

In 2018, Michigan voters passed Proposal 2, a ballot initiative for voters, and not legislators, to take responsibility for nonpartisan redistricting, which created the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC). The commission is comprised of 13 randomly selected Michigan residents that include four Democrats, five Independents, and four Republicans. The MICRC is responsible for redistricting the U.S. Congressional, Michigan House, and Michigan Senate districts.

As the process is unfolding, and before commissioners draft any redistricting plan, the commission will be holding at least 10 public hearings throughout the state of Michigan. The purpose of the public meetings is to: 1) inform the public about the redistricting process, 2) share the purpose and responsibilities of the commission, and 3) solicit information from the public about potential redistricting plans.

The commission is looking to use the following criteria in determining new district lines and public input is critical:

1. Equal population and Voting Rights Act
2. Geographically contiguous
3. Communities of interest
4. No disproportionate advantage to any political party
5. No favor or disfavor to an incumbent elected official or a candidate
6. Reflect consideration of county, city, and township boundaries
7. Reasonably compact

UPDATED APRIL 29, 2021 - If you are interested in volunteering your time as greeters at any of these locations, please reach out to Debbie Mikula, dmikula@milibraries.org and she will be able to give you more information and pass your contact information along to the event organizers. All volunteers are required to be in place 1 ½ hours prior to the start time listed below.

Tuesday, May 11, 2021, 6:00 pm - Jackson, MI – American 1 Event Center

Thursday, May 13, 2021, 5:00 pm -Kalamazoo, MI – Wings Event Center

Tuesday, May 18, 2021, 6:00 pm - Marquette, MI – The Northern Center at Northern Michigan University

Thursday, May 20, 2021, 5:00 pm - Gaylord, MI – Treetop Resorts

Tuesday, May 25, 2021, 6:00 pm - Midland, MI – Great Hall Banquet and Convention Center

Thursday, May 27, 2021, 5:00 pm - Lansing, MI – Lansing Center

Tuesday, June 1, 2021, 6:00 pm - Flint, MI – Dort Financial Center

Thursday, June 3, 2021, 5:00 pm - Dearborn, MI – Ford Community and Performing Arts Center

Tuesday, June 8, 2021, 6:00 pm - Novi, MI – Suburban Collection Showplace

Thursday, June 10, 2021, 5:00 pm - Pontiac, MI -- Centerpoint Marriott

Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 6:00 pm - Detroit, MI –The Village Dome at Fellowship Chapel

Thursday, June 17, 2021, 5:00 pm - Detroit, MI – TCF Center

Tuesday, June 22, 2021, 6:00 pm - Port Huron, MI – Blue Water Convention Center

Thursday, June 24, 2021, 5:00 pm - Warren, MI – MRCC Banquet Center

Tuesday, June 29, 2021, 6:00 pm - Muskegon, MI – VanDyke Mortgage Convention Center

Thursday, July 1, 2021, 5:00 pm - Grand Rapids, MI – DeVos Place

Michigan citizens are encouraged to send questions, ideas to increase awareness and engagement and/or provide public comments about Michigan's redistricting process to Redistricting@michigan.gov or mail them to MICRC, P.O. Box 30318, Lansing, MI 48909.

To learn more about Michigan's new redistricting process or obtain more information about the upcoming public hearings please visit www.michigan.gov/MICRC.