

Redistricting 101

What is redistricting and why is it done?

Redistricting is the process of redrawing electoral district boundaries. It only occurs once a decade and is meant to ensure that every person has fair representation at the local, state, and federal levels.

Why is redistricting important?

District lines influence who can run for office and get elected. Elected representatives make decisions that are important to our lives, from ensuring safety in schools to adopting immigration policies. New district boundaries are in place for ten years, and their policy impacts can last well beyond that.

Why should my community be involved?

Who represents your community matters! By defining your “community of interest,” you will have a say in creating a new statewide map of both state legislative and Congressional districts. Organizing our communities together is how we’ll win a fair map so that voters can elect candidates of their choice.

How can I get involved in redistricting?

The best way to get involved in redistricting is to share the story of your community. Who lives in your community and what is important to you? Are there certain locations, landmarks, and gathering places that are important to keep together? Do you think you are getting the representation you deserve?

There are several ways for you to share your story:

1. **Provide oral testimony** to the Redistricting Committee. Check out the full schedule and sign up at malegislature.gov/redistricting.
2. **Submit written testimony** to the Redistricting Committee at malegislature.gov/redistricting/contact.
3. **Draw your own community of interest map** and share it with Drawing Democracy at bit.ly/mappingma.

Due to COVID-19 and complications at the federal level, the redistricting process is shorter than usual, which means we need you to act NOW to make your voice heard.

Can you share your community's information as soon as possible?

For more information, please visit madrawingdemocracy.org.