

# THE COMMISSION

MDP REDISTRICTING NEWSLETTER



## MEETING 3/11 WRAP UP

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Fellow Democrats,

Here is your weekly wrap-up of what has happened at this week's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission.

This week the commission covered what are their plans for upcoming regional meetings. They agreed to host a minimum of 10 public meetings before the drawing of any maps to gain input on communities of interest around the state. There will be another 5 meetings once the maps are drawn in November.

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## PUBLIC MEETING DATES

Gaylord  
Treetops Resort  
May 4th

Marquette  
Northern MI University  
May 6th

Muskegon  
Lakeshore Convention Center  
May 11th

Grand Rapids  
Devos Center  
May 13th

Jackson  
Jackson Community College  
May 18th

Kalamazoo  
Wings Stadium  
May 20th

Midland  
Great Hall Banquet &  
Convention Center  
May 25th

Lansing  
Lansing Center  
May 27th

# Your Opinion Matters!

## COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST SURVEY

### SURVEY LINK →

The Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission is responsible for drawing Michigan's voting district lines by November 1, 2021. An important requirement is that commissioners should keep information from communities of interest collected through public input in mind as they draw the districts. Communities of interest can be a group of any size whose members share cultural, economic, historic, and/or other shared interests.

Communities all across the state now have an exciting opportunity -- for the first time in the state's history -- to give input and make sure Michigan's election district maps result in better representation for the people. The Commission will rely on voters like you to identify, show and explain where Michigan's communities of interest are. It will be holding public hearings throughout 2021 to get public input. When you participate, you will give your community a voice.

Please take the time to fill out our survey so we can collect information on communities of interest and on individuals that want to participate in this process, including attending public meetings.

## COMMISSIONER HIGHLIGHT: BRITTON KELLOM

Britton Kellom is Democratic Commissioner for the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission and the founder and executive director of Just Speak Inc.®; an advocacy organization that supports children and youth surviving childhood trauma, including sexual abuse, child abuse, neglect, and other severe life occurrences. Britton has committed herself as an advocate, speaker, and activist. She delivers her message through training, speaking, and mentoring from the perspective of a survivor.

When asked why she wanted to serve on the commission she responded: "I believe in the power of everyday citizens to effect change in the places in which they live."



Have something you'd like to share with the Commission?

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