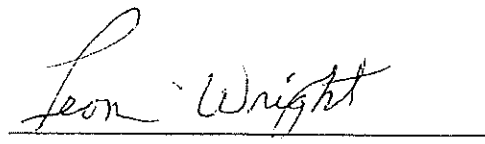
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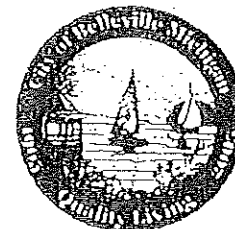
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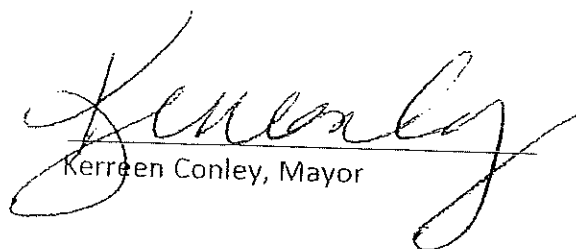
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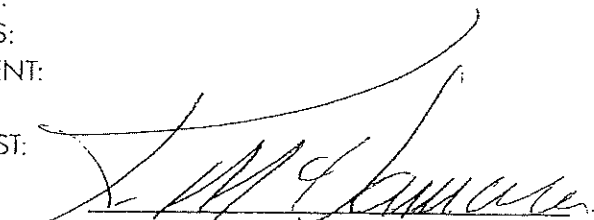
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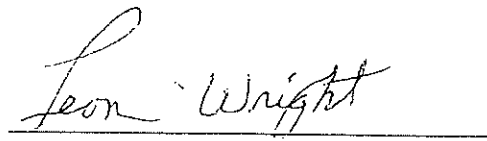
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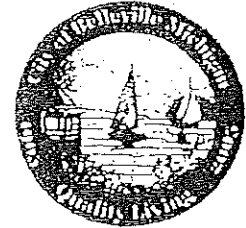
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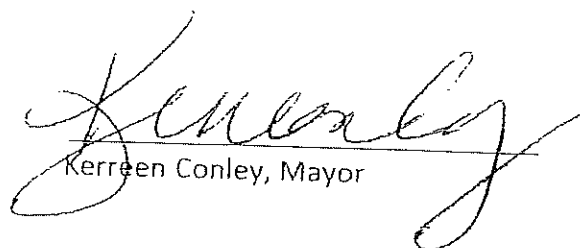
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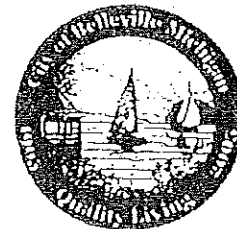
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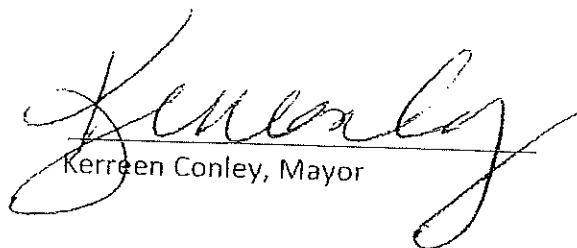
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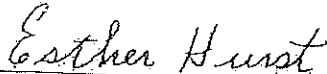
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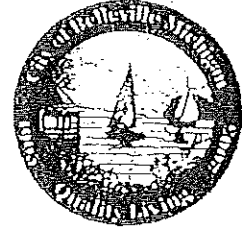
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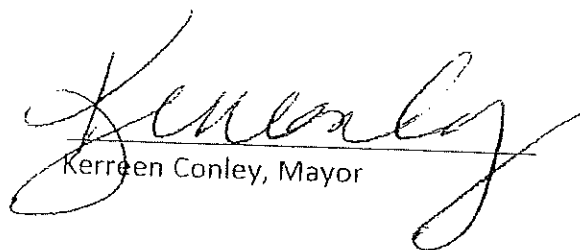
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Muskegon #51

June 20, 2021

My name is Lyla McClelland and I live in Ludington, Mason County, Michigan. *However, I raised my family in Whitehall & worked in Muskegon*

Our County is represented by Congressman Huizenga in the 2nd District and Jack Bergman in the 1st District. The 2nd District covers approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of the County and the 1st, $\frac{1}{4}$.

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Any further questions?

thank you

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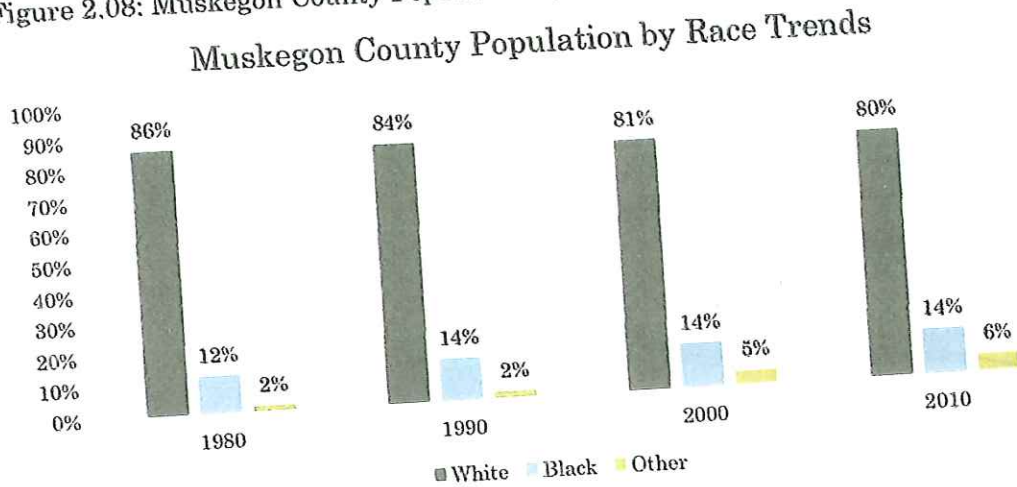
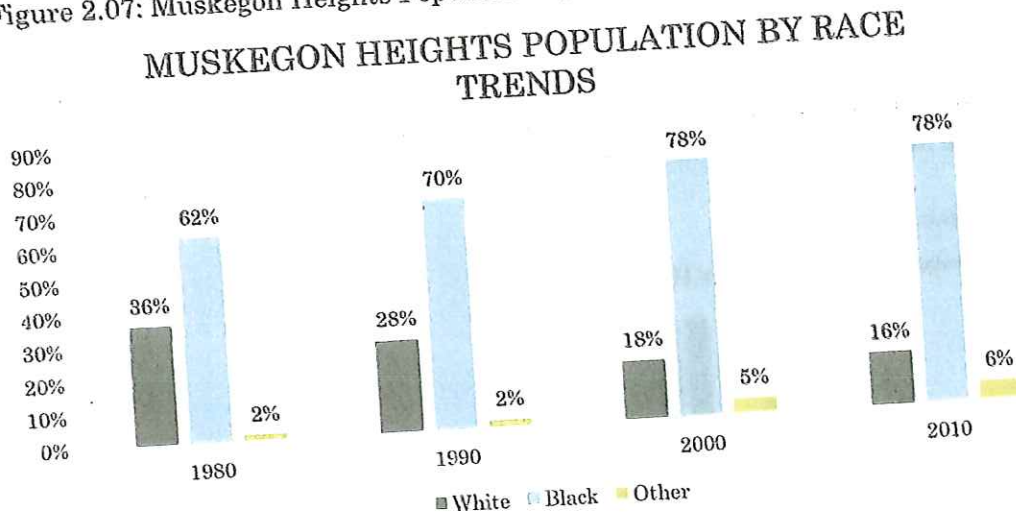


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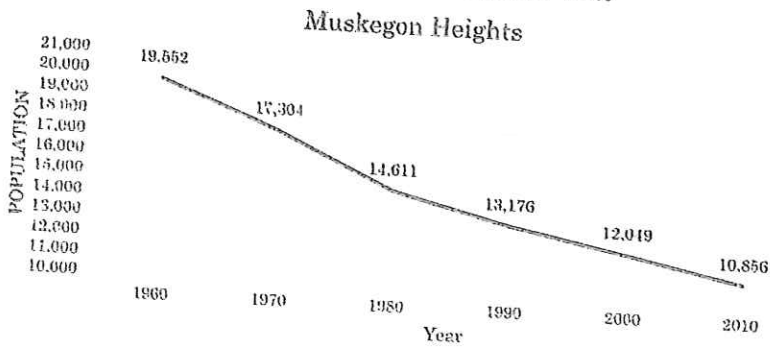
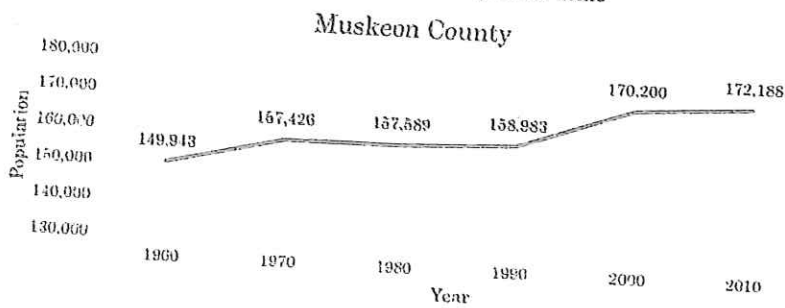
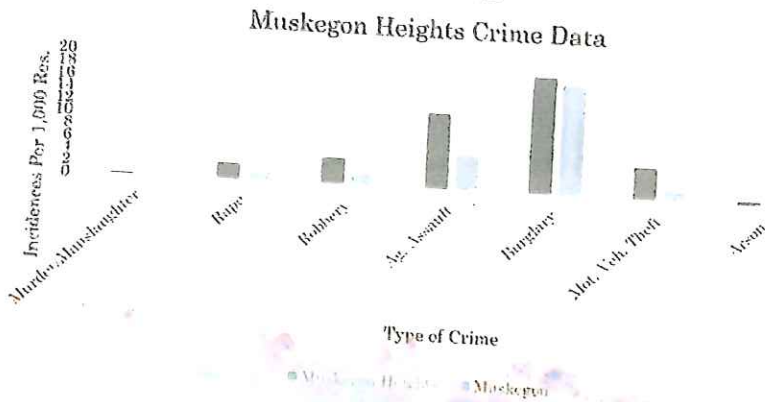


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As you can see from the above graphs, the population of Muskegon county has steadily risen over the past 50 years while the population of Muskegon Heights has declined. This is one primary reason for the number of abandoned buildings.

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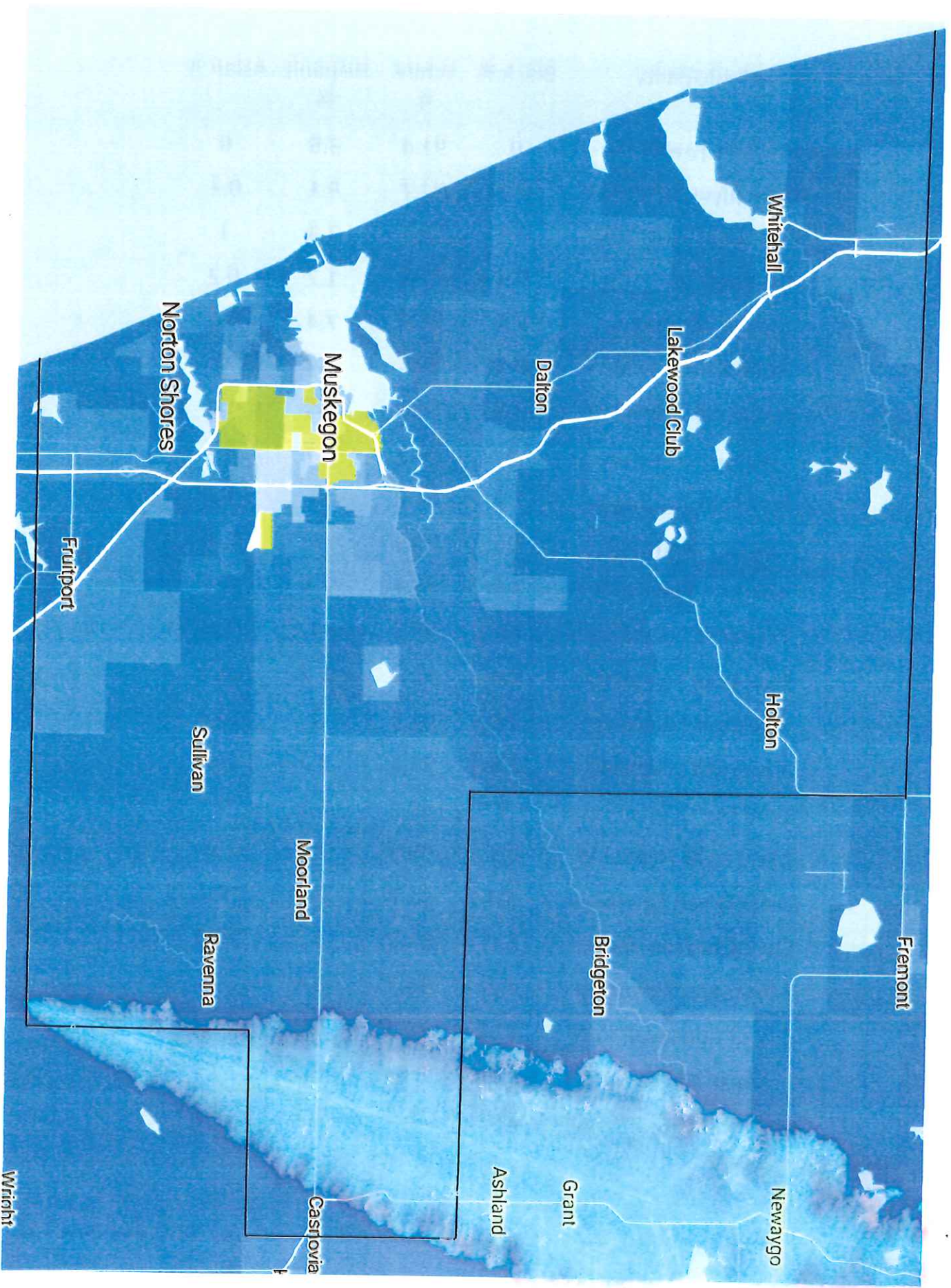
SOURCE: 2013 FBI UNIFORM CRIME REPORT

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White River Township	0.3	92.7	5.1	0.1
Moorland Township	0.4	95.1	2.3	1
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City of Montague	0.5	91.4	7.4	0.1
Sullivan Township	0.8	93.5	5.2	0
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Dalton Township	1	92.5	3.7	0.8
Fruitland Township	1.2	94.7	3	0.4
City of Whitehall	1.9	92.9	3	1.6
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Egelston Township	2.4	94.1	2	0.3
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US Census Bureau 2019

Heat Map of African American Population in Muskegon County



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The University of Michigan Guide to Gerrymandering

A proposal to approach redistricting through the lens of interest, identity and affiliation groupings.

By Stephen Markman

June 25, 2021 5:36 pm ET



The Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission holds its first public hearing in Jackson, Mich., May 11.

PHOTO: JIM WEST/ZUMA PRESS

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Michigan voters chose in 2018 to amend the state constitution to create the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission. Its purpose is to rid the decennial redistricting process of the purported abuses of gerrymandering, partisanship and legislative self-dealing. The commission has 13 members—four Democrats, four Republicans, and five independents—who were randomly selected from an applicant pool of registered voters.

The public comment period, during which the commission has solicited and considered recommendations, closes July 1. Among the proposals the commission has received is a report prepared by the University of Michigan with the assistance and oversight of the Michigan secretary of state, which recommends creating communities of interest based on whether they are “linked to public policy issues that are affected by legislation” or “concerned about environmental hazards.” Anyone with “a shared vision of the future” could become a community of interest. So could “immigrant, language, and creative arts communities” or “media markets and tax assessment districts.” The University of Michigan report recommends ignoring the most genuine communities of interest—the ones in which the people of Michigan actually reside with their families and alongside their friends and neighbors.

At the request of Hillsdale College, I have also submitted a set of recommendations to the commission. From my perspective, the individual voter is the building block of the democratic process. His primary responsibility is to exercise judgment in selecting a representative. That representative makes laws and policies which apply impartially to everyone and secure equally the rights of all who live in the community. The individual voter’s role isn’t to contribute to the “critical mass” of an interest, identity or affinity group, cobbled together as a bloc by a government agency.

“Voters not politicians” was the clarion call of the 2018 initiative. The purpose of the constitutional amendment was to purge the redistricting process of its worst abuses by replacing interested decision makers with disinterested ones. The people of Michigan didn’t go to all this trouble merely to empower a new set of administrators for a broken system.

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A redistricting process in which the boundaries of municipalities are respected doesn’t guarantee perfection. But in the hands of a responsible and farsighted commission, acting in accord with its nonpartisan obligations, it is the approach most likely to minimize the

worst forms of redistricting abuse. Such a commission would have several overarching principles in mind: “Racial, ethnic, and religious” calculations wouldn’t become proxies for according partisan advantage and disadvantage; interest, identity and affinity communities wouldn’t be stitched together in squiggly electoral districts resembling gerrymanders; and geographic boundaries—some of which preceded Michigan’s statehood in 1837—would be recognized.

Most important for Michiganders to understand is the lack of legal moorings for the University of Michigan’s recommendations. There are simply no coherent constraints—or any consistent rule-of-law standards for that matter—undergirding the recommendation to proceed with its novel communities-of-interest concept.

One purpose of the University of Michigan’s report is to inject “expertise” into the redistricting process. It is apparently not enough that judgments of the people’s representatives have been replaced with those of randomly selected voters. Rather, the substantive rules of configuring electoral districts themselves must be “reimagined,” and not in closer accord with traditional American understandings of representative self-government. Thus, the University of Michigan’s report would invest the commission with responsibility to assess such quasisociological concepts as “common bonds,” “invisible communities of interest,” “shared identities,” things that “bind communities together,” and “how a community currently engages with the political process.” This will all require the commission to collaborate with academic, philanthropic, nonprofit and media experts.

None of this complexity or convolution would be required if the commission’s mandate was merely to draw Michigan’s legislative districts in a fair-minded, neutral and nonpartisan manner. But to achieve a “new theory of representation,” much more is required, and the political opportunity must not be wasted.

The Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission can do the public a great service by uniting behind an electoral map that curtails gerrymandering, partisanship and self-dealing. Or it can continue these same abuses, albeit in a camouflaged manner, by transforming the people of Michigan’s towns, cities and townships into a mere assemblage of favored and disfavored interest, identity and affinity groupings.

Mr. Markman is a retired Michigan Supreme Court justice and professor of constitutional law at Hillsdale College, which commissioned his report to the state redistricting commission.

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Muskegon #17

June 29, 2021

Michigan Redistrict Commission

Thank you for this hearing opportunity to communicate with you.
Hopefully this will be a fruitful exchange.

This commission process is new for everyone, from the committee, the Michigan legislature and all the voter in the entire state. There are a lot of assumptions that this process will be better method to serve the citizens expectations and restore some common sense to the representation model.

The test of those expectations will be the results of your work.

Maybe if both major political party's dislike it, you are on the right track. May this process become a model of honor and respect, that principals & values prevail.

Geographic boundaries are fair and needed. They are hard evidence, easy to understand and be identified.

I would like to give you some specific feedback from voters in my area of Ottawa County as well as questions.

-Its hard to identify a governmental person who one can trust. What is truthful?

-The bitterness between parties is uncalled for, and dragging everyone down. Making rules and then reversing them is inefficient.

-The vote of the people must be protected, integrity and trust must be maintained!

-Is it true that this committee is controlled by S of S Benson? Is it true that a decision is already made which disregards area boundaries and "community groups of like interest" will be used as "districts" for representation?

-Who chose the chairperson for this commission?

-Are records kept – given to all members? Is it available to the public?

-Do you have a time and progress goals?

-Are there limits to what this commission can establish as representation for this state?

If so, whom is that official, or officials?

-Does your decisions become law? Must the government of Michigan (the elected bodies) make this final decree?

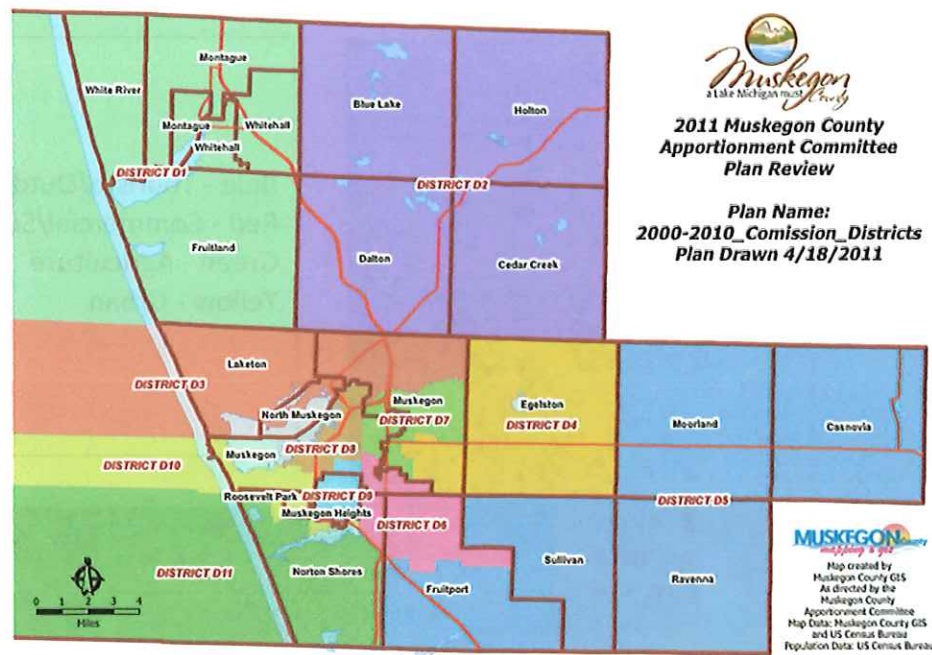
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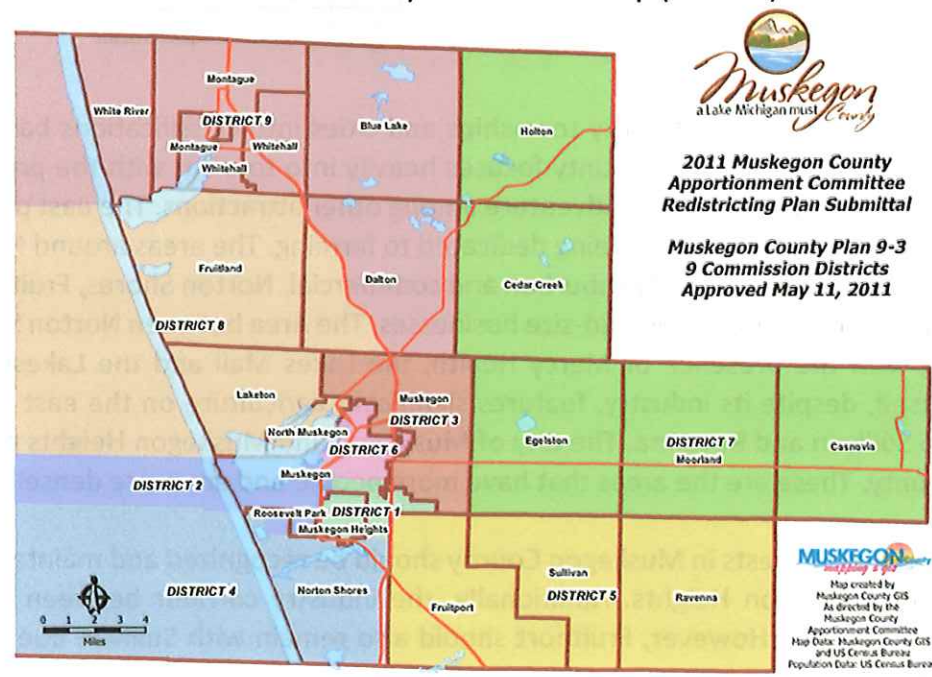
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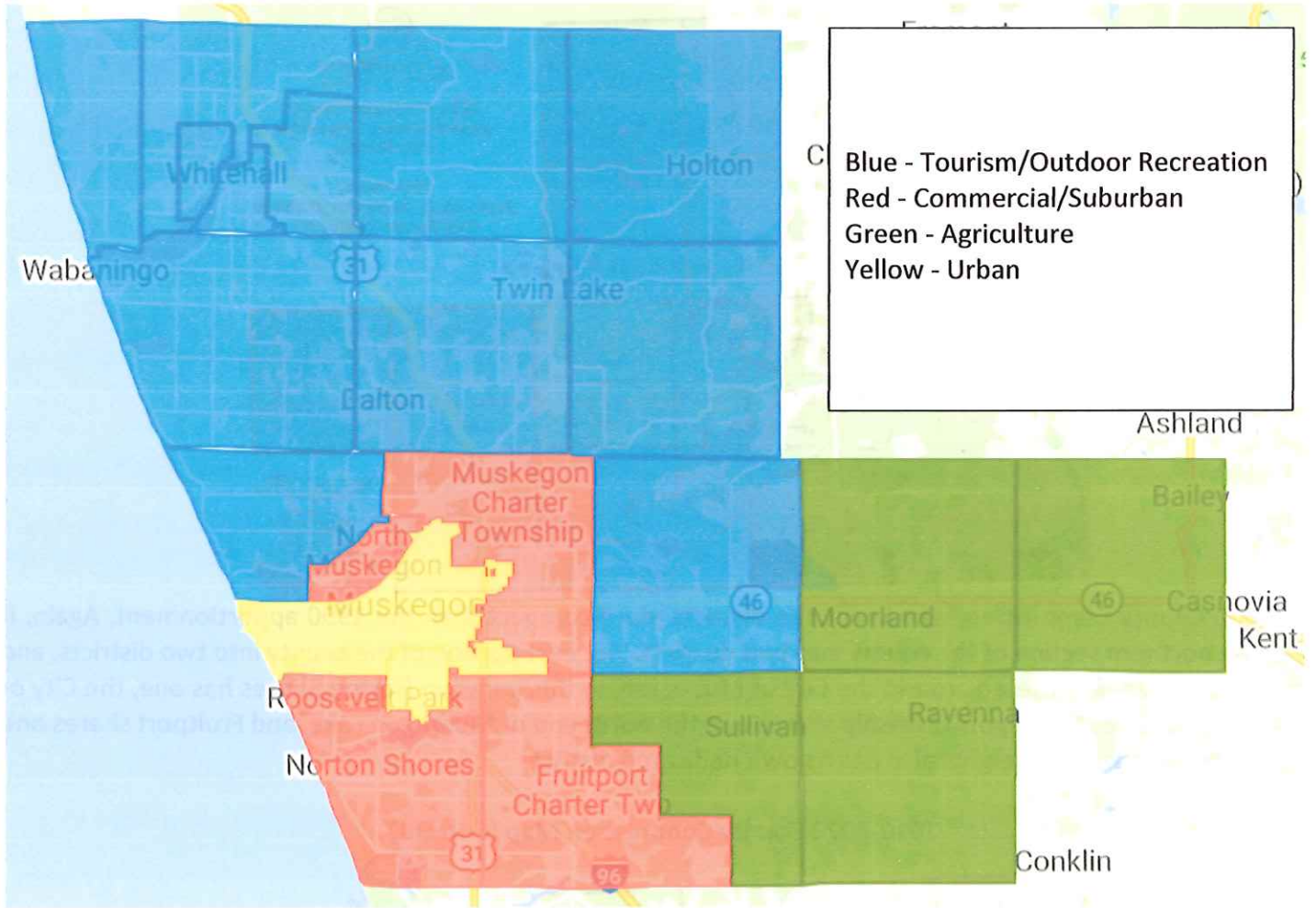
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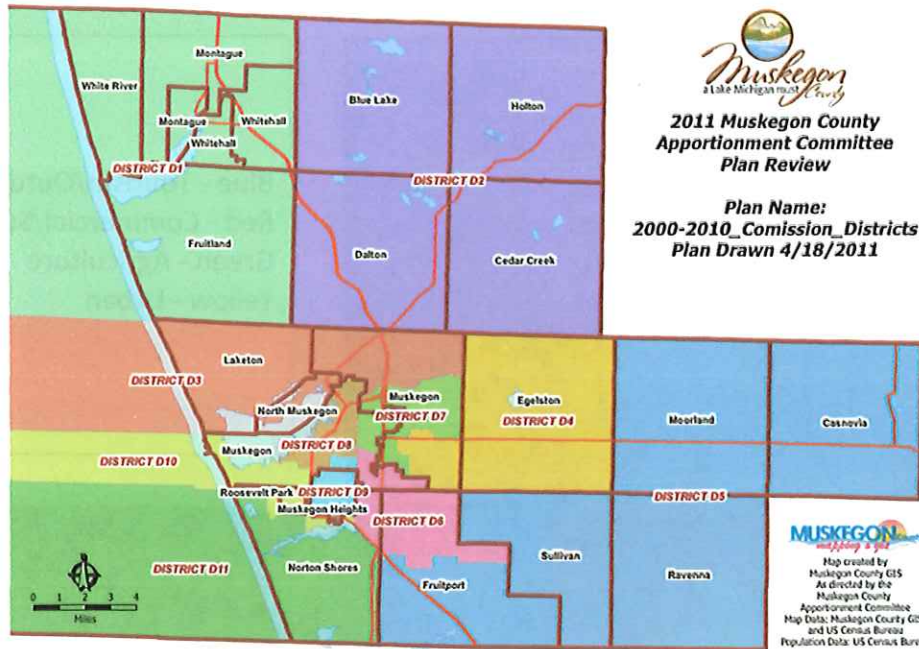
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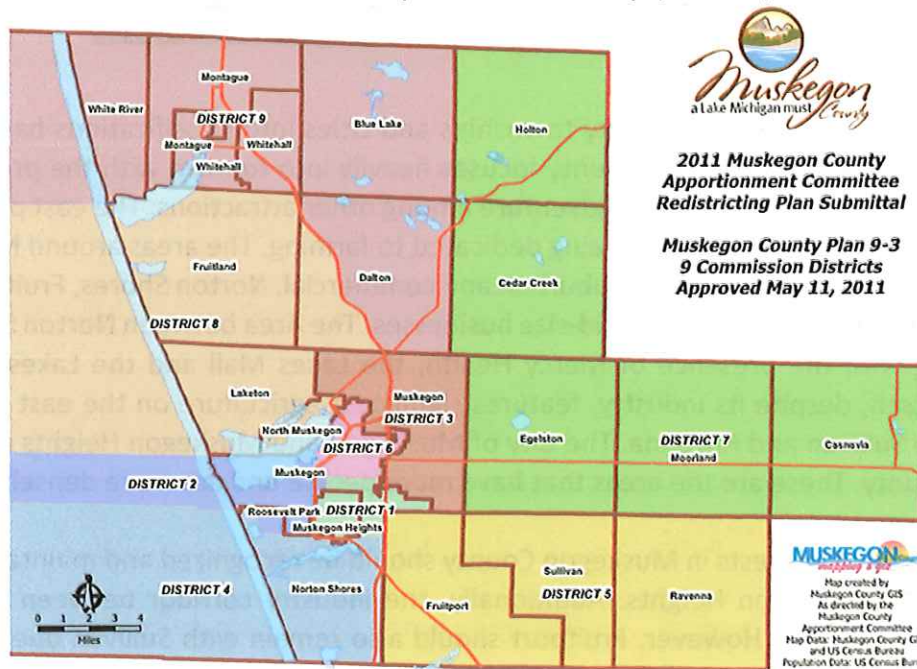
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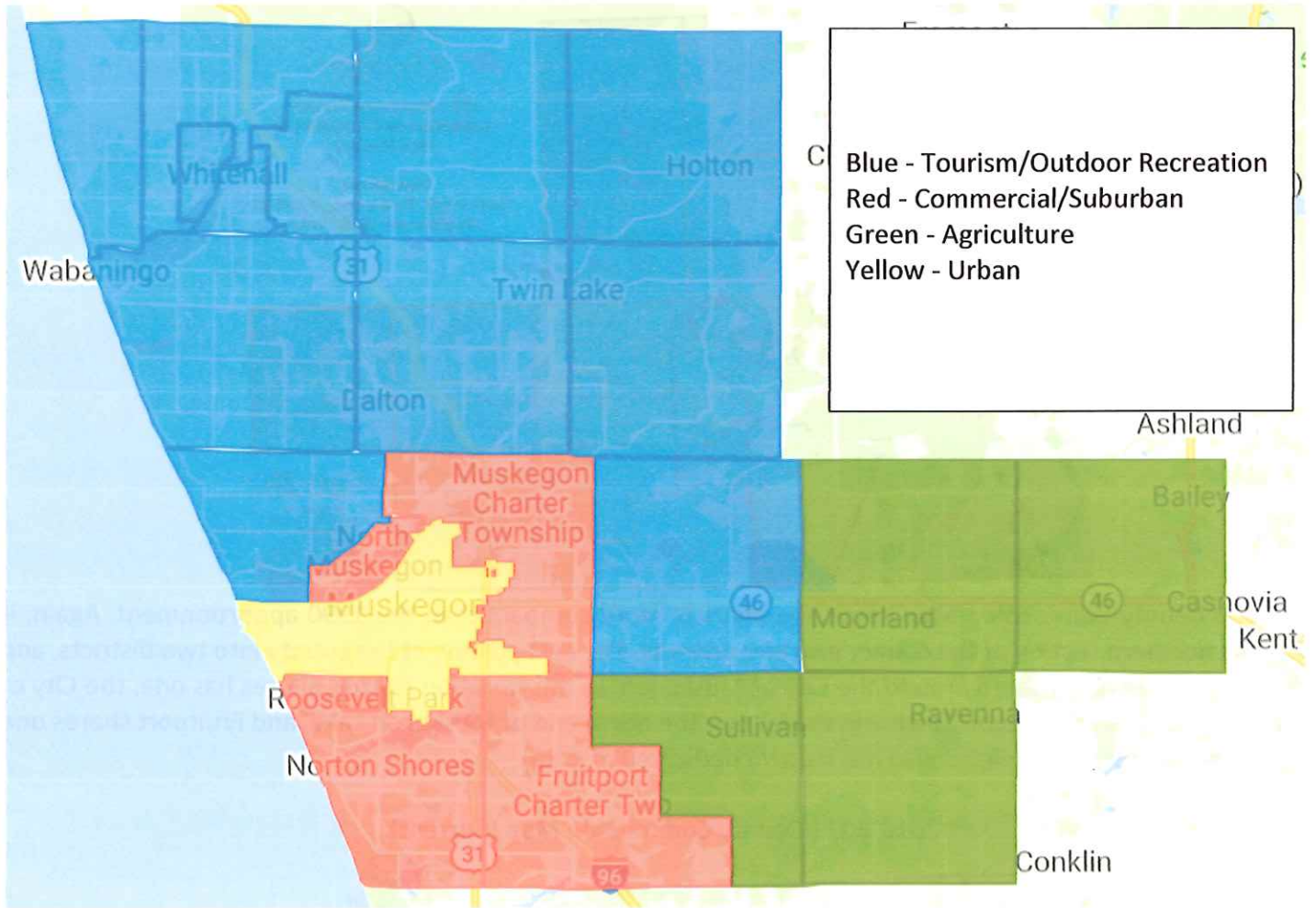
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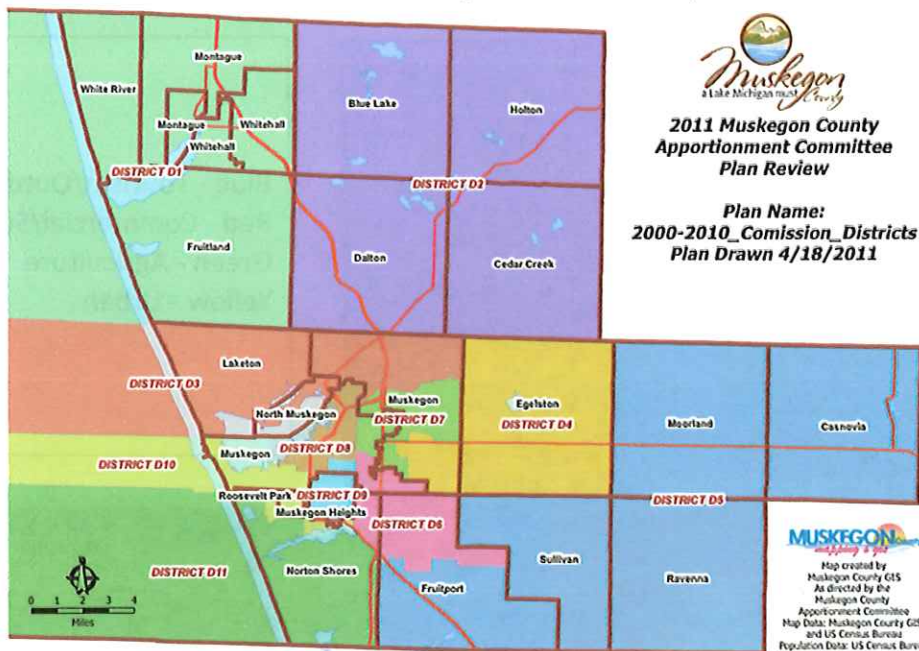
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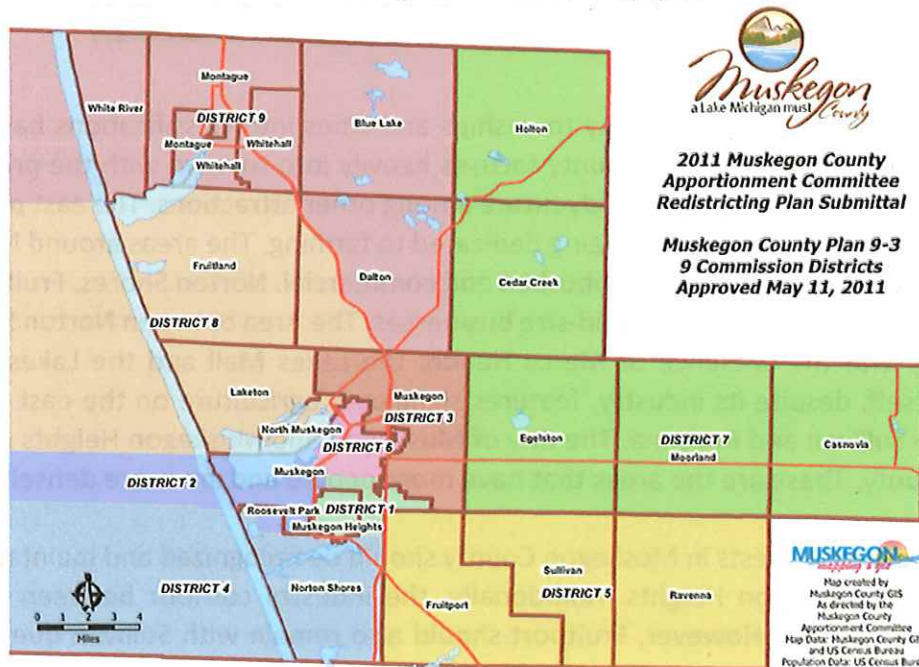
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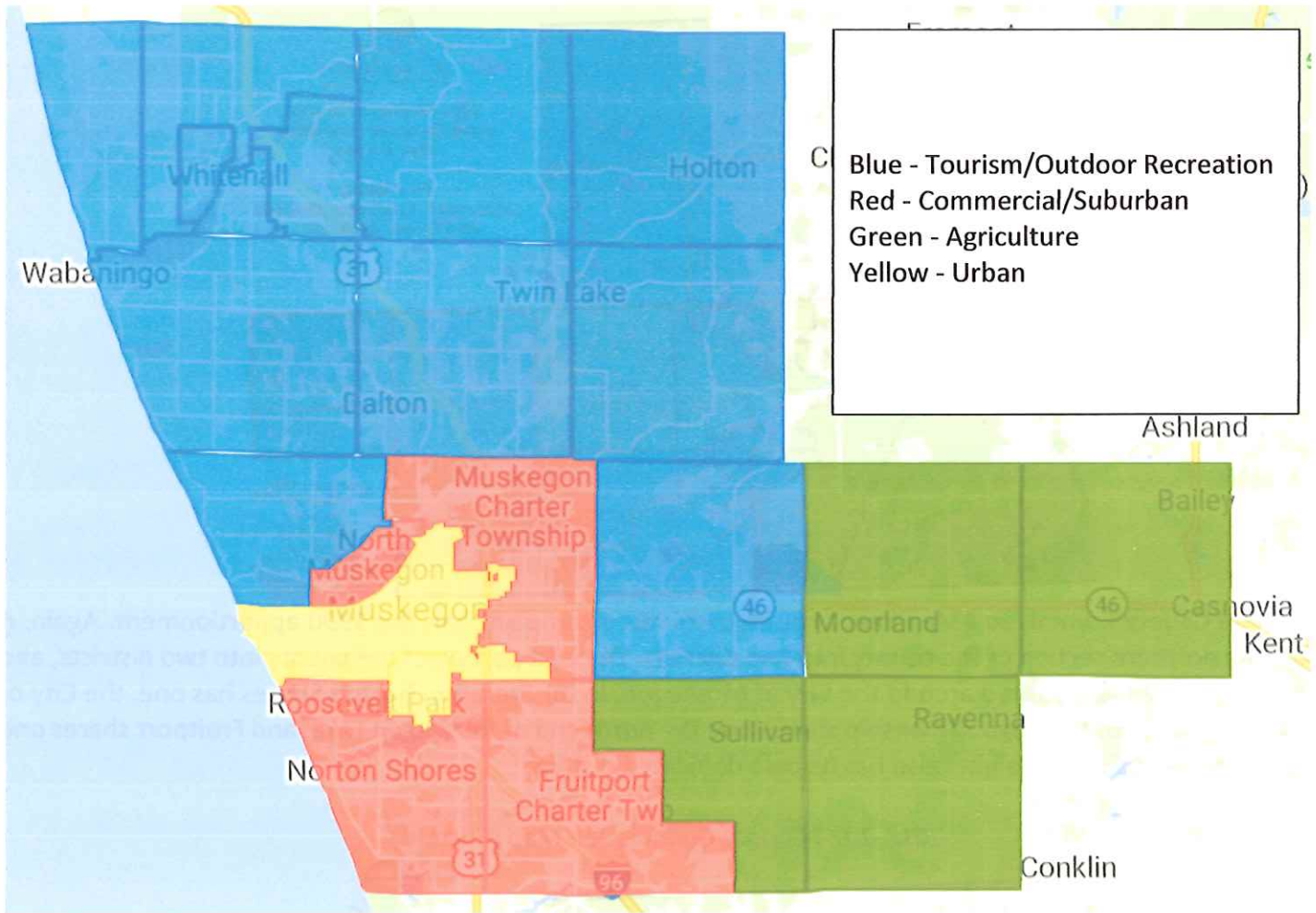
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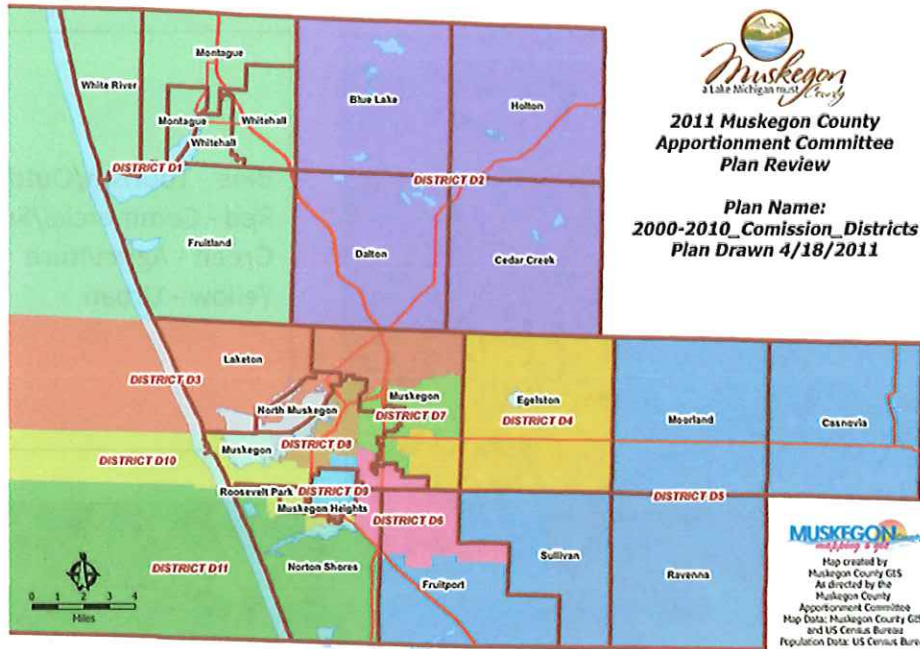
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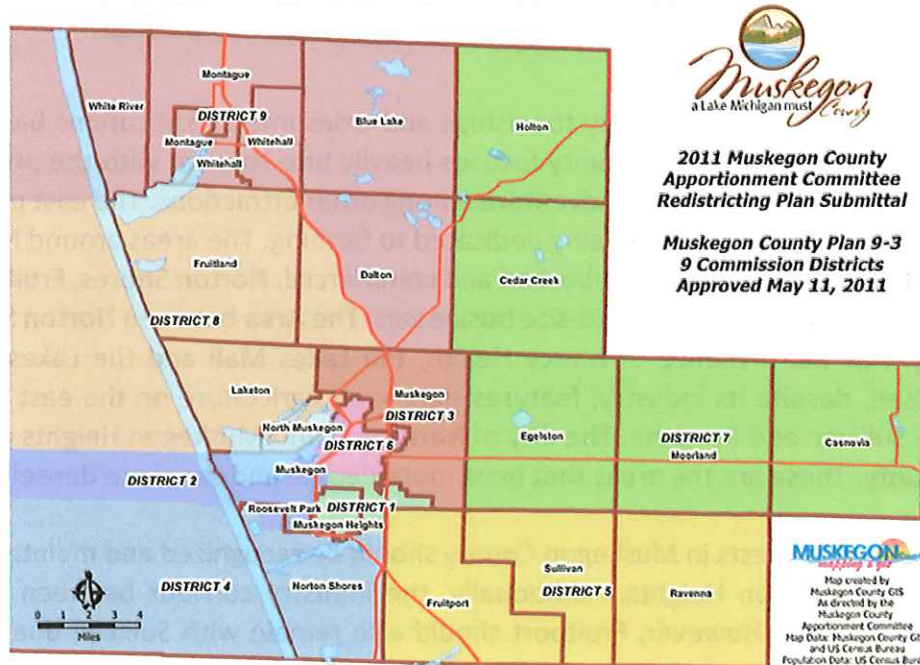
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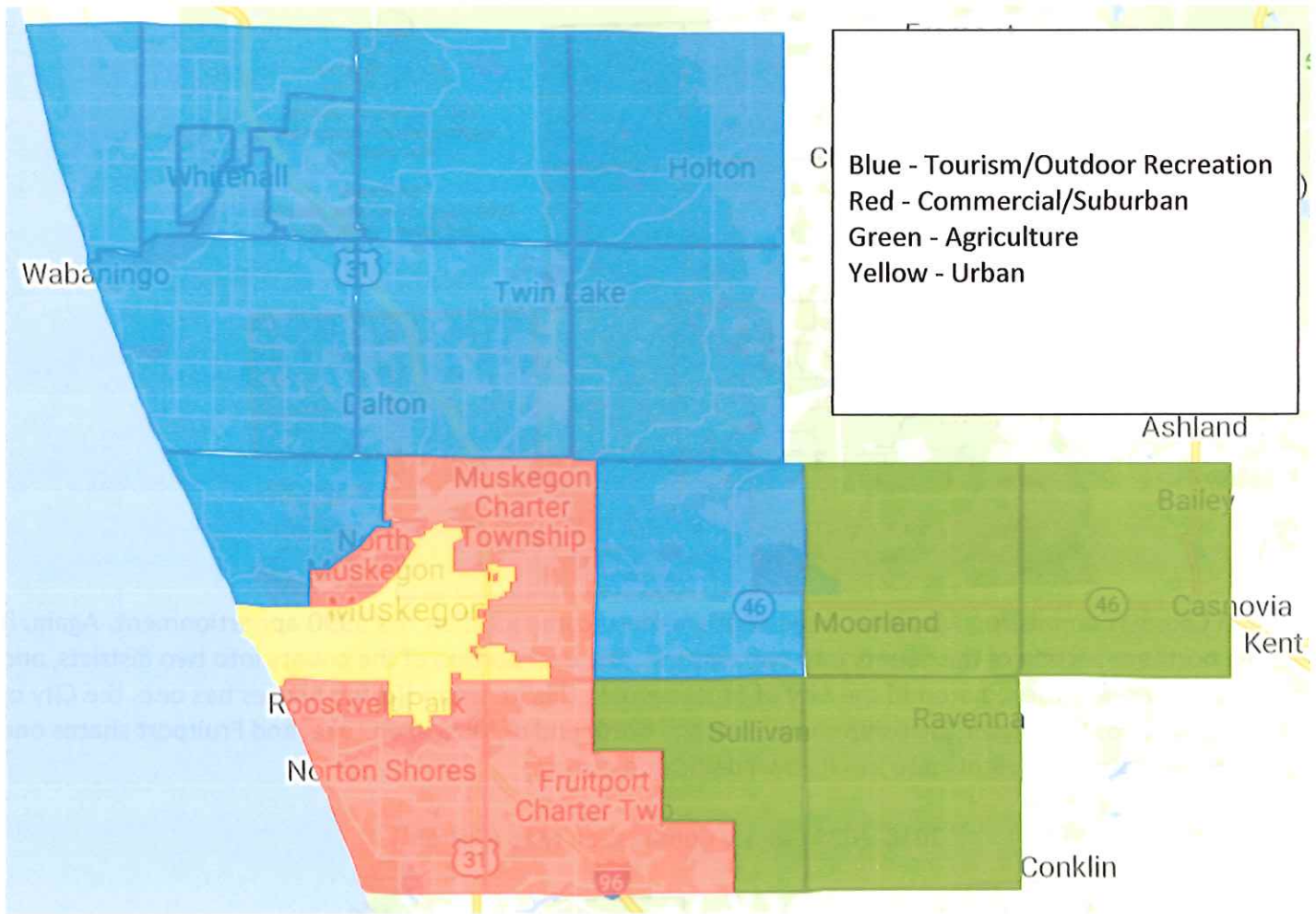
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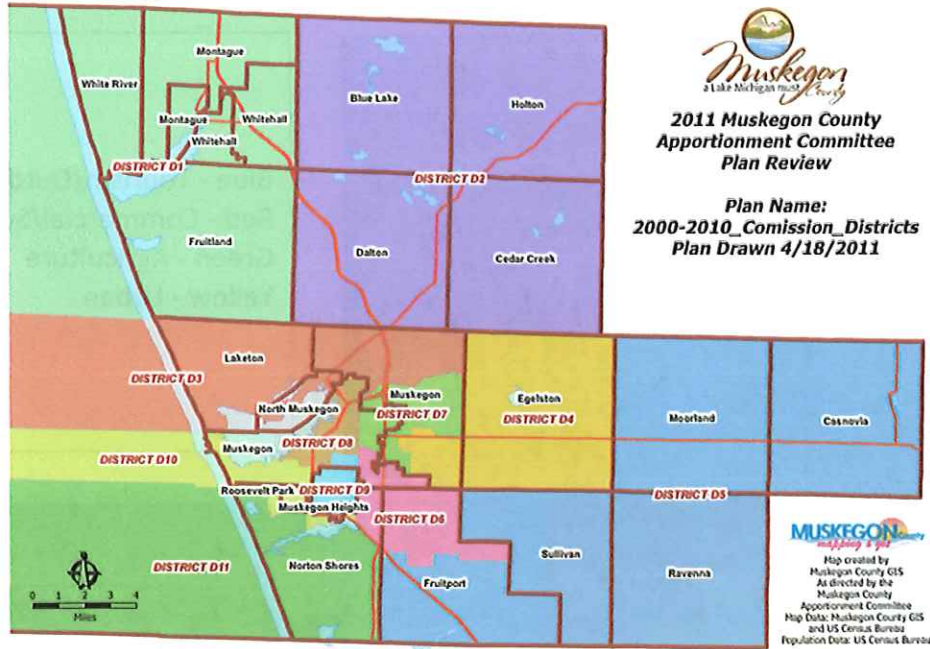
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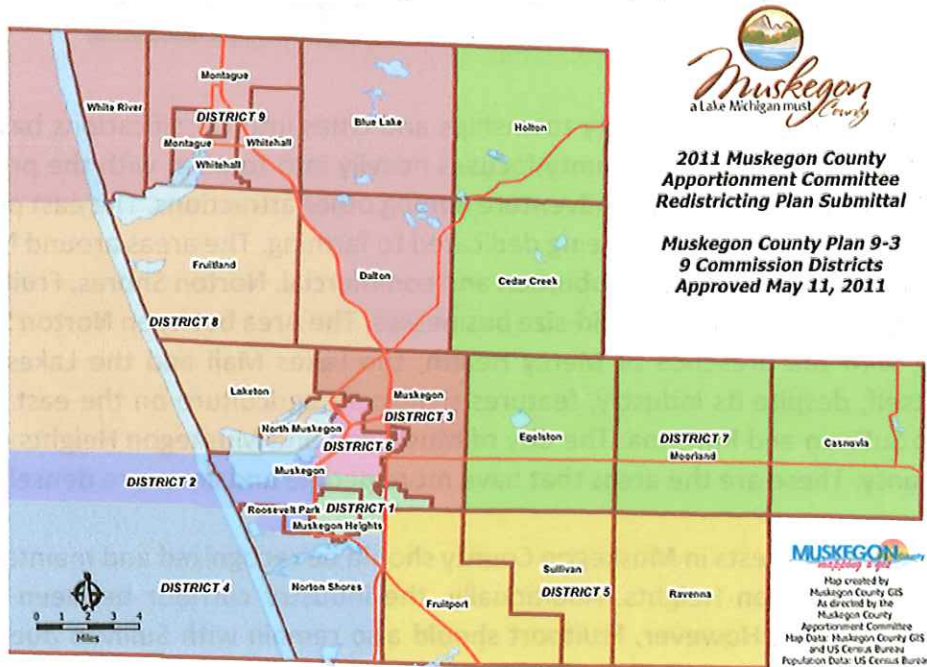
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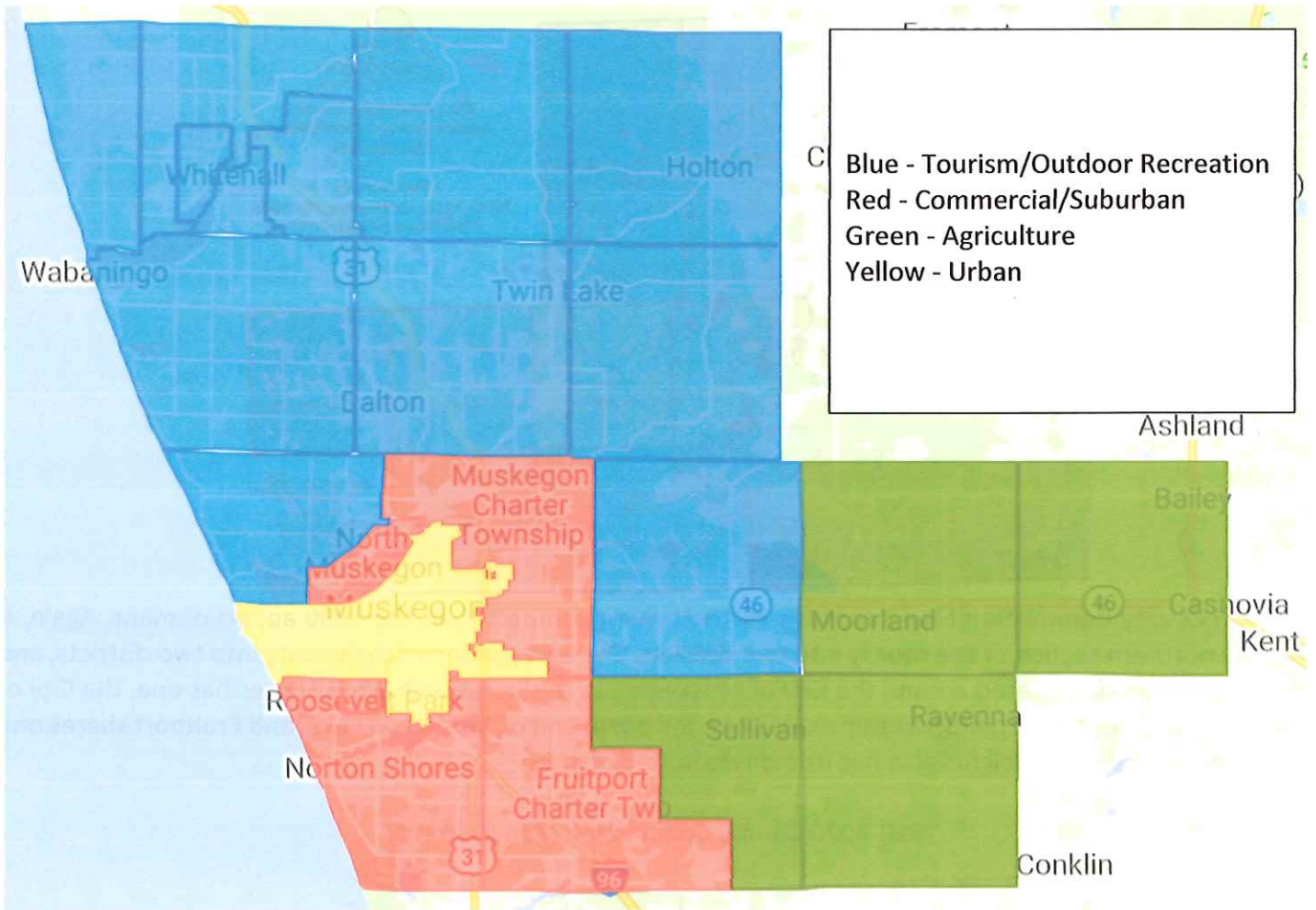
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Muskegon Re-districting script

My Name is Tim Prosch. I'm a Board member of an organization called ROAD

R, O, A, D which stands for

Reviving Our American Democracy

Which, I believe, is why we're all here.

We the Audience and You the Commission have committed

Time and energy

To reviving our American democracy. . . And we're glad to be part of it!

The ROAD board has met with Edward Woods and representatives of your Commission in the past to educate ourselves on how we might assist you in your quest. In addition, several of our Board members have taken your excellent seminar on how to use the *districtr* web tool.

We then as a group tried our hand at drawing a map. And shared with our fellow citizens last night at the Montague City Hall.

It's based on your three criteria for a Community of Interest:

Cultural and historical characteristics and, of course, economic interests.

We're now passing out our map (which we, of course, call our Road Map.) I'd like to walk you through our thinking on why we believe it faithfully reflects our Community of Interest.

1. First of all, like much of the State of Michigan, our Community is dependent on tourism . . . on "summer people."

Of course, they don't vote in our elections, but their spending gets us full-time residents through the long, cold winter when revenue is tight.

Our form of Tourism is a function of our location, in other words, water sports, boating, fishing. In addition, our environment invites camping and biking.

That is not to say that Agriculture isn't an important part of our Community; because it is. It just doesn't include as many voters as the Tourism Industry does.

2. The second characteristic that we weighed heavily is more of a Cultural one.

- a. Book Nook: which has become a hub in the community by offering, not only books, but also coffee and pastries, a glass of wine and live local entertainment

- b. Bear Lake Tavern: which you can reach by car or boat

- c. Old Channel Inn: where folks from miles around will travel for fried perch on a Friday night

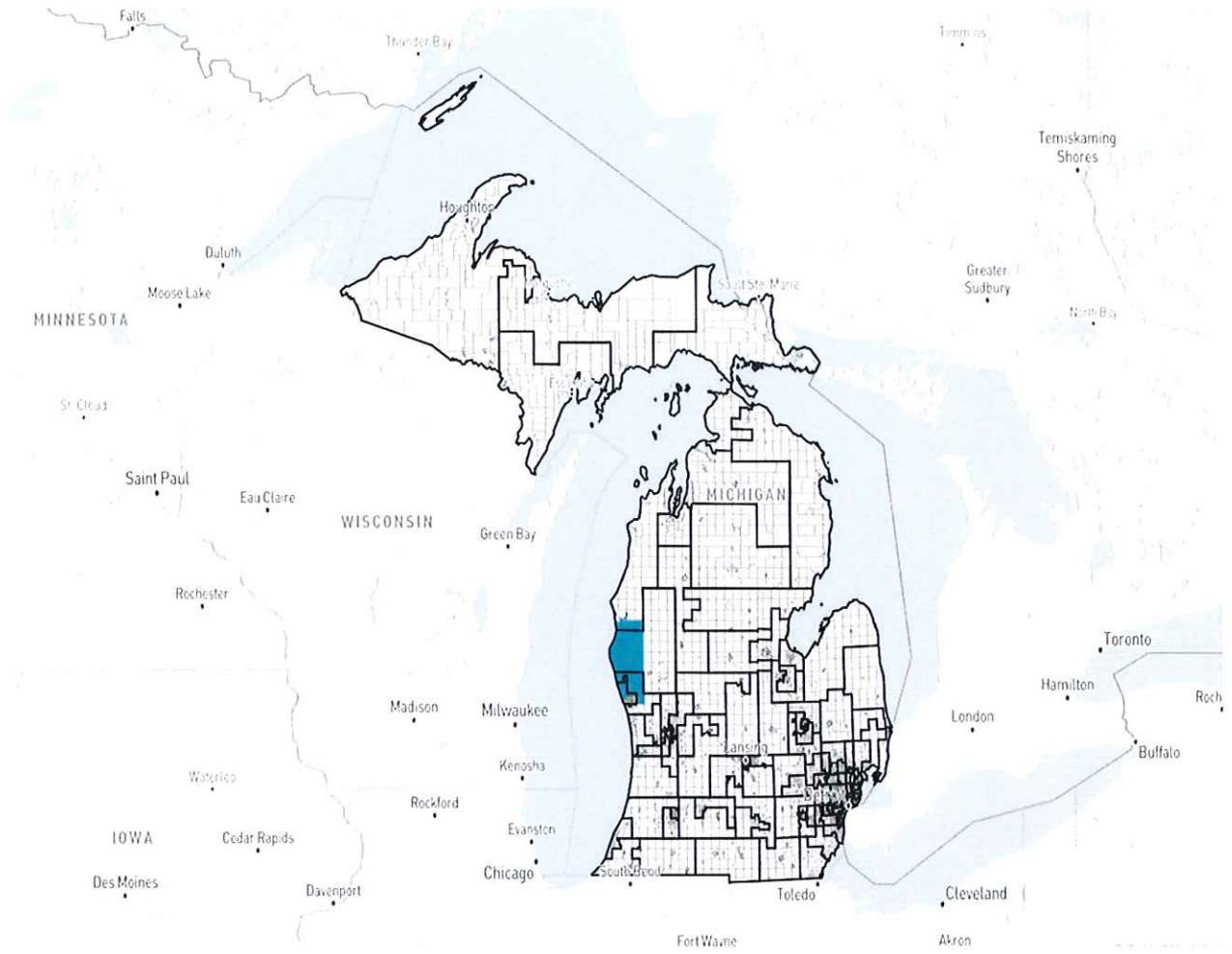
- d. Peckadill's: where you can enjoy soup and a sandwich or an ice cream in their well-tended garden

- e. Lipka's soda fountain: it doesn't get any more "small town" than that!

3. Finally, please don't do what the Gerrymanders did to us decades ago:

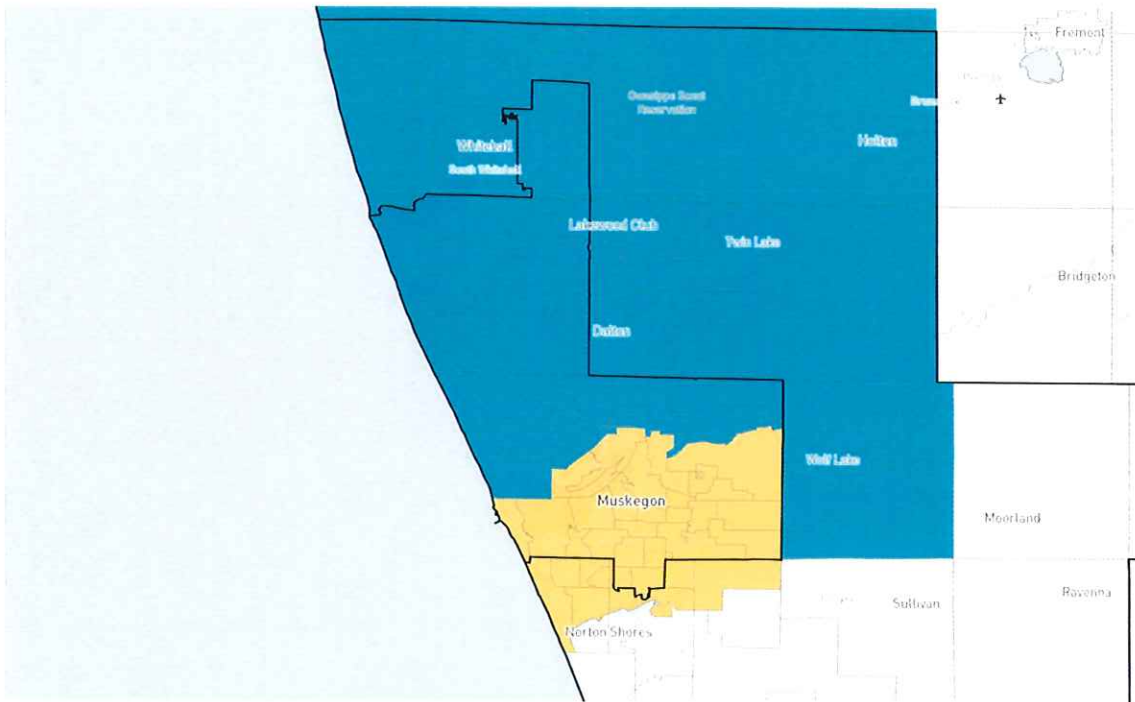
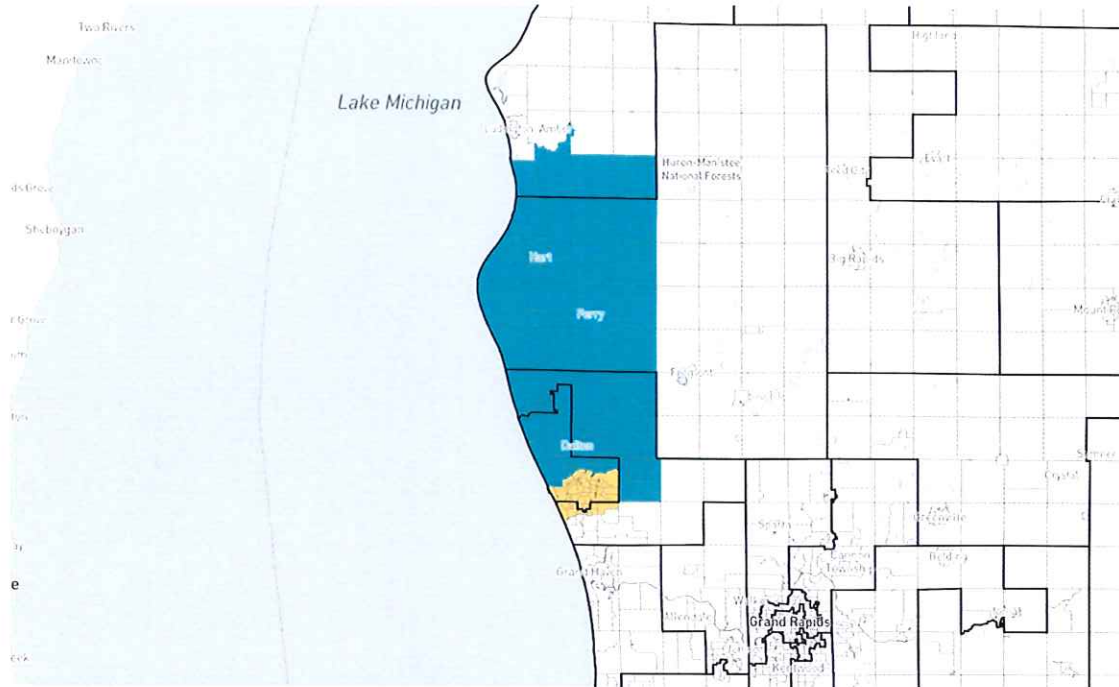
Split Whitehall and Montague

We may be high school football rivals but we're only separated by a very small cement bridge over the White River.



Current state House map

**Close up of Current and New Districts-
Based on Economic, Cultural and Historical Communities of Interest**



PUBLIC COMMENT TEMPLATES

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My name is *Cayle Harris, CR* from *CR*, Michigan. I have been a member of the Greater Grand Rapids community for xxx years. On behalf of the MI State Conference NAACP, Greater Grand Rapids Branch NAACP, and members of the Greater Grand Rapids community, I would like to emphasize the adherence to the Commission's stated redistricting principles as well as suggestions to expanding the MICRC guidelines.

For example, prison gerrymandering refers to the process of counting incarcerated persons at their usual residence (prison facilities), thereby inflating the number of voters in such districts by increasing funding and representation for individuals who will not benefit from either funding or voting power, and will likely return to their original places of residence and hometowns. Prison gerrymandering removes needed funding and additional representation that could foster programs and policies aimed at reducing recidivism and allowing these individuals a "next step," or second chance. The MICRC should incorporate guidelines that account for district statistics that exclude this population of individuals that cannot vote. Such measures will account for the actual voting strength of these districts and areas, at least until measures are taken to permanently include these individuals in the areas where they are likely to return after incarceration. Six states passed legislation to end prison-based gerrymandering, while six other states have pending legislation to end the practice, with some local communities working around prison gerrymandering by ignoring the prison population.

Additional redistricting principles should include a clearer definition of favoring/disfavoring incumbents and candidates, and how partisan advantage will be specifically eliminated. Additionally, will data analysis utilized by the Commission be publicly available, i.e. racially polarized voting analysis, population projections, election studies, etc.?

We appreciate this opportunity to provide public comment and will reiterate this request with follow-up written submission of comments and reports. Again, thank you for this opportunity.

Thank you!

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7/1/2021

Testimony before the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission JULY 1, 2021

Thanks for this opportunity to present my thoughts on your task.

My name is Charles Hampton and I live in the [REDACTED] in SE Grand Rapids. I am a retired professor of mathematics from The College of Wooster in Ohio, who grew up in Plymouth, a western suburb of Detroit, who graduated from the University of Michigan, and who moved from Ohio to the Grand Rapids area after retirement. I have had an interest in redistricting and anti-gerrymandering efforts for more than 40 years.

I am one of the few persons, perhaps the only one, to speak this Commission who has had experience doing the task with which this Commission has been charged. In 1991 I was hired as a consultant by California's Independent Panel on Redistricting. Guided by this bipartisan Panel's input and working alone, I drew the congressional districts and legislative districts for both houses of the California legislature.

I want to make three points in these minutes allocated to me and I will be pleased to answer any questions from Commission.

1. The common news reports that the late release of the Census data will delay the redistricting process is not correct. Working alone I accomplished redistricting California in about **three months**. California had added three Congressional districts so a simple adjustment of existing district boundaries was not possible and California had and has three major minority groups, Hispanics, Asians, and African-Americans, each of whose voting rights had to be respected in the redistricting. I know that the Commission members do not have the expertise with a GIS system to carry out the detailed work needed. But hiring a few consultants with that experience could easily accomplish the redistricting of Michigan by the mandated date. I would suggest that this Commission hire a minimum of three consultants with the following criteria in mind. Persons a) with significant GIS experience, b) residing outside Michigan and c) with no easily identifiable connections with a political party.

2. The goal of drawing districts with populations within ONE person of the ideal number is patently absurd. No one, not even the Census Bureau, believes their numbers are that accurate and the districts drawn come into use two years after the census was taken and last for the following decade. I understand this goal is to avoid court challenges based on the Supreme Court decisions. This goal forces the line drawers to divide districts using census data for small pieces, even city blocks. I wish districts were to be constructed using only census tracts and not the smaller census blocks. If my wish were to be the case, it would mean districts might vary by as much as 1750 persons (about 0.25% variance for Congressional districts). The variance would necessarily be larger for state legislative districts.

3. If I had been writing the Voters Not Politicians initiative proposal, I would not have included the use of political party registration or past voting records in the information to be used by the Commission. I would have the Commission use ONLY the Census data. This was what I had in California. Perhaps the results here in Michigan would duplicate the results of my work in California: at each level 1/3 of the seats safe for Democrats, 1/3 safe for Republicans and 1/3 contested. A political scientist determined this independently based on registration data and voting records, after my work was done. The Commission could have its consultants use only the Census data and then evaluate what is drawn using political data.

If there are any question for me, I will try to answer them.

Thank you again.

Charles Hampton

Grand Rapids, MI 49546

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TOOLTIP DATA Population Population

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Population Data Layers Evaluation

Population by Race

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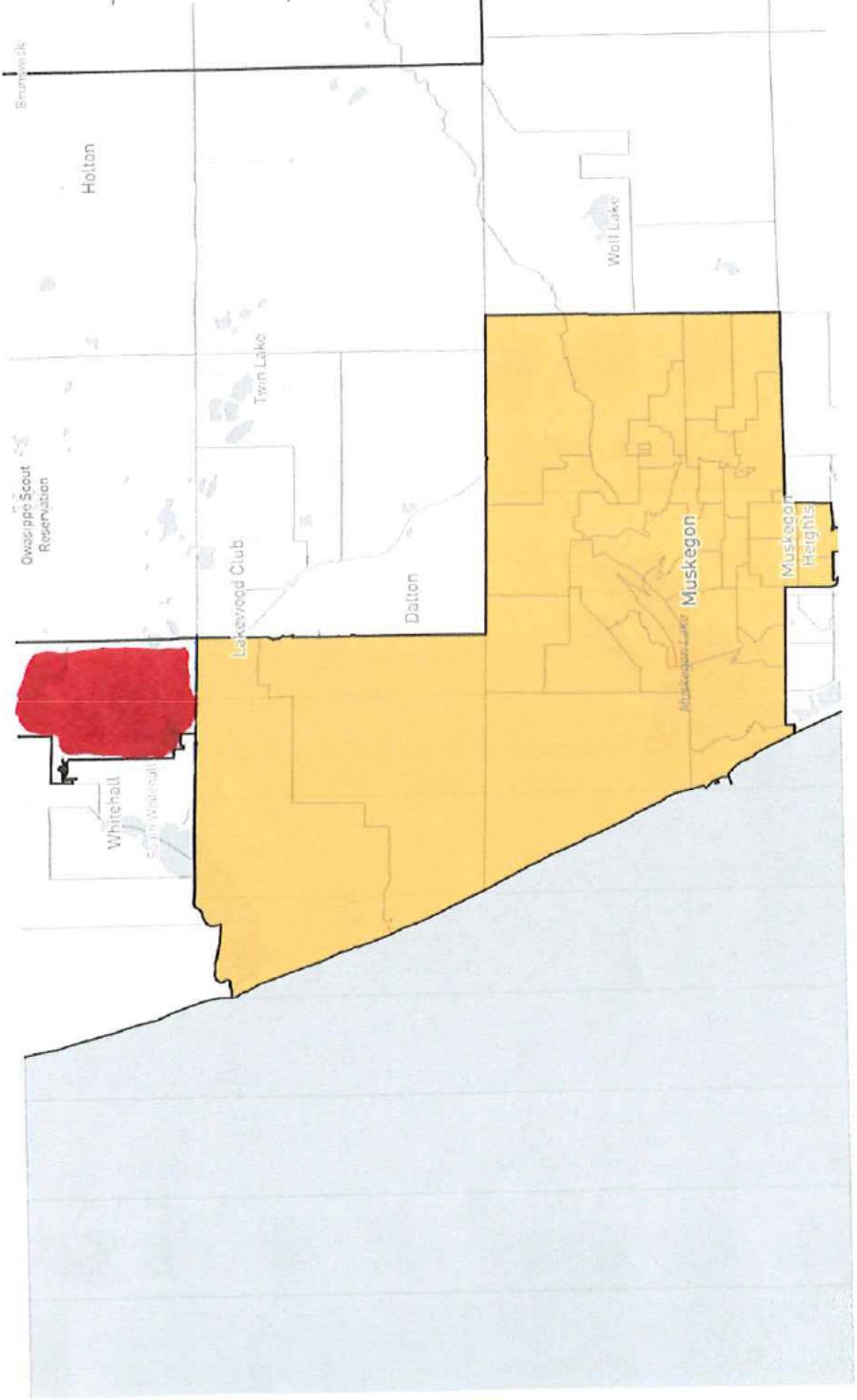
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AND Hispanic population

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2	62.9%	27.2%	5.8%
Overall	76.6%	14%	4.4%

- Voting Age Population by Race
- Partisan Balance Summary
- Election Details
- Contiguity

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Josie James
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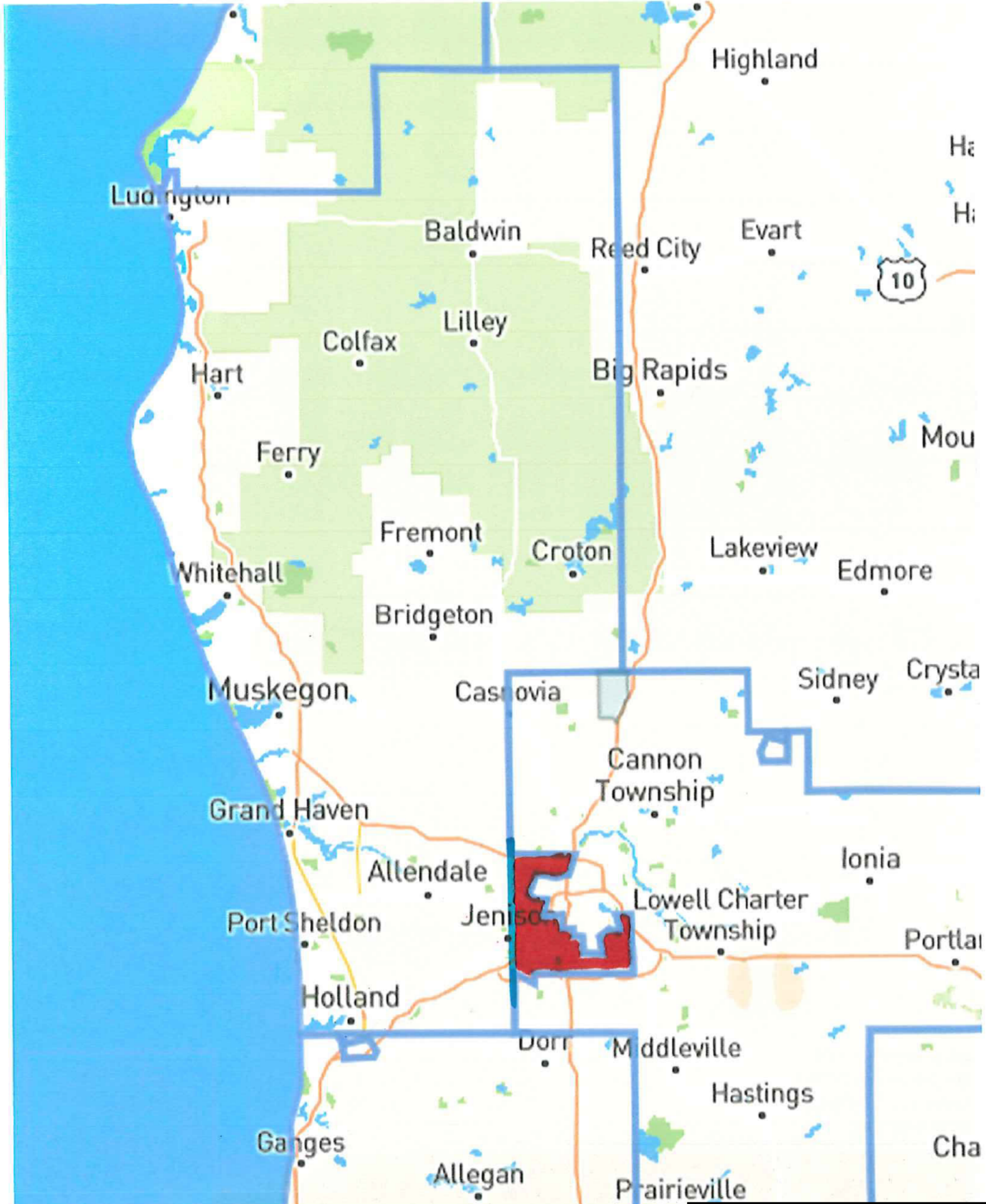
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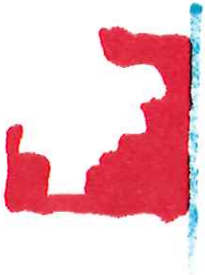
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Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
Donna Iverson	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	A must!	6/13/21
Carrie Hucston	[Redacted]	[Redacted]		6/15/21
ESIL H. HOOK	[Redacted]	[Redacted]		6.15.21
Jessica [Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]		6.15.21
Carrie Jarmog	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Yes!	6.15.21
Liviana Teniente	[Redacted]	[Redacted]		6.15.21
Chir Jackson	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Thank you	6/15/21
Madalynne Koeppe	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	People over Politics!	6/15/21



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Thomas Maddox				6/19/21
Nefertari Tom				6/19/21
FAVE REDMOND				6/19/21
Harquell Fisk				6/19/21
Monty Bell				6/19/21
Phyllis				6/19/21
Elbert Davis				6/19/21
Karen Buse				6/19/21

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Vivita Coleman				
Sonya Hernandez				
Reshna Keener				
Lance Smith				
Dannier Ross				
Robert Cowley				



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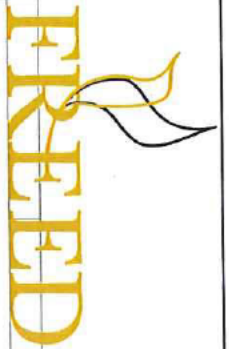
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MARIANN DE ROSE	[Redacted]	[Redacted]		6-15-21
JAMES DAM	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Good JRPD	6-15-21



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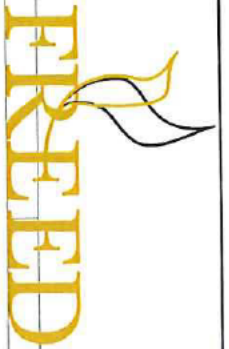


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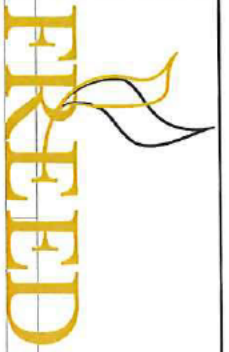
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Ashley	Haskell			
Marissa	LaPorte			
Lauren	Herrman			
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Erica	Shier			
Shannon	Goodwin			
Ellie	Kyles			
Heather	Pensim			
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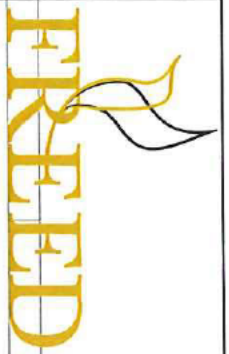
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Sunshine	Fox			
Paige	Mortyman			
Brody	Montgomery			
Theodore	Bryce			
HT	Amish			
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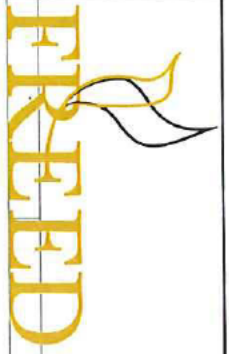
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8	Nennifer	Palkoska			
9	Breanne	Sonker			
10	Ashlye	Sparrano			
11	Anthony	DiMeglio			
12	Nicole	Schvede			
13	Sachyn	Schvede			
14	Paine	Plotz			
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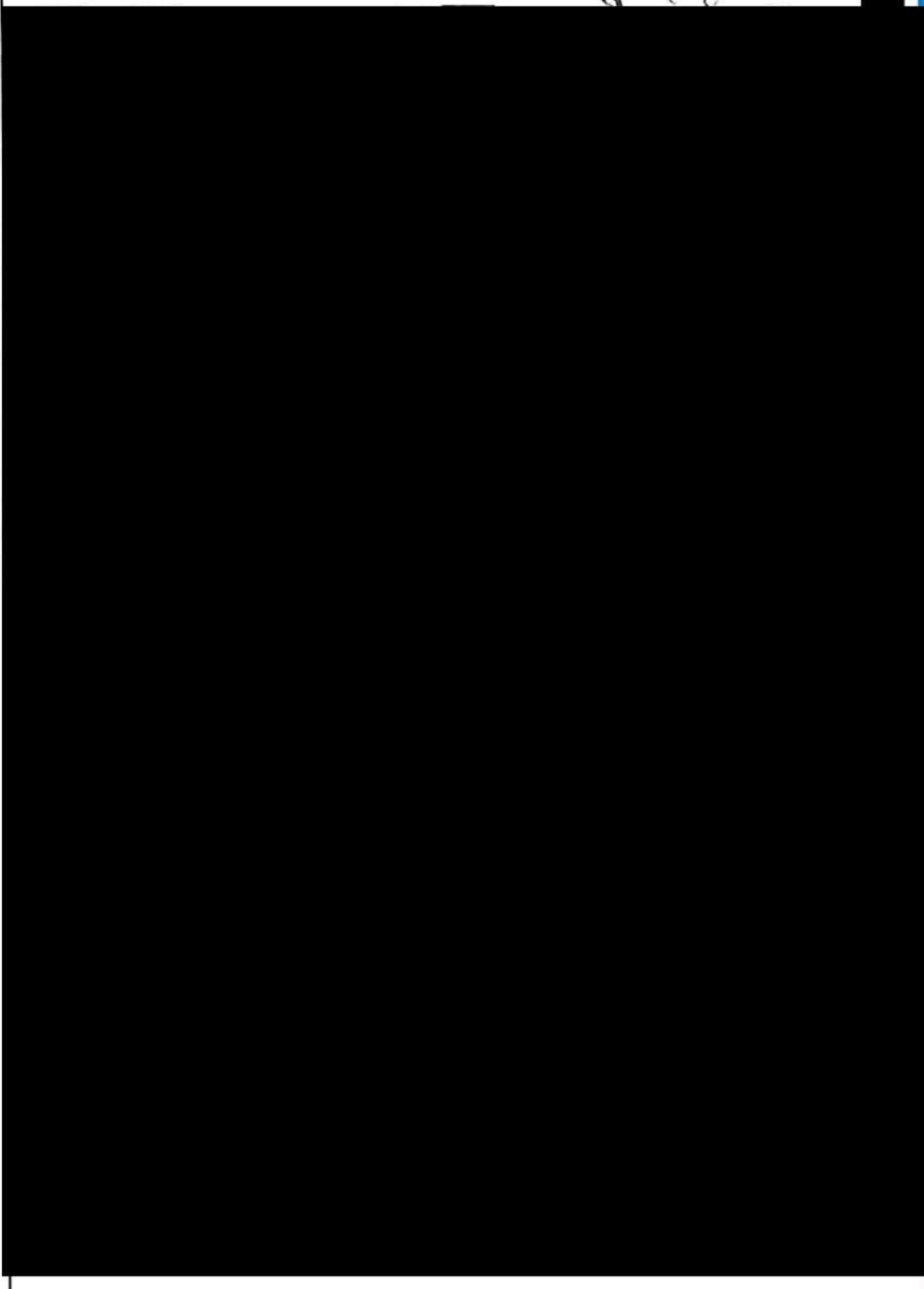
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SURAN	LIVISS			
SEAN	LOPEZ			
MADISON	PEPER			
KARLI	HAMMINGTON			
FREDERICA	POPE			
SELF	BYER			
MONTIQUE	HAAS			
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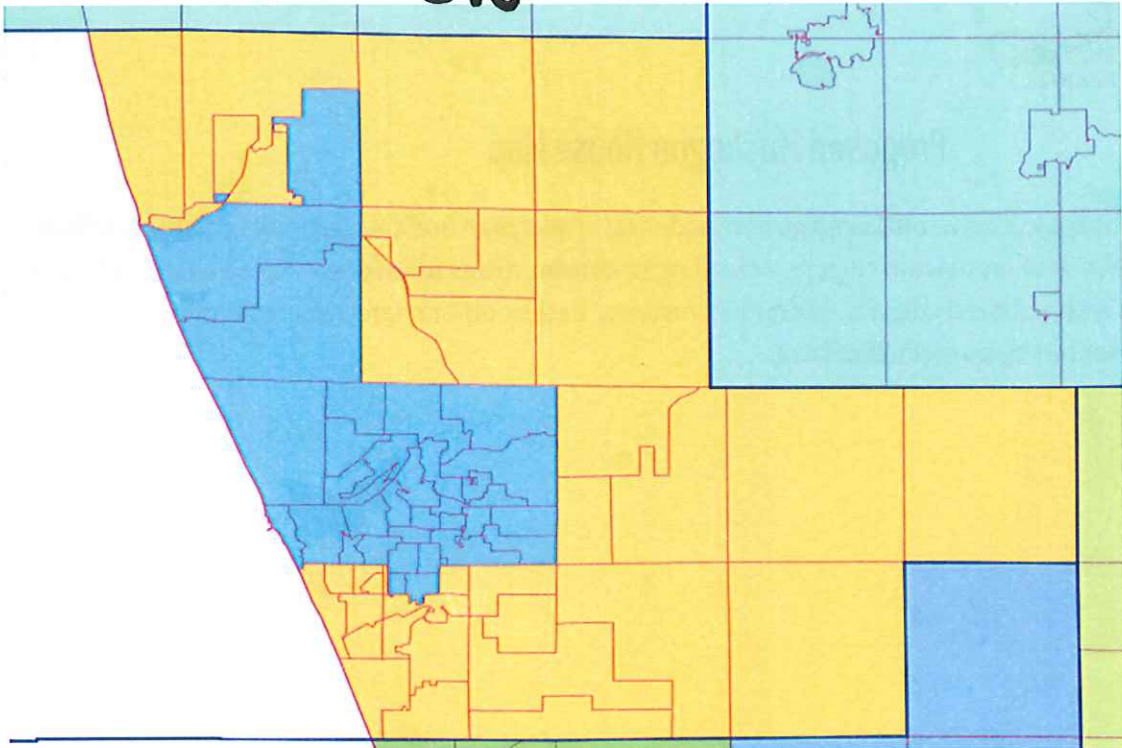
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Tracy				
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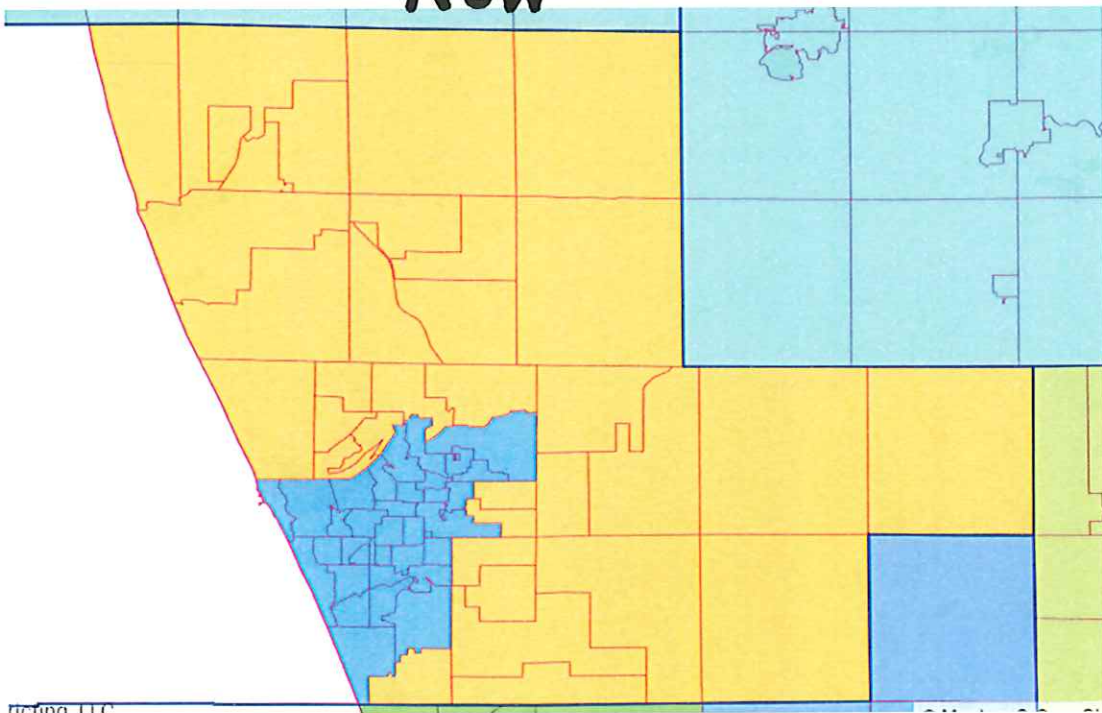
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Proposed Muskegon House Map

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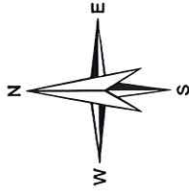


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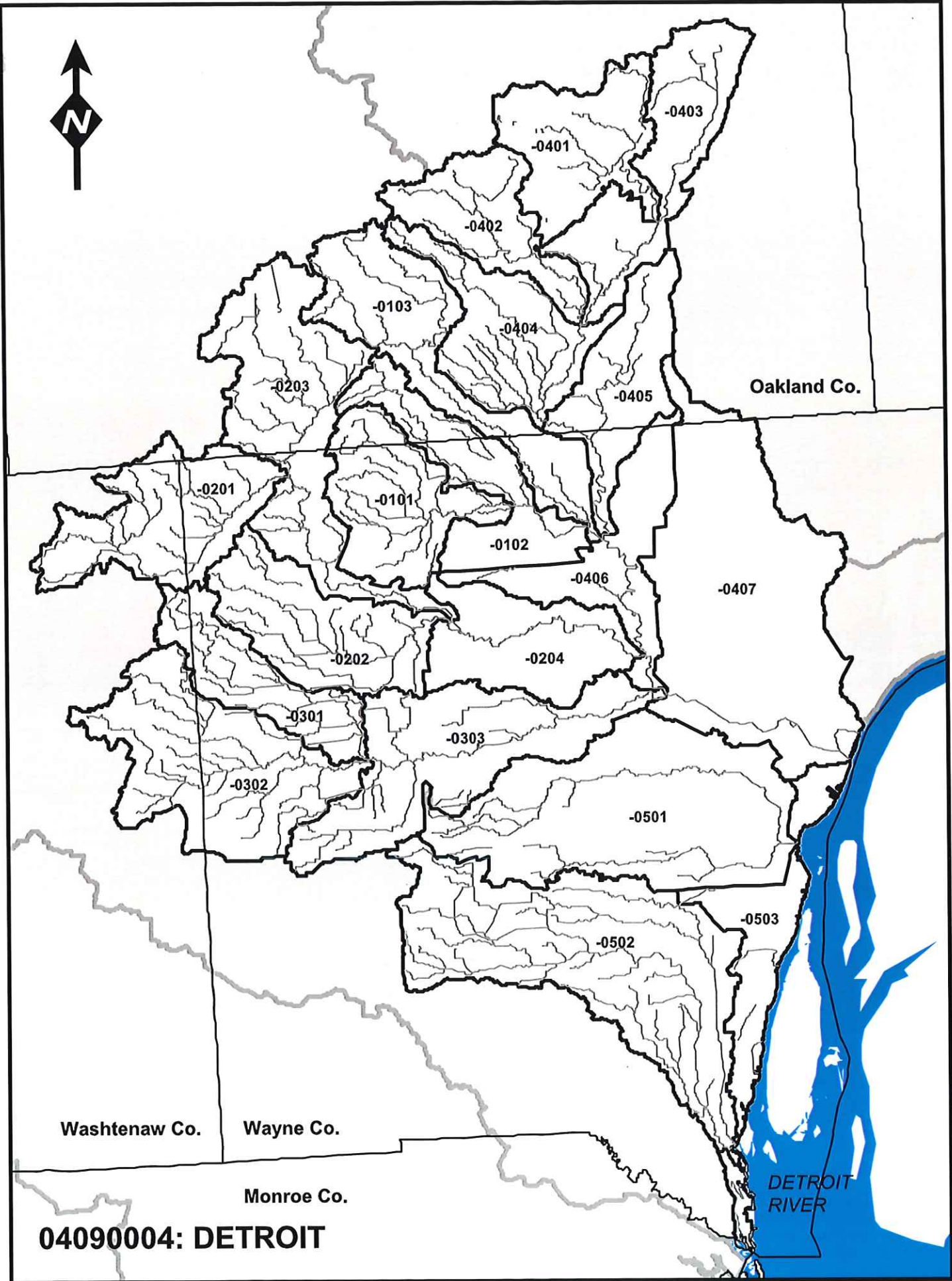
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	SE Lake Superior	Lake Superior	Lake Superior	Ontonagon	04020102			
				Keweenaw Peninsula	04020103			
				Sturgeon	04020104			
				Dead-Kelsey	04020105			
				Betsy-Chocolay	04020201			
				Tahquamenon	04020202			
				Waiska	04020203			
				Lake Superior	04020300			
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			Michigamme	04030107				
			Menominee	04030108				
			Cedar-Ford	04030109				
			Escanaba	04030110				
			Tacoosh-Whitefish	04030111				
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					Black-Macatawa	04050002		
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	Betsie-Platte	04060104						
	Boardman-Charlevoix	04060105						
	Manistique	04060106						
	Brevoort-Millecoquins	04060107						
	Lake Michigan	04060200						
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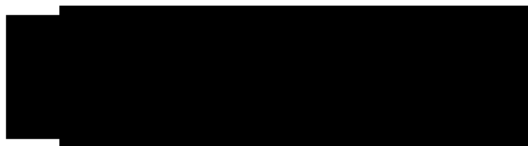
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Contact Information:

Timothy Koschmann, PhD

Muskegon, MI



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Voting Access For All

CALL TO ACTION!!

The [Voting Access for All Coalition \(VAAC\)](#) urges you to support [House Bill 4276](#) and [Senate Bill 151](#), which seek to end prison gerrymandering in the state of Michigan.

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By raising awareness and focusing our efforts, we can support HB 4276 and SB 151, and help put an end to prison gerrymandering. Here’s how:

- Send an email to the **House Elections & Ethics Committee Chair, Ann Bollin**, at AnnBollin@house.mi.gov, and request that HB 4276 be given a hearing.
- Send an email to the **Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee Chair, Roger Victory**, at senrvictory@senate.michigan.gov, and request that SB 151 be given a hearing.
- Find other organizations and individuals interested in supporting and encourage them to uplift their voice and contact both chairs above.

Another way you can support ending prison gerrymandering is to provide testimony to the [Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission](#). The MICRC is leading the redistricting process to draw fair and independent maps, and empowers citizens to provide input on what best represents their interests. The commission will hold 16 public hearings, now through July 1. This means the last opportunity you will have to share your concerns with MICRC will be July 1! A link to the MICRC website with dates, times, and locations for public hearings is [HERE](#). You can also attend virtually, and find next steps for MICRC [HERE](#). When providing testimony, it is important to:

- **Be concise.** You only have two minutes to speak. Writing out what you want to say may be useful!
- **Personalize your story.** Using a template is good, but stories are what pull at people’s heartstrings! Sharing how this has impacted you, your family, and your community, and why it is important to you may be the tipping point to getting the bills passed!
- If you do not wish to vocalize your concerns, you can also provide written testimony, and submit it [HERE](#).

Redistricting is done every 10 years, so let your voice be heard and express your support to end prison gerrymandering!!

Questions, comments, or concerns, can be forwarded to VAAC at votingaccessforall@googlegroups.com.

Michelle Kuikstra



Newaygo, MI 49337

Redistricting Commission

State of Michigan

Re: Redistricting concerns

I am submitting my concerns to you in hopes that as you look at the State of Michigan and our varied communities you would see the importance of leaving our communities of interest intact.

I am personally happy with the present State House and Senate lines in my area.

I would like to encourage you to respect municipal lines, neighborhoods, townships, counties as the communities of interest that have been developed by those choosing to live in these areas.

I would ask that you consider the communities that are served by organizations such as churches and law enforcement, fire departments, libraries, and any other organization the Community has felt was needed to best care for and represent their citizen's needs.

I would also ask that you not use roadways as dividing or access points as this may split Municipalities and other Communities of interest.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Michelle Kuikstra



GRAND RAPIDS

BEER CITY ALE TRAIL

Muskegon Area
40 miles from downtown GR
5 Breweries

Grand Haven Area
35 miles from downtown GR
3 Breweries

Holland Area
30 miles from downtown GR
7 Breweries

Saugatuck Area
40 miles from downtown GR
4 Breweries

South Haven Area
60 miles from downtown GR
6 Breweries

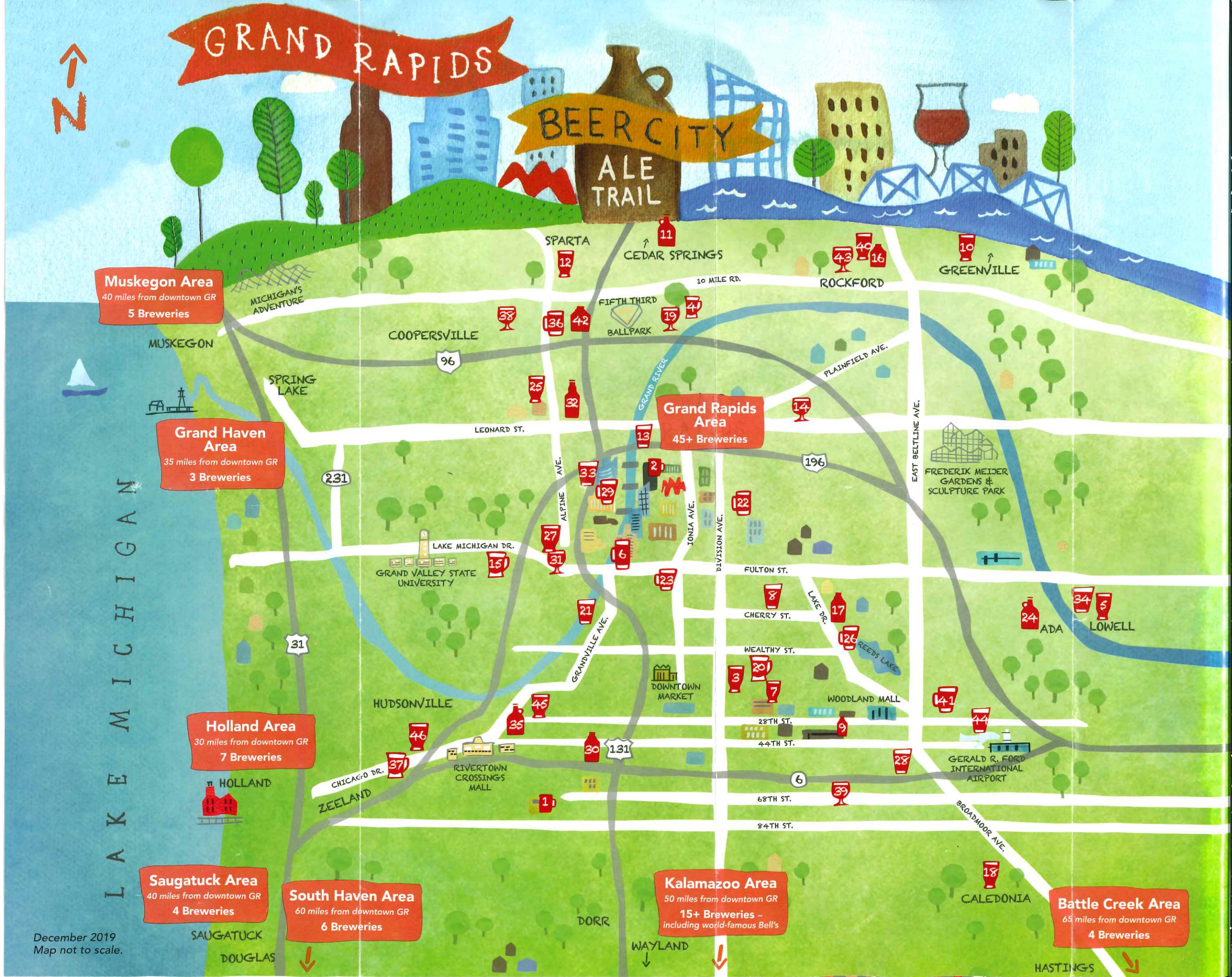
Grand Rapids Area
45+ Breweries

Kalamazoo Area
50 miles from downtown GR
15+ Breweries - including world-famous Bell's

Battle Creek Area
65 miles from downtown GR
4 Breweries

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Cheers for our Beers...

Beer City USA
Examiner.com

#1 Beercation Beer Lovers Should Book for Their Next Getaway
Travel+Leisure, 2019

1 of 15 Best Beer Cities Around the World
CNN, 2019

America's Best Beer Scene
USA Today, 2016 & 2017

America's #2 Craft Brewery
4 of the Nation's Top 10 Beers
Founders Brewing Co.
Zymurgy, 2019

1 of 10 U.S. Tours Even Americans Should Take
Grand Rapids Beer Tour
The Discoverer Blog, 2019

Great American Beer Festival 2018 Medalists
Founders Brewing Co.
The Mitten Brewing Co.
Thornapple Brewing Co.

1 of 6 Must Visit U.S. Cities for Beer Connoisseurs
Travel Channel, 2016

... and Spirits!

Top 10 Craft Spirits Tourism Destination
Travelocity, 2017

America's Best Craft Specialty Spirits Distillery
Long Road Distillers
USA Today, 2017 & 2018

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Beyond Beer

Beer isn't the only craft beverage Grand Rapids does exceedingly well – you'll also savor the flavor of our hard ciders, spirits and meads!



Grand Rapids Area Cideries

- Farmhaus Cider Co.**
5025 Stanton St.
Hudsonville, MI 49426
616.920.1867
farmhauscider.com
- The People's Cider Co. Tasting Room**
539 Leonard St. NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
thepeoplescider.com
- Pink Barrel Cellars**
3025 6 Mile Rd. NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49544
616.784.0058
pinkbarrelcellars.com
- Robinette's Winery & Cider Mill**
3142 4 Mile Rd. NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525
616.361.5567
robinettes.com
- Thornapple Brewing Company**
6262 28th St. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
616.288.6907
thornapplebrewing.com

Distilleries

- Vander Mill Grand Rapids**
505 Ball Ave. NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
616.259.8828
vandermill.com
- Atwater Grand Rapids**
201 Michigan St. NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
616.649.3020
atwaterbeer.com
- Bier Distillery**
5295 West River Dr. NE, Ste. 100
Comstock Park, MI 49321
616.888.9746
bierdistillery.com
- Cedar Springs Brewing Company**
95 N. Main
Cedar Springs, MI 49319
616.696.BEER
csbrew.com
- Eastern Kille Distillery**
700 Ottawa Ave. NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
616.893.3305
easternkille.com
- Long Road Distillers**
537 Leonard St. NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
longroaddistillers.com
- Michigan Moonshine Distillery**
4005 Chicago Dr. SW
Grandville, MI 49418
616.259.1000
michiganmoonshine.us
- New Holland The Knickerbocker**
417 Bridge St. NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
616.345.5642
newhollandbrew.com/knickerbocker
- Thornapple Brewing Company**
6262 28th St. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
616.288.6907
thornapplebrewing.com
- Wise Men Distillery**
4717 Broadmoor Ave. SE, Ste. F
Grand Rapids, MI 49512
wisemendistilling.com

Meaderies

- Adesanya Mead**
3012 28th St. SW
Grandville, MI 49418
616.299.1963
adesanyamead.com
- Arktos Meadery**
1251 Century Ave. SW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
616.406.4444
arktosmeadery.com
- Grimsbly Hollow Meadery**
4525 N M37 Hwy.
Middleville, MI 49333
616.916.2418
grimsblyhollowmeadery.com
- Thornapple Brewing Company**
6262 28th St. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
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Location Hours Vary,
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Don't Miss Our Annual Events:

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| Beer Month GR
Feb. 15 - March 15 | Cider Week GR
May |
| Restaurant Week GR
August | Cocktail Week GR
November |

Experience
GRAND RAPIDS
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Grand Rapids Area Breweries

- Alebird Taphouse and Brewery**
2619 84th St. SW
Byron Center, MI 49315
616.583.8457
alebird.com
- Atwater Grand Rapids**
201 Michigan St. NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
616.649.3020
atwaterbeer.com
- Arvon Brewing Co., Opens 2020**
1006 S. Division Ave.
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
arvonbrewingco.com
- Bier Distillery**
5295 West River Dr. NE, Ste. 100
Comstock Park, MI 49321
616.888.9746
bierdistillery.com
- Big Boiler Brewing**
318 E. Main St., Ste. B
Lowell, MI 49331
616.987.3155
bigboilerbrewing.com
- B.O.B.'s Brewery**
20 Monroe Ave. NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
616.356.2000
thebobsbrewery.com
- Brass Ring Brewing Company**
2404 Eastern Ave. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49507
616.460.1587
brassringbrewing.com
- Brewery Vivant**
925 Cherry St. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49506
616.719.1604
breweryvivant.com
- Broad Leaf Local Beer**
2885 Lake Eastbrook Blvd.
Grand Rapids, MI 49512
616.803.0602
broadleafbeer.com
- Castle Brewing Co.**
1310 W. Washington St.
Greenville, MI 48838
616.712.6226
castlebrewingco.com
- Cedar Springs Brewing Company**
95 N. Main
Cedar Springs, MI 49319
616.696.BEER
csbrew.com
- Cellar Brewing Company**
133 E. Division St.
Sparta, MI 49345
616.383.1234
cellarbrewingco.com
- City Built Brewing Company**
820 Monroe Ave. NW, Ste. 155
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
616.805.5755
citybuiltbrewing.com
- Creston Brewery**
1504 Plainfield Ave. NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49505
616.805.4523
crestonbrewery.com
- DeHop's Brewing Company & Café**
363 Cummings Ave. NW
Walker, MI 49534
616.805.3363
dehops.com
- Depot No. 36 Brewery**
31 Courtland St.
Rockford, MI 49341
616.951.7001
kaylaraecellars.com/beers-ciders
- East West Brewing Company**
1400 Lake Dr. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49506
616.288.5250
eastwestbrewingcompany.com
- EB Coffee & Pub**
8980 N. Rodgers Ct. SE
Caledonia, MI 49316
616.891.7700
ebcoffeepub.com
- Elk Brewing - Comstock Park**
400 Dodge St. NE
Comstock Park, MI 49321
616.214.8172
elkbrewing.com
- Elk Brewing - Grand Rapids**
700 Wealthy St. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
616.238.5227
elkbrewing.com
- Founders Brewing Co.**
235 Grandville Ave. SW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
616.776.1195
foundersbrewing.com
- Fountain Hill Brewery**
151 Fountain St. NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
616.234.3700
grcc.edu/fountainhillbrewery
- Grand Rapids Brewing Co.**
1 Ionia Ave. SW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
616.458.7000
grbrewingcompany.com
- Gravel Bottom Craft Brewery**
452 Ada Dr. SE
Ada, MI 49301
616.920.7398
gravelbottom.com
- Greyline Brewing Co.**
1727 Alpine Ave. NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
greylinebrewing.com
- Harmony Brewing Company - Eastown**
1551 Lake Dr. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49506
616.233.0063
harmonybeer.com
- Harmony Hall**
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- Küsterer Brauhaus, Opens 2020**
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- The Mitten Brewing Co.**
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- New Union Brewery**
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perrinbrewing.com
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pike51.com
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- Schmohz Brewing Co.**
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