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**DANE COUNTY REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ASKS MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO  
SUBMIT MAPS**

Dane County's 11-member Redistricting Commission is accepting maps from members of the public from now until September 19, 2021.

In 2016, the Dane County Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance Amendment 2016 OA-32, which created a nonpartisan independent citizen Redistricting Commission. The Commission was appointed by County Board Chair Analiese Eicher and County Clerk Scott McDonell following an application process in 2020.

As a part of the ordinance amendment, members of the public are able to submit maps for consideration by the Redistricting Commission. The Commission is using [District Builder](#) for interested members of the public to submit maps. Members of the public can access the platform here: [https://app.districtbuilder.org/o/dane\\_county](https://app.districtbuilder.org/o/dane_county)

"I'm eager to see the submissions from members of the public," said Redistricting Commission Chair Ken Opin. "This is a great opportunity for the residents of the County to directly impact what these maps look like."

Maps will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Each district should represent the same population size, be contiguous, and compact.
- Minimize the number of municipal boundaries crossed
- Shall ensure fair and effective representation of the diverse ethnic and racial population in Dane County
- Take into consideration geography and natural boundaries such as rivers and lakes.
- Keep intact neighborhoods and communities of interest and association, whether historical, racial, economic, ethnic, religious, or other.
- Districts shall be drawn without regard to incumbency.

The Redistricting Commission will be meeting several times in September including on September 9, 14, 23, and 30, all at 7:00pm. Information to connect to the meetings will be at the top of the agendas available [here](#).

More information on the redistricting process along with a how-to video can be found here: <https://www.danecountyplanning.com/Projects/Redistricting>

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