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Hello, there!

A couple of quick updates for you.

First of all, our [Representable community mapping drive](#) is going pretty well. We have 24 submittals so far, including both urban and rural areas, with some interesting testimony. Western and Northern Dane County are very well represented, Eastern and Southern Dane County less so. We could use some more help getting participation, so please reach out to your friends, neighbors and/or constituents and encourage them to [map their community](#) right away. Don't forget to map your own community as well! I am also available to staff an in-person or virtual meeting to help people step through the Representable process. Let me know if there is a meeting you would like me to attend.

Secondly, we will soon be entering the next phase of our redistricting efforts. The Census Bureau has indicated that they could release redistricting data by August 16. The state Legislative Technical Service Bureau then needs to package that data for local government use, which we anticipate will be ready by September 1. We will have until September 30 to recommend three maps to the county board. We will start soliciting county supervisory district maps through District Builder as soon as the data is ready. Rosh Hashana (9/7 - 9/8), Yom Kippur (9/16 – 9/17) and Sukkot (9/20 – 9/22) all fall in September this year, limiting the dates when we can meet. In addition to our scheduled 9/14 meeting, we will need to hold the Redistricting Commission public hearing on submitted maps on either **Thursday, September 23 or Friday, September 24th** with final Commission recommendations on either **Wednesday, September 29 or Thursday, September 30**. Please let me know if you will not be available any of those dates.

Thanks for all you do. As always, please feel free to contact me directly with any questions or comments.

**NOTE: The Dane County Planning & Development Department office is currently closed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.** Staff are working remotely and can be reached via email during regular business hours. This is the best way to communicate with our staff. We're also checking voicemail throughout the day, so please don't hesitate to call, and we'll get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

More information and updates can be found on our website: <https://danecountyplanning.com/>

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