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# DETROIT CHANGE INITIATIVE



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## STAY ENGAGED, STAY ACTIVE: LOCAL ELECTIONS MATTER

On November 2, 2021, the city of Detroit is holding general elections for the mayor, city council, clerk, and board of police commissioners. The filing deadline for third-party registration is election was April 20, 2021.

## FUTURE FOR FAIR ELECTIONS

Thanks in part to targeted work by Michigan’s nonprofits, voters passed an amendment to Michigan’s Constitution, establishing the state’s first Independent Citizen Redistricting

Commission (MICRC) in 2018.

To achieve the creation of fair and impartial Michigan district maps, nonprofits statewide are helping citizens understand how the new redistricting commission works, what’s at stake, and encouraging their communities to participate in the process. Randomly selected from over 9,000 applicants, the MICRC is composed of 13 citizens from across the state. They include four people who affiliate with the Democratic party (D), five Independents who do not affiliate with either major party (neutral - N), and four who affiliate with the Republican party (R). The members of the inaugural MICRC are Douglas Clark (R), Juanita Curry (D), Anthony Eid (N), Rhonda Lange (R), Steven Terry Lett (N), Brittini Kellom (D), Cynthia Orton (R), M. C. Rothhorn (D), Rebecca Szetela (N), Janice Vallette (N), Erin Wagner (R), Richard Weiss (N) and Dustin Witjes (D).

Please visit [www.michigan.gov/MICRC](http://www.michigan.gov/MICRC) to find out meeting locations and times.

You can provide your thoughts to the Commission by providing written testimony, by drawing your districting plan(partial or whole), or by submitting a community of interest map.

## Districing Plans

Maps that define the borders of Congressional or state legislative districts. These district boundaries determine how you and your community are represented at a state and federal level.

Districts in Michigan have to follow ranked criteria outlined in the state Constitution, including federal law requiring that all electoral districting plans have very close to equal population per district (One Person, One Vote) and that they provide opportunities for minority groups to elect candidates of choice, where possible (the Voting Rights Act). Your written testimony, or written public comment, provides a chance to say anything you want to say to Commission.

To chart a positive course for elections based on fair maps for Michigan today and for the future

## Meet the Michigan Independent Citizen Redistricting Commission



## CONSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MICRC

1. Inform the public about the redistricting process.
2. Share the purpose and responsibilities of the commission.
3. Solicit information from the public about potential redistricting plans for the Michigan Congressional, House, and Senate districts.

# Communities of Interest

Michigan redistricting process; is a crucial part of the Michigan Constitution states that include, but shall not be limited to, populations that share cultural or historical characteristics or economic interests.”

They do not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

When you identify your community for the Commission, they can be better informed about how to draw fair lines that give all Michiganders a voice.

## Districtr.org

You can use this website to draw your **plan** or your **community**.

The district is free, open-source software designed just for public input in the redistricting process. When you've drawn your map, click the "Save" button and you'll find a submission link that will take you back to this form with your mapping data pre-filled.

Maps made on other software, such as Representable or Dave's Redistricting App, are welcome as well!

**MEMBERS OF  
MNA'S REDISTRICTING INITIATIVE**

## MNA REDISTRICTING INITIATIVE COHORT MEMBERS

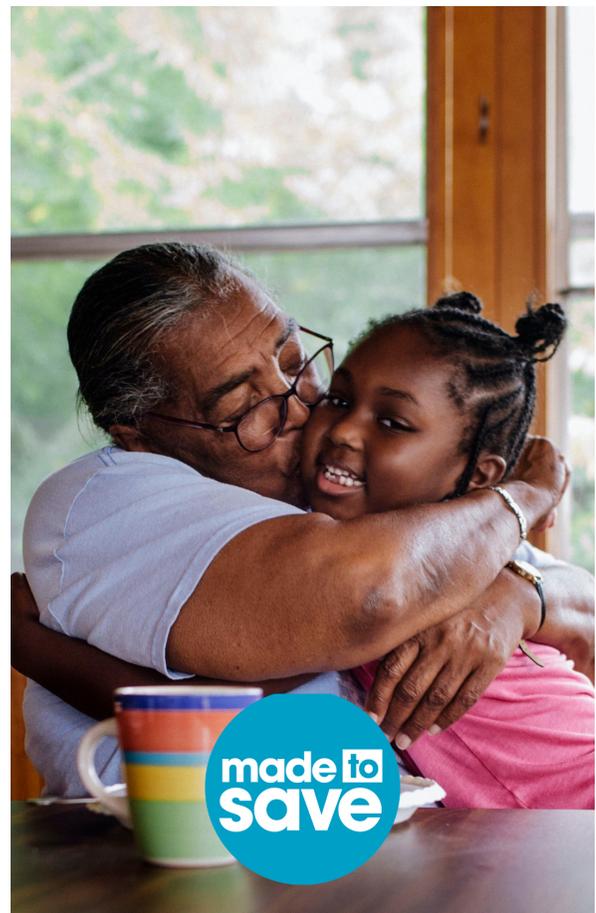
# Made to Save

“*Made to Save* is a national public education and grassroots mobilization effort to increase access to COVID-19 vaccines in communities of color, which have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic and experienced higher rates of cases and deaths. Our campaign is launching publicly on April 6, a moment we hope will help collectively elevate the importance of vaccine equity.”

DCI is proud to partner with *Made to Save*, a new initiative focused on increasing access to COVID-19 vaccines in communities of color because of the disproportionate impact of the pandemic. These same communities continue to have access and information barriers to COVID-19 vaccines.

The vaccines were “made to save” the moments we all miss most. To end this pandemic, we must work together to ensure everyone has the information and access they need. And we have our work cut out for us. According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, as of March 2021, [every single state](#) that is providing racial breakdowns of vaccination rates is reporting racial disparity. “That’s not an accident -- it’s the direct result of systemic inequities in our public health system, which has led to [worse health outcomes](#) for communities of color.” [cite source]

That’s why we’re partnering with Made to Save, which will empower community-based organizations to run grassroots outreach programs that increase access to vaccines and trusted information. Learn more here at [www.madetosave.org](http://www.madetosave.org)

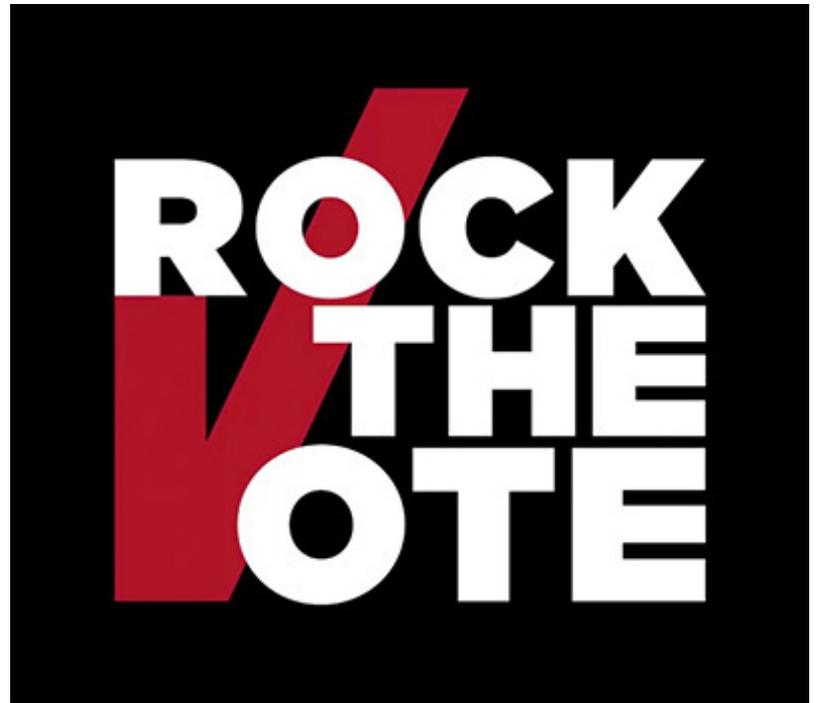


**GETTING BACK TO  
HUGS AND KISSES**

## **EVERY VOTE MATTERS - LET'S KEEP UP THE MOMENTUM**

We are excited that we are officially partnering with ROCK THE VOTE and the Secretary of State of Michigan on voter registration. This year, you can register to vote and update your voter registration with our QR code or at our secure link: <http://bit.ly/dcimovementvotes>

The Detroit General Municipal election is on November 2, 2021. This election will have major implications in the city of Detroit for the next four years. We encourage everyone to participate in the political process by voting and becoming an Election Day poll worker. Detroit has 503 voting precincts and 134 absentee counting boards. Citizens who are 18 years of age or older must be registered voters of the State. They cannot be a challenger, candidate, or member of a local Board of Canvassers. Anyone convicted of a felony or an election crime may not serve. Citizens who are 16 and up can also apply and work as precinct inspectors. Go to [www.detroit.gov/elections](http://www.detroit.gov/elections) to complete the City Clerk election inspector application.



**ROCK THE VOTE**



**QR code TO REGISTER TO VOTE**

# Community Mobile Access



Outreach with Detroit Change Initiative and Detroit  
Public School District

## Wayne Health Mobile Unit Services

The Wayne Health Mobile Unit (WHMU) is staffed by Registered Nurses, Medical/Research assistants, Patient & Family Health Advocates and overseen by Physicians from the Center of Population Health and Accountability Department at Wayne Health. Our team offers a variety of FREE health screenings and services to our patients.

In addition to events hosted by our community partners, the Wayne Health Mobile Unit is bringing medical services right to your door! Our door-to-door teams are canvassing neighborhoods throughout Detroit offering COVID vaccines, COVID testing, health screenings for blood pressure, diabetes, cholesterol, and Kidney function. We also provide linkage to care in partnership with Detroit Parent Network. To see if we'll be in your neighborhood, view our event calendar at the bottom of the page.

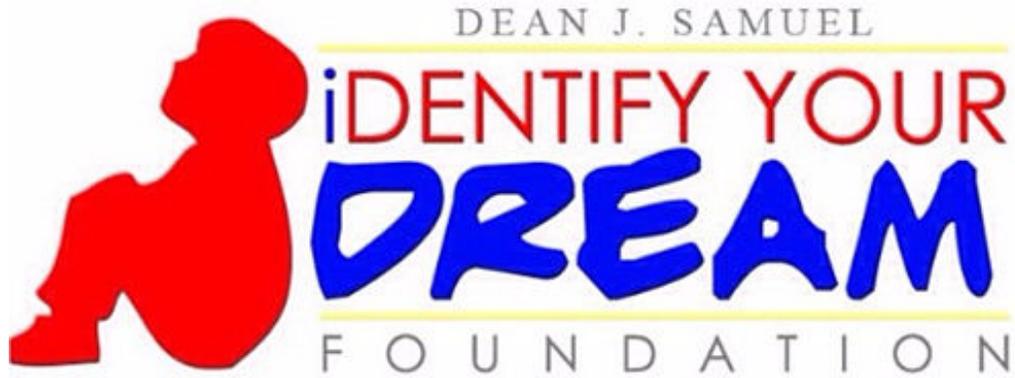
**Please make sure to look into the description of the event to see which services are being offered, as not all services are always offered at each location.**

- COVID-19 Vaccine
- COVID-19 PCR Molecular Testing
- Flu Shots (available fall 2021)
- Diabetes Screening
- Cholesterol Screening
- Kidney Function Screening
- Blood Pressure Screening
- Behavioral Health Resources
- Body Mass Index
- Vitals
- Assistance to resources (food, utilities, insurance, and more)
- Patient Education
- Primary Care Physician Referrals
  - Wellness Exams
- Referrals to Specialists

## **Wayne Health Mobile Unit information for patients**

- No appointment needed
- ID not required (*collected if available*)
- Insurance not required (*we do collect information, but you will not receive a co-pay*)
- COVID-19 testing is available for anyone 3+ years old
- COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine for anyone 12+ years old, Moderna vaccine for anyone 18+ years old
- HIV Screening for anyone 13+ years old
- Serology (blood-based tests) services for anyone 18+ years old
- **Register for your Wayne Health patient portal**

If you are interested in partnering with Wayne Health to set up a mobile testing site in your community, contact us at [MobileHealthUnit@med.wayne.edu](mailto:MobileHealthUnit@med.wayne.edu) or call **313-448-9850**.

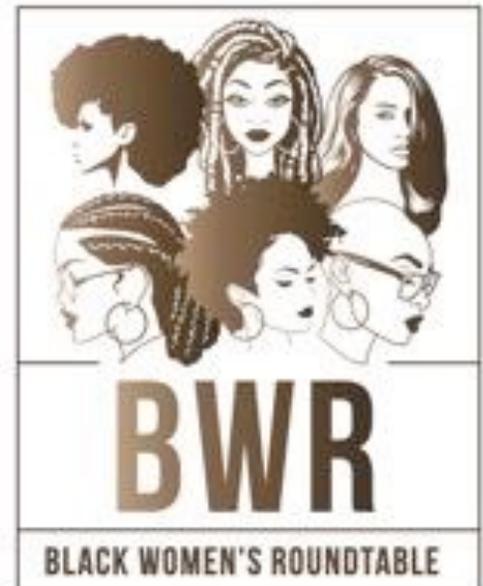


## RIGHT TO COUNSEL

We are Detroiters and advocates who believe housing is a human right and are working together to establish and support a right to legal counsel for people facing eviction in Detroit.

A right to counsel for low-income tenants can play a major role in preventing evictions and housing displacement. Currently, only the State of Washington guarantees a right to counsel in housing-related cases.

However, in recent years, cities such as Baltimore, San Francisco, Philadelphia, Newark, San Francisco, Cleveland, and others have passed right to counsel ordinances, proving to significantly reduce evictions and impacting rates of housing displacement and homelessness in communities. One proven means of curbing evictions for low-income tenants is to break the pattern of unequal representation between tenants and landlords.



This can be done by **guaranteeing legal representation for tenants**, known as a right to counsel when a landlord sues them for eviction. For more information go to [www.uchcdetroit.org](http://www.uchcdetroit.org) or [www.identifyyourdream.org](http://www.identifyyourdream.org)

# ITS TIME TO DRAW THE MAPS. THEY NEED OUR VOICE.



## Redistricting 101

### Why do we redraw electoral district maps?

To reflect shifting populations, communities, and community interests over the past 10 years

### What criteria will the Commission use to create district maps?

According to the Michigan Constitution, maps must follow the seven ranked redistricting criteria:

1. Be of equal population and comply with the Voting Rights Act
2. Be geographically contiguous
3. Reflect the state's diverse population and Communities of Interest
4. Not provide a disproportionate advantage to any political party
5. Not favor or disfavor an incumbent
6. Respect county/municipal boundaries
7. Be reasonably compact

### How can I get involved in the redistricting process?

You can provide your thoughts to the Commission by giving written testimony, drawing your own districting plan (partial or whole), or by submitting a Community of Interest map.



# How to Draw District Maps

## After the 2020 Census, Michigan will now have:

13 congressional districts, 38 state senate districts, and 110 state house districts.

## What tool can I use to draw district maps?

**Districtr.org** is a free, open-source software designed just for public input in the redistricting process. To learn about drawing a map, visit **Michigan-mapping.org** for brief tutorial videos.

## Tips for drawing district maps:

- Practice makes perfect.
- Make sure you assign all units.
- Shoot for population balance within a few percent.
- Use data layers and evaluation tabs for inputting information about your districts.
- Help sessions and tutorials are available! Visit **Michigan-mapping.org** for information.

# WE NEED YOU AT THESE MEETINGS

# Join us!

The Independent  
Citizens Redistricting  
Commission  
is holding public  
hearings across the  
state this fall so that  
Michiganders can  
provide input in the  
redistricting process.

## Upcoming Meetings

*Commission Meeting and Public Hearing  
are held from 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.*

*Public Hearings are held from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.*

### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 11**

*Dort Financial Center  
3501 Lapeer Rd., Flint, MI 48503*

### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12**

*Treetop Resorts  
3962 Wilkinson Rd., Gaylord, MI 49735*

### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14**

*The Northern Center at Northern Michigan University  
1401 Presque Isle Ave., Marquette, MI 49855*

### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 18**

*Amway Grand Plaza Hotel  
187 Monroe Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503*

### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19**

*Radisson Plaza Conference and Hotel  
100 W Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007*

### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21**

*Lansing Center  
333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933*

### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 25**

*Macomb Community College  
14500 Twelve Mile Rd., Warren, MI 48088*

### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26**

*Schoolcraft College  
18600 Haggerty Rd., Livonia, MI 48152*

### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28**

*TCF Center  
1 Washington Blvd., Detroit, MI 48226*