



# REDISTRICTING RECAP

Since the completion of the 2020 US Census, the boundaries of electoral districts at all levels of government have had to be redrawn. By law, all electoral districts in the United States, except for the US Senate, must be comprised of roughly equal populations. This applies to national bodies like the US House of Representatives, state bodies like the State of Michigan House of Representatives and the State of Michigan Senate, and local bodies like the Genesee County Commission and Flint City Council.

Throughout 2021, new districts have been drawn or are being drawn for these elected offices, and below is an update as of mid-December.

## **State of Michigan**

Thanks to the passage of Proposal 2 in 2018, redistricting of the US House of Representatives, State House of Representatives, and State Senate are done by [the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission](#). This proposal established a commission of 13 registered voters randomly selected through an application process. Of the 13 commissioners, four affiliate with the Democratic Party, four affiliate with the Republican Party, and five do not affiliate with either major political party.

After many meetings throughout 2021, the Commission has proposed a set of 5 draft US House of Representatives maps, 6 draft Michigan Senate maps, and 4 Michigan House of Representatives maps. These maps reflect thousands of resident comments made throughout the process in 2021, with several rounds of public hearings, online comments, written comments, and more incorporated into these maps. The Commission is taking public comment on these maps in several ways:

- View proposed maps and make public comments at <https://tinyurl.com/MICRCProposedMaps>
- Register to make a public comment by phone via 211.
- Mail comments to:  
MICRC  
P.O. Box 30318  
Lansing, MI 48909

Many residents and organizations in Flint have been working collaboratively to propose alternative maps to the Commission. Specifically, NextVote has submitted a map that incorporated a priority State House of Representatives map from Flint residents (labeled P7273 on the Commission's submission portal). NextVote took that Flint-specific piece of the map and incorporated it into an overall State House of Representatives map for all of Michigan. They also worked to reconfigure districts to take into account communities of interest across the state and



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to take into account partisan fairness across the state. That map is number P9240 in the Commission's submission portal.

The Commission must adopt final maps by **December 31, 2021**. The commission is currently scheduled to do so at its December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting.

## **Genesee County**

The Genesee County Board of Commissioners is composed of 9 members elected by districts in the county. Every 10 years, the County's Apportionment Commission approves new boundary lines to ensure that districts are composed of roughly equal population. This commission is composed of the heads of the County Republican and Democratic Parties as well as the County Clerk-Register, County Treasurer, and County Prosecutor.

After meeting during 2021, the Apportionment Commission adopted a new map for the boundaries of the County Commission on **October 21, 2021**. [You can see these new boundaries here!](#)

## **City of Flint**

The City of Flint's Election Commission, comprised of the City Clerk, City Assessor, and the Assistant City Attorney, is revising the ward boundaries for all nine wards. The new boundaries must be drawn by February 2022. The Commission will be holding regular public hearings and has released an initial draft map, subject to change, at the [link here](#). Comments on these maps can be submitted by mail or by email to City Clerk Inez Brown, Second Floor, 1101 South Saginaw Street, Flint MI 48502 or at [ibrown@cityofflint.com](mailto:ibrown@cityofflint.com).

In order to be involved, keep an eye on [cityofflint.com](http://cityofflint.com) or sign up for updates with Communities First, Inc.

## **HOW TO BE INVOLVED**

If you would like to be involved as the State of Michigan and City of Flint maps are finalized, feel free to contact Joel Arnold, Planning and Advocacy Coordinator, at [jarnold@communitiesfirstinc.org](mailto:jarnold@communitiesfirstinc.org) or (810) 422-5358 x. 1007.