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Redistricting Maps

1 message

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Mon, Aug 23, 2021 at 7:08 PM

Please use a nonpartisan, mathematical audit in considering proposed redistricting maps. Allowing the commission to descend into bipartisan gridlock or back-scratching like the Federal Election Commission is not at all what most Virginians had in mind in voting for the commission. Today's vote was a step in the right direction. Thank you.

T. Edmondson
Alexandria



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Support for Monday's Vote & a Nonpartisan Mathematical Audit

1 message

Steven Vogel <steven.j.vogel@earthlink.net>
To: varedist@dls.virginia.gov

Mon, Aug 23, 2021 at 6:44 PM

Greetings:

I applaud the Virginia Redistricting Commission's vote Monday to begin the map-drawing process from scratch, without regard for existing electoral maps.

I understand the Virginia Redistricting Commission soon will be making a decision about hiring a nonpartisan consultant to mathematically apply an algorithm based on Virginia's criteria to any maps that are considered.

In the interest of public confidence, I strongly urge the Commission to move forward with this plan.

Sincerely,

Steven Vogel

Falls Church, VA



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1 message

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Mon, Aug 23, 2021 at 6:34 PM

I am very concerned about the redistricting process. We live in a horribly gerrymandered district and I hope that will be corrected. But all of the partisan bickering within the commission leaves me pessimistic. I believe the agreement to start from scratch could be a good sign. Let's hope so. Virginia, of all places, should be sure that everyone's vote will matter.

I was told before the election that this whole process is a charade, leading to an ultimate inability to agree and turning it over to the state supreme court. I'm praying that that is not true and that we have some true believers in democracy on the commission.

Thank you for serving on this important group and please don't let Virginia down.

Mary

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Today's Vote

1 message

Robert Wilson <rdwilson837@gmail.com>
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Mon, Aug 23, 2021 at 6:20 PM

Thank you for the vote taken today to honor the wishes of the voters who voted for Question 1, praying that it would end the political gerrymandering that has characterized previous redistricting. Until today, I thought we had been deceived. The vote to start with a blank slate and work with the census data within the parameters of the law without consideration for how incumbent politicians would be effected restored credibility to the Commission.

There are politicians on the commission who treat politics as a blood sport. Please don't let them distract you. Stay on the trajectory you approved today, and make Virginians proud.

Bob Wilson

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Non-partisan mathematical audit

1 message

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Mon, Aug 23, 2021 at 6:13 PM

To Virginia Redistricting Commission
From: Linda H. Gray, Blacksburg, VA

I am pleased with today's decision to begin the Virginia redistricting map-drawing process from scratch.

I ask also that the Commission hire a nonpartisan consultant to mathematically apply an algorithm based on Virginia's criteria to any maps that are considered. This will promote citizen confidence that the resulting maps were done fairly.

Thank you,
Linda H. Gray
Blacksburg, VA



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Redistricting Commission

1 message

Lois Sandy <ljsandy@gmail.com>
To: varedist@dls.virginia.gov

Mon, Aug 23, 2021 at 6:07 PM

I add my congratulations to the 12-4 voting tally that directed you to begin the nonpartisan process for setting up congressional voting districts in Virginia. I know the lead-up has been contentious, but your hard work demonstrates the hopes of most Virginians to have fairer elections for the next decade.

Now, I trust whatever is presented to the GA will demonstrate their strongest support. This is one Virginia citizen who sends her heartfelt gratitude for your accomplishment! Best wishes for the hard work ahead!

Lois Sandy
Charlottesville/Albemarle County



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1 message

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Mon, Aug 23, 2021 at 6:07 PM

A good decision today. Thanks.

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Stewart Brown <stb199@gmail.com>
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Mon, Aug 23, 2021 at 6:03 PM

Bravo on throwing out the old map and starting from a neutral "scratch" position! Best news I've heard all month.
Stewart Brown
Winchester, VA 22601



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Vote today

1 message

Benjamin ragsdale <benragsdale@verizon.net>
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Mon, Aug 23, 2021 at 5:59 PM

From a pretty partisan Democrat: Keep the politics out of this process.

Thank you for that 12-4 vote today.

Ben Ragsdale



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Support a nonpartisan, mathematical audit

1 message

Carolyn Henly <cphenly@comcast.net>
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Mon, Aug 23, 2021 at 5:57 PM

I am writing in support of your decision to begin the redistricting process from scratch, rather than using the terribly gerry-mandered map we currently have. I am in complete support of a fair redistricting based in data, not in political partisanship.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of all Virginians.

Sincerely yours,
Carolyn P. Henly



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Is the "Fox guarding the hen house?"

1 message

Fran Larkins <franlarkins40@gmail.com>

Sun, Aug 22, 2021 at 4:28 PM

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To our Commissioners -

One of the reasons so many Virginians (65%) voted for the Constitutional Amendment to establish the Virginia Redistricting Commission is that they no longer wanted politicians to draw their own legislative districts and choose their own voters. If you ignore current maps, there should be less reason to be concerned about incumbent protection.

I realize some of the citizen commissioners may feel the legislators on the Commission will give you the best advice on redistricting which can be a very complicated process. Please consider, however, in this instance, whether the "fox may be guarding the hen house."

Please vote on Monday that districts will not be drawn using the current maps that are so terribly gerrymandered.

Thank you for your service on the Commission!

Fran Larkins
Fredericksburg, VA