

It's time

YOU

DRAW THE

LINE!

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5/11/21: Michigan's *first ever* redistricting public hearing!





Community Engagement



Today, let's talk about:

- Why does **redistricting matter**?
- What will the **Redistricting Commission do**?
- What defines a **Community** and what are its needs?
- How can a Community **make its voice heard** in government?



Why Should Communities Be Involved in the Redistricting Process?

Fair districts return power to Communities:

- **Better representation** in Congress and in the State Legislature
- **Elected officials who care** about Communities' needs
- **Better government programs and services**


Your tax dollars will work better!



What Policy Issues Affect Your Community?

There are many policy issues that face each community, such as air and water quality, funding for schools, mass transportation, and quality of roads.

These are all issues that are resolved in Lansing or in Washington D.C.



“We need our representatives in Lansing to hear us when we say that Pontiac does not want the Michigan Department of Transportation to install bike lanes that limit car traffic.”



Kermit Williams
Executive Director
Oakland Forward



Asian & Pacific Islander American Vote
Michigan



Rebeka Islam

Executive Director
APIA Vote-Michigan

“We need Lansing to hear us when we say we want voting information to be translated into the languages used by large numbers of Michigan citizens of Asian and Pacific Islander heritage.”



**What will the
Redistricting Commission
*actually do?***



The Redistricting Commission will

Gather input from Communities by..

- a. **Receiving public comments** via mail, in-person, email

- a. **Hosting town halls to hear testimony from Michigan citizens**

Commission Public Hearing Schedule (Round 1)

Jackson - May 11

Marquette - May 18

Midland - May 25

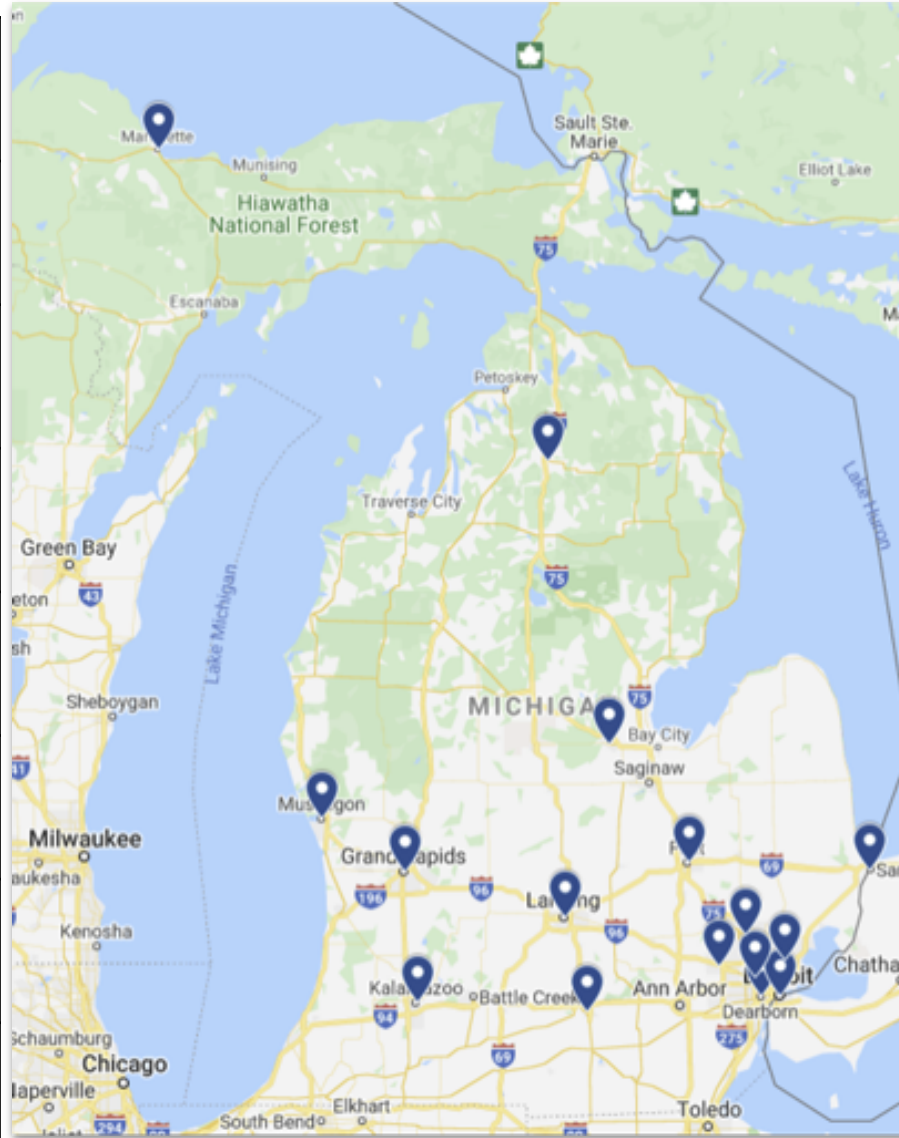
Flint - June 1

Novi - June 8

Detroit - June 15

Port Huron - June 22

Muskegon - June 29



(Dates are subject to change)

Kalamazoo - May 13

Gaylord - May 20

Lansing - May 27

Dearborn - June 3

Pontiac - June 10

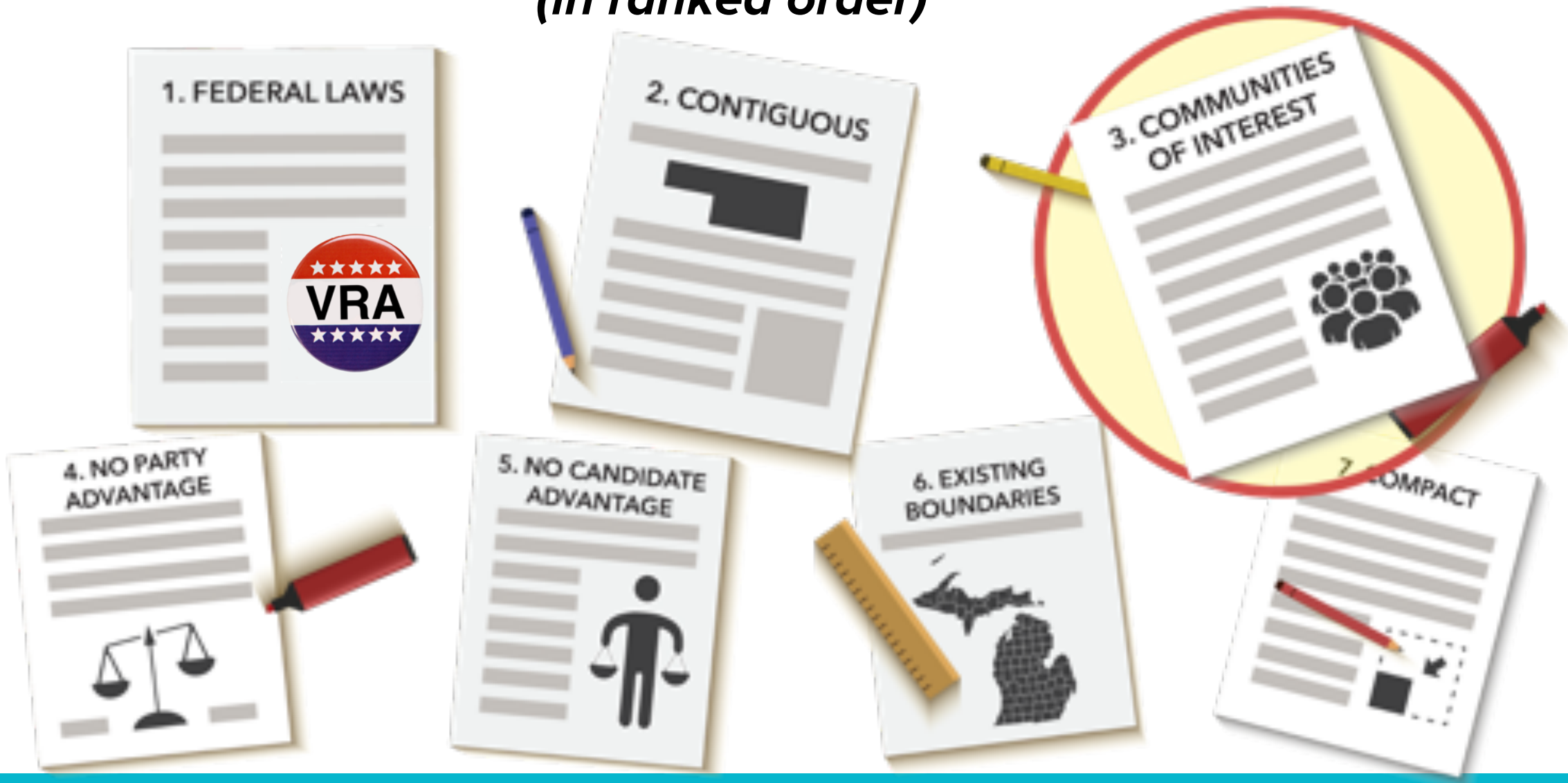
Detroit - June 17

Warren - June 24

Grand Rapids - July 1

REQUIRED CRITERIA for drawing maps

(in ranked order)



What is a COMMUNITY OF INTEREST?

According to the Michigan Constitution,
Communities of Interest,

ARE DEFINED by:

economic
cultural
historical
other shared interests

ARE NOT DEFINED by:

X Political party
affiliation
X Loyalty to a
candidate or
elected official



Shared economic interests:

Where do you
and your
neighbors...

Work?

Shop?



What
transportation
do you use?

Roads?

Environment?



Shared cultural and historical interests:

What fosters a sense of connection in your Community?



We may belong to many Communities!

Meet Joe. He lives in Michigan, and is also a...



Tribal Citizen of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi



Renter in Detroit's East English Village



Science Teacher at Mumford High School



Avid bicycle rider in his spare time



Break Out Session

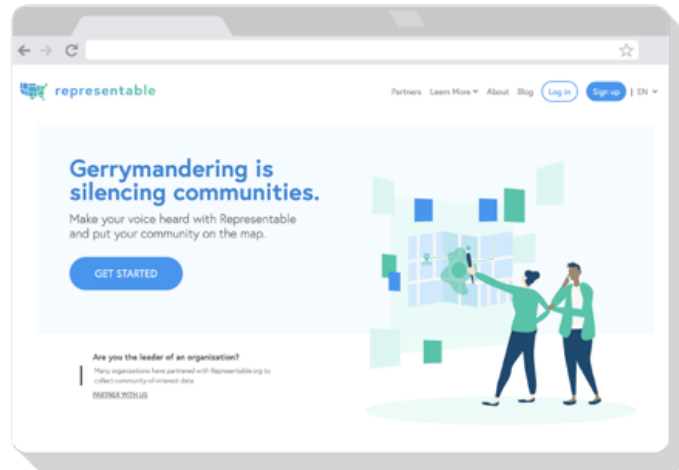
Possible prompts:

- **You each belong to many Communities. Think about the ones that would especially benefit from engagement in the redistricting process.**
- **Discuss your Community and its needs.**
(5-minute session)

A stylized map of a city grid with a teal water area at the bottom right. The map is composed of white lines on a black background, representing streets and buildings. The teal area is located in the bottom right corner, suggesting a waterfront or a specific district.

How do I participate?

How to map a Community

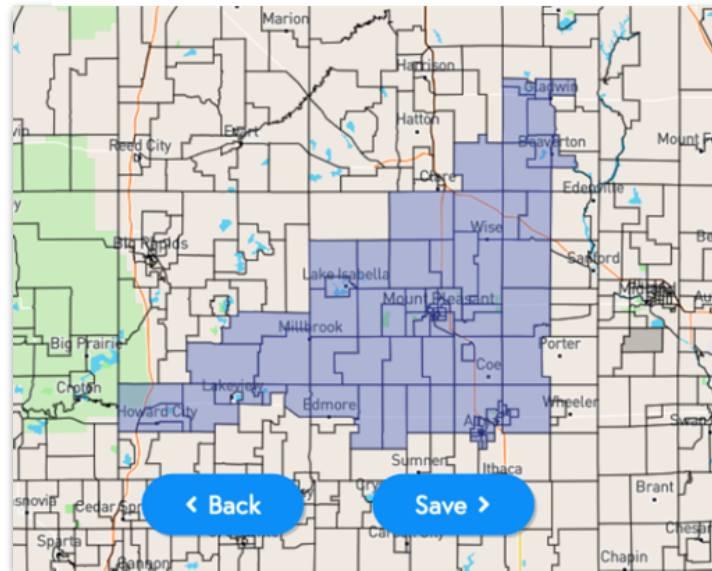
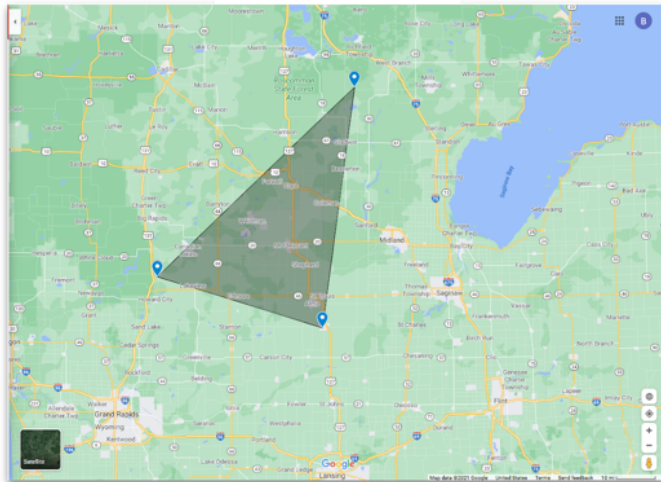


Online: *Representable.org* is a user-friendly website that lets Communities describe and draw their boundaries on a map.



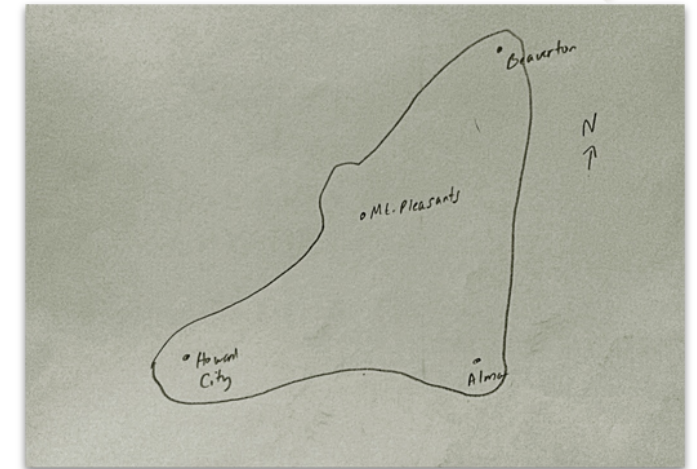
On Paper: A sheet of paper and a pen or pencil are really all you need to think about the extent of a Community.

Examples of possible Community maps



(Website: www.representable.org)

Paper & Pencil





**The Redistricting Commission MUST
consider Community boundaries, so...**

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

to help keep Communities intact.

Communities are stronger together.



What Can You Do Next?

- **Meet with your Community** members and agree on the **issues** that cause your Community the most concern.
- Discuss the **location of your Community**, using the *Representable.org* website or other mapping tool.
- **Submit** your Community description and map to the Commission.
- Plan to **attend one of the public hearings** the Commission will hold so you can describe your Community in person.

The Commission is waiting for YOU!

