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To: [Standing, Brian](#)
Subject: Re: Grading of publicly submitted district maps
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Hi Brian, thank you for the email. As we evaluate maps for our map-drawing competitions, we were careful to not pre-select any values that mattered more than others or would emphasize in judging. (Beyond what is constitutional, of course.) And ultimately, when the mapping actually starts, we aren't going to be advancing any particular map as the "best map." So it's a bit of a different goal than what you all are looking to do. But, I'm happy to share our judging rubric in case that is helpful. About halfway down [on this webpage](#), there is a heading titled "Judging Criteria" and the next few sections go over this.

The maps that did the best in our competitions were the ones that accomplished the goals they set out to accomplish (mappers had to [declare which value](#) they were emphasizing in their map), and also drew a balance with the other values.

But ultimately, our view is that the input from the public is going to be the most important value that they want to emphasize in the maps that are chosen by the state or locality.

Happy to provide further thoughts. Best of luck!

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On Wed, Feb 24, 2021 at 10:59 AM Standing, Brian <Standing@countyofdane.com> wrote:

Hello,

I'm the lead staff for the Dane County Redistricting Commission, a nonpartisan group appointed to develop supervisory district maps for the Dane County Board of Supervisors. I've been asked to find out how other nonpartisan districting efforts around the country evaluated, graded and ranked maps submitted by the general public. Like Draw the Lines PA, Dane County is also using DistrictBuilder to solicit map submittals from the general public.

Does Draw the Lines PA have any advice, evaluator tools, or grading systems that you used in your effort? If so, could you share them with me, so our Commission can review them?

Thanks in advance for any assistance you can provide. Feel free to contact me at this address if I can answer any questions. Feel free, also, to forward this note to anyone else who might be able to help.

Best wishes,

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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